

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson and Lueck; President Pope
ABSENT: Trustee Pate
QUORUM: President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 October 11, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2010 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

Village Clerk Teresa Powell reminded residents that voting was November 2 from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION

American Planning Association Recognition of Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District

President Pope announced that this presentation would be done at a later date.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

A. Village Manager Tom Barwin stated that the water and sewer main improvements project continues on both the 1100 and 1200 blocks of North Columbian and the 1150 block of South Cuyler. The asphalt work for 2010 is complete and the contractor is working on landscape restoration and pavement markings. Work on the Roosevelt Road Streetscape continues on the Berwyn side between Harlem and Oak Park Avenues. Curb work continues and should be completed by early next week and sidewalk work should begin. Work on East Avenue from Roosevelt to Garfield has been completed

Mr. Barwin announced that there were no significant incidents on Halloween.

The leaf collection program is underway, and Mr. Barwin asked residents to check the website for collection days and to remember to move their leaves to the curb one day before their scheduled collection day.

He congratulated the Farmers Market for the completion of their 35th year and the Park District for a large turnout for their recent Wright Run.

He reminded citizens that this weekend marks the end of Daylight Savings Time and to set back their clocks one hour. He added that this was also a good time to check or change the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide protectors.

Mr. Barwin announced that there is a meeting scheduled for November 6 at Village Hall on the topics of apartment vacancies, fair housing, eviction procedures, etc., and all property owners and building managers are encouraged to attend. A rededication of the Peace Triumphant Monument in Scoville Park is scheduled for November 7, with a reception afterwards at the Hemingway Museum.

The Health Department is still offering flu shots and can be contacted for an appointment at 358-5483.

A public meeting at Julian Middle School regarding sustainability issues is being held on November 4; interested residents are invited to attend.

Mr. Barwin announced he had visited the new Walgreen's and described the premises. The grand opening will be in 2 to 3 weeks.

In conclusion, he announced that the Village had received a grant in the amount of \$800,000 for work to be done on the Marion Street and Ridgeland viaducts.

CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

- B. Village Clerk Powell referred to the Board and Commission vacancy report, and urged residents to volunteer. She noted that an article published in one of the local newspapers resulted in several new applicants who would be interviewing with the Citizen Involvement Commission later this week.

PUBLIC HEARING

- D. **Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for the 2010 Tax Year Proposed Levy**

President Pope introduced Chief Financial Officer Craig Lesner, who explained that every year the Village is required to approve a property tax levy as part of the appropriations process. Mr. Lesner gave an overview and explained the calculations. He noted that it is available online at www.oak-park.us/Finance as part of the 2011 Recommended Budget information.

He announced that additional public hearings regarding the budget will be held on November 11 and 22.

AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Bennett, Blue Cab, 7417 Roosevelt, Forest Park. Mr. Bennett was concerned that the proposed licensing procedures may delay the onset of employment for cab drivers. He also suggested an alternative method for determining mileage regarding prepayment of fees.

Ron Howard, 945 Washington, #1A, Oak Park. Mr. Howard stated he has been driving for Blue Cab for 40 years and described his experiences with fares not paying for services, most of which did not involve long distance trips. He noted that changes in the ordinance making it more difficult to collect fees would negatively affect the drivers.

SECOND READING**E. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 24, Articles 1 and 2 of the Village Code Regarding Taxicabs**

President Pope asked Village Attorney Ray Heise what mechanisms could be put in place regarding some of the examples Mr. Howard offered without losing the intent of the Board, which is to make sure people are not discriminated against based on other classifications or categories. Mr. Heise stated that the first procedure should be to call the police if a passenger does not pay and noted that the ordinance allows for a driver to refuse a fare.

Trustee Hale asked why the standard for prepayment had to be a long trip. He said that asking if someone had the ability to pay was not unreasonable.

Trustee Lueck stated that 25 miles was too large of an area. There was a discussion regarding lowering this to 15.

President Pope suggested there be specific criteria that would require prepayment. Mr. Heise stated that the right to refuse could be expanded to the right to request prepayment for someone with a history of non-payment, someone who is inebriated or someone who is disorderly.

Trustee Brewer commented that “disorderly” and “inebriated” were vague terms.

Trustee Lueck stated that there should be a balance between the rights of the cab drivers and the passengers.

President Pope suggested that the 15 mile requirement and the history of non-payment be incorporated as addition criteria in terms of requesting prepayment and that this be brought back to the Board at a later date.

F. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8, Article 2 of the Village Code Regarding "License Fee Schedule"

Village Clerk Powell discussed the time-line and cost of a criminal background check.

President Pope suggested re-wording the proposed amendment and bringing it back to the Board.

Trustee Lueck asked if a background check from another community would be sufficient. Village Clerk Powell said that this was looked at, but confirming it would be difficult. Trustee Lueck pointed out that multiple background checks would congest an already congested system. President Pope added that if verifiable background checks done within an acceptable window of time were available, it would make sense to accept those rather than requiring someone have a new check done.

There was discussion regarding provisions in the ordinance regarding fare pickups and cabs patrolling the streets of Oak Park. President Pope asked that these be clarified as well as the other changes suggested.

G. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, Article 1, Section 7-1 and 7-2 of the Village Code to Decrease the Minimum Required Daily Temperature and to Shorten the Heating Season

There were no comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

J. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 2010-0-68 entitled ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 7-1 AND 7-2 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO DECREASE THE MINIMUM REQUIRED DAILY TEMPERATURE AND TO SHORTEN THE HEATING SEASON be adopted.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Pate

The ordinance was adopted.

- K. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2010-R-128 entitled **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE SMALL RENTAL REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM** be adopted.

Housing Services Manager Tammie Grossman described the terms of the program, which is for buildings under eight units and is being financed with CDBG funds. This program will increase the supply of affordable housing for persons below 80% of the median income. She noted that the loans were forgivable after 5 years,

Trustee Hedges asked about the application process and how recipients would be selected. Ms. Grossman stated that this would be similar to the multi-family housing program. It will be announced that the application is available on a specific date. Applicants will be allowed 45 days to complete their application. Once applications were received, they would be prioritized.

Trustee Johnson asked in what capacity the Oak Park Regional Housing Center would act as a partner and how the required number of units was arrived at. Ms. Grossman said that they would be the marketing agent for the program. The number of units was kept at below eight to avoid prevailing wage issues which would occur in larger buildings.

Trustee Hale asked why the loans are forgivable. Ms. Grossman stated that it is because the owners have agreed to accept a lower amount of rent than they would normally get for five years. She also noted that the state program this is modeled after is a forgivable loan as long as the recipient stays in compliance with the terms during that time.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Pate

The resolution was adopted.

- L. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2010-R-129 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREE WEEKEND PARKING IN GARAGES DURING THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON** be adopted.

Pat Zubak, DTOP, 324 S. Wisconsin, Oak Park. Ms. Zubak spoke on behalf of Downtown Oak Park and thanked the Board for their consideration of her request. She added that free parking will encourage local shopping this holiday season.

President Pope referred to the average daily revenue figure noted in the commentary and asked Interim Parking Services Manager Cara Pavlicek what the average daily weekend parking revenue during the holiday season was.

Ms. Pavlicek commented that giving this information was difficult because parking has been free during this time in recent years.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Pate

The resolution was adopted

- M.** It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2010-R-130 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OPTIONAL ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE SECURITY PROFESSIONALS INC., FOR SECURITY AND SUPPORT STAFFING SERVICES AT VILLAGE OWNED PARKING STRUCTURES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$446, 000 AND FOR SECURITY SERVICES AT VILLAGE HALL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD** be adopted.

Trustee Hale asked Mr. Barwin why the Village was paying for security services when the police department was just down the stairs.

Mr. Barwin explained that it is to have a presence in the building after hours. The cost of security services averages \$13.62 per hour versus the cost of a sworn police officer, who should be kept on the street. He also noted that someone is needed to direct people to various meetings in the building and to make sure no one removes anything as they are leaving the premises.

Trustee Hedges suggested possibly bidding this out; the prices could be competitive because of the state of the economy.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Pate

The resolution was adopted

CONSENT AGENDA

- N.** Resolution 2010-R-131 entitled **RESOLUTION APPROVING 2011 ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**
- O.** Resolution 2010-R-132 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID NETWORK**
- P.** Ordinance 2010-O-69 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE SALE OF VILLAGE VEHICLE LICENSES AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 15 ARTICLE 4 OF THE VILLAGE CODE**
- Q.** Resolution 2010-R-133 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CHICAGO REGIONAL COMPUTER FORENSICS LABORATORY (CGRCFL)**

- R. Resolution 2010-R134 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBORDINATION OF LIEN: BPIP-093**
- S **Motion to Refer Application for Special Use Permit Submitted by Samuel Gevisenheit and Charles Tupto to Operate a Bed and Breakfast at 605 Iowa Street to the Zoning Board of Appeals to Hold a Public Hearing**
- T. Resolution 2010-R-135 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR AND ENGINEERING EVALUATION OF THE HOLLEY COURT PARKING GARAGE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$25,000 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,400**
- U. Resolution 2010-R-136 entitled **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING US BANK AS THE VILLAGE'S AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORY**
- V. Ordinance 2010-0-70 entitled **ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.000**
- W. Ordinance 2010-0-71 entitled **ORDINANCE TO CHANGE EAST/WEST STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF ADAMS AND LYMAN TO NORTH/SOUTH STOP SIGNS AS REVIEWED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT ITS MAY 3, 2010 MEETING**

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 and Lueck; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Pate

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK

Village Clerk Powell reminded residents to vote tomorrow.

Trustee Hale also reminded residents to vote.

Trustee Lueck encouraged residents to be informed voters and not let the abundance of negative ads keep them home.

Trustee Johnson thanked Village Clerk Powell and her department for managing the early voting at Village Hall. He recognized the Farmers Market and was glad to see them partnering with local restaurants. He also discussed the viaduct improvement project.

Trustee Brewer encouraged residents to vote.

President Pope, on the behalf of the Board, commended all Village employees for doing a professional job in a challenging environment. He also recognized Village Attorney Ray Heise for 35 years of service.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 P.M. Monday, November 1, 2010.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman
Executive Secretary

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk