

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD:

PRESENT: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope
ABSENT: None
QUORUM: President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. and declared that a quorum was present.

REGULAR
MEETING
11/17/2008

AGENDA:

President Pope requested that Item O be moved from Consent to Regular Agenda. It was moved by Trustee Marsey, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that the agenda be approved as suggested.

AGENDA FOR
THIS
MEETING
APPROVED

A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as suggested.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Trustee Lueck, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 3rd, 2008 be approved.

MINUTES FOR
11/3/2008
APPROVED

A voice vote was taken and the minutes of November 3rd were approved as written.

**PROCLAMATION
Affordable Housing Month
November 2008**

AFFORDABLE
HOUSING
MONTH
NOVEMBER
2008

It was moved by Trustee Pate, seconded by Trustee Lueck, to concur in a Proclamation to declare November 2008 Affordable Housing Month in Oak Park. President Pope read the Proclamation aloud into the record.

A voice vote was taken and the Proclamation was approved.

**COMMENDATIONS
Officer Stan Bruno and Officer Manuel Ruiz**

COMMENDA-
TIONS FOR
LIFE SAVING
ACTIONS BY
TWO POLICE
OFFICERS

Heroic, life-saving action by these two police officers saved the life of a citizen on the elevated commuter train platform at Ridgeland and South Boulevard on October 28, 2008. The officers received a certificate and pin from Police Chief Rick Tanksley, congratulations from each Trustee and President Pope, and a standing ovation from all those present.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Broderick, 201 South Ridgeland. Mr. Broderick addressed the Living Wage Ordinance which appeared on the recent election ballot. Mr. Broderick and like-minded associates have calculated a living wage rate in Oak Park of \$14.99 per hour.

NON-AGENDA
PUBLIC
COMMENT

Ron Baiman, 201 South Humphrey. Mr. Baiman, an economist, also discussed the Living

Wage Ordinance and pointed out that many other government entities operate with such ordinances. Mr. Baiman advised that there is a living wage calculator available on the web.

Sydney Baiman, 201 Lake Street, Apartment 1311. Ms. Baiman's urgent concern was President Bush's Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, which advocates the reprocessing of nuclear waste in the U.S., quite possibly in Cook County by Argonne National Laboratories. She urged the Board of Trustees to pass a Resolution against nuclear waste reprocessing, as has the Cook County Board.

Barbara Alexander Mullarkey, 204 South Elmwood. Ms. Mullarkey supported Ms. Baiman's comment and urged passage of such a resolution. She cautioned against allowing nuclear waste to travel through Oak Park by trucks on the Eisenhower Expressway or by trains.

Annabel Abraham, 1131 North Oak Park Avenue. Ms. Abraham commented that signage in Oak Park is inconsistent and confusing for residents and guests. She cited as an example the signage at the southeast corner of South and Home. Ms. Abraham praised Deputy Village Manager Lisa Shelley as an excellent employee.

Daniel Fore, 1116 Garfield. Mr. Fore recalled November 9, 1939 was *Kristallnacht* or "Night of Broken Glass," comparing that event to today's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He then urged residents to participate in sending all types of holiday cards to active duty servicemen.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS

A. Reports

Deputy Village Manager M. Ray Wiggins reviewed the progress of the final construction projects of the season. He also reported that the three downtown buildings due for demolition are having their asbestos removed at this time.

VILLAGE
MANAGER
REPORTS

Village Attorney Ray Heise reported back to the Board of Trustees on their request for a Moratorium on future installations of VRAD Boxes. Attorney Heise advised that the Cable & Video Competition Act forbids imposing a moratorium. He reported that only four or five remain to be permitted then installed. Discussions covered *abandoned facility*, code reviews and landscaping reimbursements.

VRAD BOXES
ON PUBLIC
PROPERTY

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Citizen Involvement Commission Recommendations

B. Citizen Commission Vacancies

Reference was made to the CIC Vacancy Report.

BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS

CITIZEN
INVOLVEMENT
COMMISSION

VACANCIES

C. Appointments

No appointments were brought forward this evening.

Housing Program Advisory Committee Recommendation

D1. & D2. It was suggested by President Pope that the two items under **D** be taken together. It was moved by Trustee Lueck, seconded by Trustee Hedges, that Resolution 2008-R-145 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN AND A LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT: SFR-002** and Resolution 2008-R-146 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN AND A LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT: SFR-005** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Resolutions herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

TWO SINGLE
FAMILY
REHAB
LOANS WITH
LEAD HAZARD
REDUCTION
GRANTS

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolutions were approved.

Retail Rehabilitation Grant Committee Recommendation

E. It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Hedges, that Resolution 2008-R-147 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RETAIL SUPPORT GRANT OF \$35,000 FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE RETAIL SPACE AT 109 NORTH MARION STREET, OAK PARK, IL** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Resolutions herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

RETAIL
SUPPORT
GRANT TO
REHAB 109 N.
MARION

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was approved.

Liquor Control Review Board Recommendation

F. It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Marsey, that Ordinance 2008-O-053 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY CLASS C-2 PACKAGE WINE AND BEER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PURGATORY CELLERS LLC DBA WHITE OWL WINERY AT 1010 LAKE STREET** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

TEMPORARY
CLASS C-2
PACKAGE
WINE & BEER
LIQUOR
LICENSE FOR
WHITE OWL
WINERY AT
1010 LAKE ST.

Agenda Item Public Comment

John Eckenroad, 104 North Oak Park Avenue. Mr. Eckenroad represents the Oak Park Development Corporation (OPDC). Mr. Eckenroad explained that he was supportive of the White Owl Winery venture, and that as head of the OPDC he showed Mr. Neighbor the 1010 Lake property.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Ordinance was approved.

Public Hearing of Draft 2009 Budget

- G.** At 8:45 P.M. President Pope opened the Public Hearing on the 2009 Draft Budget and explained that modifications to this budget have been and will continue to be discussed during the next few weeks. Chief Financial Officer Craig Lesner provided an Overview of the Budget, explaining in simplest terms that the Village of Oak Park expects \$48,249,000 in Revenues for 2009 and \$56,736,000 in Expenditures, anticipating a deficit of \$2,480,000.

PUBLIC
HEARING ON
DRAFT 2009
BUDGET

Agenda Item Public Comment

Vikki Peterson, 826 South Kenilworth. Ms. Peterson urged the Board of Trustees not to repeat the mistakes of the past. Among these she counts Village flower pots, prairie school type signage, \$20,000 spent at universities such as Northern Illinois and Clemson, and the trolley program. Ms. Peterson also called for uniform standards for inspections.

George Lazewski, 1014 South Wesley. Mr. Lazewski questioned the figures placed in the 2009 Budget for the Firefighters' Pension Fund. Since Mr. Lazewski has been unable to obtain 2008 actuarial tables from the State of Illinois, and the Village has also been unable to get updated tables, what confidence can the Village have in this budget line?

At 8:56 P.M. President Pope closed the Public Hearing, but invited further public comment by email or phone.

REGULAR AGENDA

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- H & H1.** It was suggested by President Pope that **H** and **H1** be taken together. It was moved by Trustee Marsey, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that Resolution 2008-R-148 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR OF FIRE TRUCK #631 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,000 BY VALLEY TRUCK PARTS FOR ENGINE REPAIRS** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

REPAIR OF
FIRE TRUCK
#631 FOR
\$44K

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Resolution was adopted.

- L.** It was moved by Trustee Hedges, seconded by Trustee Lueck, to concur in a **Motion to Refer Application for Special Use Permit Submitted by Community Bank of Oak Park-River Forest to Construct a Financial Institution Drive-up**

MOTION TO
REFER
SPECIAL USE
PERMIT TO

Facility at 6950 Roosevelt Road to the Zoning Board of Appeals to Hold a Public Hearing.

ZBA FOR
BANK DRIVE-
UP AT 6950
ROOSEVELT

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Motion was approved.

- Q.** It was moved by Trustee Pate, seconded by Trustee Hale, that Resolution 2008-R-150 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREE PARKING AT METERS AND GARAGES DURING THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FROM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2008** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

FREE
PARKING IN
OAK PARK
DURING
THANKSGIVING

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was adopted.

