

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck and Pate; President Pope
ABSENT: None
QUORUM: President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 12, 2010 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented. Trustee Pate abstained. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2010 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented. Trustee Pate abstained. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 26, 2010 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented. Trustees Brewer and Pate, and President Pope abstained.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

- A. Village Manager Tom Barwin announced that the July flood was declared a disaster by the County, State and Federal governments and that Oak Park residents impacted by the flood may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

Mr. Barwin stated that properties on the northeast quadrant of Lake and Forest have been removed. He noted that this is the second busiest construction and capital improvement season in the Village in the last 30 years and that state and federal assistance contributed to many of the road projects. The remaining water crossings under the I-290 project are being advertised for bidding on September 8. The water and sewer main improvement project continues on the 400 block of Kenilworth, which is now being restored. Work on North Columbian has begun and will continue through November, 2010. The 2010 street resurfacing has begun and special traffic plans have been developed along Cuyler adjacent to the school while work takes place. The work could not be completed prior to the start of the school year, but the Village was taking steps to avoid this in the future. The 2010 alley project has one final alley to reconstruct near Fox Park. Coordination is being made with the residents and the Park District, with work beginning early this month. The I-290 resurfacing continues during overnight hours. The project is expected to be complete in late October, 2010.

Mr. Barwin announced that Governor Quinn was present for the commencement of work on the Roosevelt Road streetscape project, a collaborative effort between Berwyn, Cicero and Oak Park. This is an \$8.5 to \$9 million project, and he thanked the many elected officials who worked together to secure almost \$7 million in state and federal funding.

Work on the Holley Court cleaning and sealing project has been completed. The central reservoir overflow work is scheduled to begin this week. Patching work throughout the Village is complete. Crack filling has begun and will be followed by micro-surfacing. Work on East Avenue from Roosevelt to Garfield continues. All underground work is complete. Curb and sidewalk work is also complete. Pavement work at the I-290 bridge is under way and should be done by the middle of September. The resurfacing of Ridgeland from Roosevelt to Garfield and Division to North has been completed.

CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

- B.** President Pope referred to the Board and Commission vacancy report, and urged residents to volunteer. Village Clerk Teresa Powell noted that volunteers were still needed for several boards and commissions and indicated the web address for residents to get more information.

It was moved and seconded to concur in the following appointments by President Pope. Trustee Johnson noted that regular attendance at meetings was crucial to the success of the organization.

Madison Street Coalition

Reappointment of Loretta Daly, as Member, with a term to expire February 20, 2013

Reappointment of Craig Failor, as Member, with a term to expire February 20, 2013

Reappointment of Sara Faust, as Member, with a term to expire February 20, 2013

A voice vote was taken and the appointments were approved.

It was moved and seconded to concur in the following appointments by President Pope:

Environmental and Energy Advisory Commission

Reappointment of Michele Gurgas, as Chair, with a term to expire August 2, 2013

Reappointment of Carolyn Cullen, as Member, with a term to expire September 10, 2013

A voice vote was taken and the appointments were approved.

It was moved and seconded to concur in the following appointment by President Pope:

Plan Commission

Appointment of Mark Benson, as Member, with a term to expire September 7, 2013

A voice vote was taken and the appointment was approved.

FIRST READING

D. First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 24, Articles 1 and 2 of the Village Code Regarding Taxicabs

Village Clerk Powell described the proposed changes, which included a procedure for complaints, procedure for re-inspection if a vehicle fails the initial inspection, dress code, acceptance of credit cards and prohibiting the use of cell phones and smoking.

Trustee Brewer commented that the section regarding prepayment of fare may be considered discriminatory and asked that a non-discriminatory clause be added to that language. He also asked what types of infractions would warrant getting a ticket but not prohibit issuance of a license. Village Attorney Ray Heise replied that the intention was to keep vehicles with safety violations off the street. Village Clerk Powell noted that each taxicab must pass an inspection by a state-certified mechanic prior to the Village's inspection, which only includes items that police might stop a car for, such as a malfunctioning turn signal.

Trustees Pate and Lueck asked for clarification regarding cell phone usage. Village Clerk Powell stated that they cannot use one while transporting passengers. Trustee Johnson commented that this would be difficult to enforce. Trustee Hale stated that lengthy conversations would be a problem and the ordinance should differentiate between that and brief calls regarding fare pickups. President Pope agreed that there is a distinction between personal and business use and asked Village Clerk Powell what other communities were doing. She replied that several other communities prohibited all cell phone usage.

Trustee Hale raised the issues of age and cleanliness of the vehicles. Village Clerk Powell stated that the age requirement in Oak Park was consistent with other suburbs and that with a more prominent method to address complaints, the Village and the cab companies will be able to hear from people who feel that conditions are substandard. She also said she would address the issue of cleanliness directly with the cab companies.

Trustee Lueck recommended eliminating the language that details the dress code; being neat in dress and person should be sufficient.

Trustee Johnson discussed the section regarding drug and alcohol addiction and noted that the Village should not be responsible for this; the state requires testing before they issue a license.

President Pope asked Village Clerk Powell to compare rate structures in other communities and bring this back to the Board.

REGULAR AGENDA

*All Ordinances and Resolutions adopted herein
are herewith ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk*

E. Motion Accepting Report on Affordable Housing Strategies Prepared by the Housing Programs Advisory Committee

Housing Programs Manager and Staff Liaison to the Housing Programs Advisory Committee (HPAC) Tammie Grossman gave an overview of the recommendations included in the report. Items discussed included affordable senior housing, low income rental housing for larger families and foreclosures.

