

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

**OFFICIAL RECORD**

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck and Pate; President Pope  
ABSENT: Trustee Hale  
QUORUM: President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:39 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.

**MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 3, 2011 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented. Trustee Pate abstained.

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT**

- A. Village Manager Tom Barwin acknowledged the Village crews de-icing the streets and asked residents to do the same with their sidewalks. He stated that this was the final week for free holiday tree collection and noted that there will be a holiday light drop off box at the Public Works Center throughout January and February. The Forestry Department will be having trees affected by the emerald ash borer removed by an outside vendor. Mr. Barwin concluded by announcing that staff was working on video streaming of board meetings on the web, beginning February 22.

**CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS**

- B. President Pope referred to the Board and Commission vacancy report, and urged residents to volunteer.
- C. It was moved and seconded to concur in the following appointments by President Pope.

**Community Design Commission**

Reappointment of Peter Oestreich, as Member, with a term to expire January 7, 2014

**Fire and Police Commission**

Reappointment of Sherlynn Reid, as Member, with a term to expire January 7, 2014

**Farmers Market Commission**

Reappointment of Melissa Wittenberg, as Chair, with a term to expire February 4, 2014

**Housing Programs Advisory Committee**

Appointment of Patrick Diakite, as Member, with a term to expire January 18, 2014

**Public Art Advisory Commission**

Reappointment of Bridget Reinhard, as Member (student), with a term to expire January 19, 2012

Reappointment of Bruce Samuels, as Member, with a term to expire January 7, 2014

A voice vote was taken and the appointments were approved.

**PRESENTATION**

**Annual Presentation of the Prior Year's Crime Statistics**

Police Chief Rick Tanksley gave an overview of crime statistics from 2010 and noted that the overall crime rate in the Village was the lowest in three decades. He credited the vigilance of residents for the reduction in property crime and thanked the men and women of the Oak Park Police Department for their efforts.

Chief Tanksley explained the Resident Beat Officer Program and answered questions from the Board.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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

- D. It was moved and seconded to approve a **Motion to Approve Parking Restriction Changes on the 700 Block of East as Recommended by the Transportation Commission and the 700 Blocks of Scoville and Clarence as Additionally Recommended by Staff and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Ordinances.**

Parking Services Manager Cara Pavlicek discussed these changes that were submitted by petition from residents on the 700 block of South East Avenue and reviewed by the Transportation Commission. The residents' concerns were regarding daytime student parking and commuter parking in front of their homes and how restrictions on this block would shift the problem to surrounding blocks.

The Transportation Commission approved the petition for establishment of daytime "2 hour 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Monday – Friday" restrictions on this block and staff recommends extending the restriction to the 700 blocks of Scoville and Clarence.

Trustee Johnson asked if the Village-designated permit parking spaces for Fenwick students were being fully utilized. Ms. Pavlicek reported that efforts will be made to encourage greater utilization of underused spaces north of Fenwick.

Trustee Lueck reiterated the idea of a long-term solution; this proposal would only shift the problem around. There will always be students that are driving and there may not be an adequate supply of parking options for them.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hale

The motion was approved.

- E. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2011-R-9 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TERRA ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING FOR THE GREATER DOWNTOWN STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$398,652** be adopted.

Village Engineer Jim Budrick explained that this portion of the project would provide for the development of construction plans and specifications. The goal is to have a draft plan completed by February 2011.

There was a discussion regarding the scope and timing of the project.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hale

The resolution was adopted.

- F. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2011-R-10 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES**

**FOR THE VIADUCT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$129,744 WAIVING THE VILLAGE'S BID PROCESS** be adopted.

President Pope asked Mr. Budrick to explain why the bid process was waived. Mr. Budrick stated that Strand Associates is the engineering consultant that was selected for the initial viaduct project through an RFP process in 2007. The improvements envisioned are similar to those done by Strand in 2007. Other benefits of having this vendor complete the project were discussed.

Mr. Barwin pointed out that this project is 80% grant-funded.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hale

The resolution was adopted.

- S.** It was moved and seconded to approve a **Motion to Receive the Report of the Citizen Involvement Commission (CIC) Regarding Revisions to the Enabling Language and Composition of the Advisory Boards and Commissions of the Village Board and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents.**

Citizen Involvement Commission Chair Jim Kelly summarized the research done by the CIC over the past several months regarding modifications to various citizen advisory boards and commissions. Major recommendations included combining the Forestry and Community Design Commissions, disbanding the Telecommunications Commission and creating a Technology Commission.

Mr. Kelly spoke about how the CIC was marketing volunteer opportunities yet some commissions always had chronic vacancies. He stressed the need for the new Technology Commission. Student membership on commissions was discussed.

There was an extensive discussion regarding the merging of the Forestry and Community Design Commissions.

Mr. Kelly added that the Board of Health had also requested some changes that would be distributed to the Board following this meeting.

Telecommunications Commission Chair John Shuler spoke about his commission and possible revision of duties with a title change to Technology Commission.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hale

The motion was approved.

- J.** It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2011-R-11 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND SPEARMC MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, INC. FOR PEOPLESOFT RELATED SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000** be adopted.

Trustee Johnson asked Mr. Barwin to explain the current status of PeopleSoft.

Mr. Barwin stated that this is where the Village would go to for outside assistance should any emergencies arise related to PeopleSoft. The payroll system has been outsourced, but other systems currently remain on PeopleSoft, including the Village's general financials, parking citations and vehicle stickers. He added that the Village would be looking for a replacement system later in the year.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hale

The resolution was adopted.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- G. Motion to Accept the 2011 Citizen Board and Commission Work Plans as Proposed with Amendments to the Budget Requests per Staff Recommendations**
- H. Motion to Approve a Resolution Adopting the Strategic Historic Preservation Plan as Recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission**
- L. Resolution 2011-R-12 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REHABILITATION LOAN AND A LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT: SFR-037**
- M. Recommendation to Reduce the Current Posted Speed Limit from 30mph to 25mph on Division Street and Chicago Avenue from Harlem Avenue to Austin Avenue On Lake Street from Forest Avenue to Ridgeland Avenue and on Oak Park Avenue from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue**
- N. Recommendation to Approve the Petition to Upgrade from Two Way to All Way Stop Signs at the Intersection of Division Street and Hayes Avenue**
- O. Ordinance 2011-0-4 entitled ORDINANCE AMENDING LICENSE CATEGORIES D7 AND D8 TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY THE OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE MAIN LIBRARY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**
- P. Ordinance 2011-0-5 ENTITLED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 12, SECTION 1 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION; MADISON STREET COALITION; ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION"**
- Q. Resolution 2011-R-13 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO WEST SUBURBAN CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH CENTER**

- R. Resolution 2011-R-14 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST FOR FY 2011**

**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, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck and Pate; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hale

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

**CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK**

Village Clerk Powell spoke about the tragedy in Tucson urged residents to set a good example of civility, especially regarding the upcoming election. She also discussed the upcoming Celebration of Older Americans Month in May.

Trustee Brewer commended all who were involved in putting together the boards and commissions work plans.

Trustee Hedges reiterated Trustee Brewer's comments and also thanked Jim Kelly of the CIC for his presentation.

Trustee Johnson also spoke about civility and expressed concern regarding the tone and content of various online postings made by residents on local newspaper sites.

Trustee Pate thanked her colleagues for their condolences on the death of her father.

Trustee Lueck also praised the work plans and the work of the boards and commissions and discussed the lack of civility that she sometimes encounters as a public official. She also spoke about trees and how the Village should not take their urban forest for granted.

Village Manager thanked the Public Works crews for working through the current weather conditions and also thanked the Police Department for their efforts to keep crime low in the Village.

President Pope acknowledged Martin Luther King Jr. He spoke about a meeting he attended on the subject of childhood obesity and also expressed appreciation for the wealth of organizations available in the Village to help people with various social and other problems.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 P.M. Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

**SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:**

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman  
Interim Deputy Village Clerk

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Teresa Powell, Village Clerk