- O.** It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Marsey, that Resolution 2008-R-149 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR 2009** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

RENEW
INSURANCE
PROGRAM
FOR 2009

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was adopted.

Second Reading

- I. & II.** Second Reading on Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Village Code by Adding a New Article 10 entitled "Vacant Building." It was then moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Pate that Ordinance 2008-O-054 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE VILLAGE CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 10 ENTITLED "VACANT BUILDING"** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

SECOND
READING OF
VACANT
BUILDING
ORDINANCE

Public Comment

Cliff Osborn, 1023 Gunderson. A former Village President and current Treasurer of the Oak Park Area Board of Realtors®, Mr. Osborn reminded the Board of Trustees that he previously testified that Oak Park had enough rules and ordinances regarding vacant buildings. This ordinance adds two new fees, but leaves out

mortgage lenders as owners. Mr. Osborn also asserted that the 30-day period was too long, and the \$500 fee was too much.

It was moved by Trustee Marsey, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to amend the motion by changing the boarding limitation from six months to three months.

The roll call on the vote to amend was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The amendment was adopted.

The roll call on the amended Ordinance was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The amended Ordinance was adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| J. | Resolution 2008-R-151 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PARKING LOT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND CALVARY MEMORIAL CHURCH FOR LOT 16 LOCATED AT 931 LAKE STREET | PARKING LOT
16 LEASE
W/CALVARY
CHURCH |
| K. | Ordinance 2008-O-055 entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR A DAY CARE CENTER LOCATED AT 6701 NORTH AVENUE | SPECIAL USE
- DAY CARE
CENTER 6701
NORTH AVE. |
| M. | Resolution 2008-R-152 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD A. MARTENS | AGREEMENT
W/RICHARD A.
MARTENS |
| N. | Motion to Accept the 2009 Regular Meeting Schedule | 2009
MEETING
SCHEDULE |
| P. | Resolution 2008-R-153 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CCMSI TO PROVIDE THIRD PARTY WORKER'S COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES | CCMSI TO
PROVIDE 3 RD
PARTY
WORKER'S
COMP
SERVICES |
| R. | Resolution 2008-R-154 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK TO MODIFY ARTICLE 6 OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL UNION NO. 9 REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/TRAFFIC SERVICES DIVISION CONCERNING HOURS OF WORK FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2007 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 | MODIFY IBEW
LABOR
CONTRACT |

Approval of the Consent Agenda

APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Marsey, seconded by Trustee Hedges, to approve the items

under Consent. True and correct copies of the Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions are herewith ordered to be filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Consent Agenda was approved.

CALL TO BOARD AND CLERK

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CLERK

Village Clerk Sandra Sokol wished a Happy Holiday to and welcomed all of Oak Park's great new businesses.

Trustee Pate congratulated two outstanding recent village events: one produced by Seven Generations Ahead, and the other the "Artful Object" produced by the Arts Foundation. She also acknowledged that it is an honor to serve as a trustee, and thanked her colleagues as well as the staff of Village Hall.

Trustee Johnson remarked that there is some public concern with our approach to salting streets this coming winter, and noted that IDOT is using the same approach.

President Pope asked the Trustees if the meeting scheduled for December 1st could be shifted to December 2nd. He then pointed out that Five Guys Burgers & Fries had opened on Lake Street, and Briejo had opened on Harrison Street.

Trustee Marsey commented on the Wednesday Journal article about the student who compared reactions of her classmates when she wore McCain versus Obama T-shirts.

Trustee Hale noted that Trader Joe's grand opening is still on for December 5, 2008.

Trustee Lueck recognized the great work of the Office of the Village Clerk staff during the Presidential election.

Deputy Village Manager Wiggins sent Village Manager Barwin get well wishes. He also assured residents that metropolitan Chicago is an IDOT priority, and that highways will be kept well maintained this winter.

ADJOURN

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It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Hale, to adjourn to a brief Executive Session regarding Personnel Evaluations. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 P.M. Monday, November 17th, 2008.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

Sandra Sokol, Village Clerk

By: Karen Morris Muriello
Deputy Village Clerk