Ms. Grossman stated that HPAC plays a leadership role in the West Cook County Housing Collaborative and has applied for Federal HUD support under the Sustainable Communities Initiative to create a Regional Housing Trust Fund. The collaborative has also partnered with Charter One Bank and is discussing employer assisted housing initiatives with area employers.

Other recommendations to the Board included creation of a small rental housing rehab program, a condo grant or loan program, and to look at the equity assurance program for building an affordable housing complex. An inclusionary zoning ordinance was being adopted by other communities; HPAC recommended that the Village also consider this.

President Pope stated that the report warranted a more detailed conversation with the chairman and other members of HPAC, and that presently, the Board would formally receive the report and then schedule a future meeting.

Trustees Lueck and Johnson commended Ms. Grossman and HPAC for their efforts.

It was moved and seconded to approve a **Motion Accepting Report on Affordable Housing Strategies Prepared by the Housing Programs Advisory Committee** with an understanding to take it up in a subsequent conversation and provide direction back to HPAC.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

- F. It was moved and seconded that a **Motion to Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance to Decrease the Minimum Temperature Requirements for Multi-Family Buildings and to Reduce the Heating Season** be approved.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously

- I. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2010-R-106 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF \$60,000 TO THE CONTRACT WITH B. HANEY & SON, INC., OF LOMBARD, IL FOR 2010 TREE REMOVAL AND EMERGENCY STORM SERVICES, TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$460,000.00** be adopted.

Trustee Johnson spoke about distressed trees in the vicinity of Village Hall and asked how far behind schedule removal of diseased and distressed trees was, considering that storm damage added to the amount of work to be done. Village Forestry Superintendent Jim Semelka stated the number of removals for the year will be approximately 50 to 60 trees above average with the addition of storm-damaged trees.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

- N. **Motion to Recommend Appointment of New Stadium Neighborhood Advisory Committee (SNAC) Member Brian De Vinck**
- G. **Motion to Accept Historic Preservation Commission Resolution and Findings of Fact with Regard to the Nomination of 317 N. Kenilworth Avenue and Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance Designating it as an Oak Park Historic Landmark**
- H. **Motion to Accept Historic Preservation Commission Resolution and Findings of Fact with Regard to the Nomination of 178 Forest Avenue and Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance Designating it as an Oak Park Historic Landmark**
- J. Resolution 2010-R-107 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 4,800 TONS OF ROCK SALT FROM CARGILL INCORPORATED SALT DIVISION OF NORTH OLMSTEAD, OHIO AT \$62.51 PER TON FOR THE 2010/2011 SNOW SEASON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,048 AND WAIVING THE VILLAGE'S BIDDING PROCESS**
- K. Resolution 2010-R-108 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REHABILITATION LOAN AND A LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT: SFR-033**
- L. Resolution 2010-R-109 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBORDINATION OF LIEN FOR 405 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD MSA 1002-G**

- M. **Motion to Accept the Zoning Board of Appeals' Recommendation & Findings of Facts as Proposed and Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance Amending Section 5.3.4 of the Zoning Ordinance**
- O. Ordinance 2010-0-59 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMERCIAL SALES CONTRACT FOR 1113 LAKE STREET**

Approve the Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the items under the Consent Agenda.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK

Village Clerk Powell spoke about Green Line Wheels and said it was a wonderful addition to the community.

Trustee Hedges stated that he attended Dr. Schattner's open house recently and wished him success in his new "green" medical practice.

Trustee Brewer expressed concern regarding the pending pool inspection at OPRF High School and hoped the girls' swim team did well at their swim meet that evening. He also acknowledged the Little Rock Nine and the recent passing of one of them.

Trustee Pate expressed optimism regarding commercial properties being leased and that Oak Park was doing well despite the state of the economy.

Trustee Johnson acknowledged the addition of the Nineteenth Century Club building as Oak Park's newest historic landmark and commended the founding women as well as his fellow Trustees, Ms. Lueck and Ms. Pate. He commented that the Microbrew Fest was a success and reiterated Trustee Pate's enthusiasm regarding commercial leasing. He mentioned Governor Quinn's visit to Oak Park and acknowledged public safety continued to trend in the right direction.

Trustee Hale commented that Oak Park is becoming a more prominent dining destination and that's an area that the Village should enhance in terms of marketing the community.

Trustee Lueck referred to the marketing materials on the Village website regarding Trustee Hale's comment. She stated that Oak Park was doing better than many other communities and noted that the 2011 budget would be discussed soon. She thanked Mr. Barwin for his fiscal vigilance.

Village Manager Barwin explained that the salt purchased that evening was through the State of Illinois bidding process. He reminded everyone that the Mid-Week Market would be open for two more weeks and the Farmers' Market approximately six more weeks. He stated that sales tax has gone up 12.3% over the same period of time last year.

President Pope thanked Rich Corollo, formerly of the Visitor's Bureau, for his service over the years. With school back in session, he reminded people to be watchful of children during their commutes. He stated that the Roosevelt Road ribbon cutting was a

reflection of a change in the orientation of how the Village uses dollars for fiscal infrastructure investment and representative of a shift in priorities in funding at the federal level. He also thanked Mr. Barwin and the staff for their hard work over the summer.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 P.M. Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman
Executive Secretary

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk