

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd , 2011 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Trustees Hale, Hedges and Lueck; President Pro Tem Johnson
ABSENT: Trustees Brewer and Pate; President Pope
QUORUM: President Pro Tem Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

III. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2011 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

IV. PRESENTATION

Volunteer of The Year - 2010

Citizen Involvement Commission Chair Jim Kelly announced the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award, Melissa Wittenberg, Chair of the Farmers' Market Commission and read the tribute to her from her nomination form. President Pro Tem Johnson and Trustee Hale presented the award. Ms. Wittenberg gave a brief acceptance speech.

V. RESOLUTION

Resolution Proclaiming the Village of Oak Park's Opposition to Congressional Reductions of the US HUD Community Development Block Program for Years 2011 and 2012

Trustee Lueck read the Resolution aloud.

Grant Program Manager Janis Akerstrom described how the proposed cuts would negatively impact the community.

Trustee Hale agreed that Community Development Block Grants have been important to Oak Park as well as other communities, but noted that this is only one of many federal spending programs currently under scrutiny. He noted that this should not be singled out by the Board for comment, as there have been other meritorious programs that have also faced cuts.

Trustee Lueck disagreed; one of the basic functions of government is to provide a safety net for those citizens in need of assistance. She agreed that cuts are necessary, but would never support them at the expense of the poor, needy or disabled.

Trustee Hedges agreed that this assistance is a role of the government but they are currently in a weakened position and some restrictions are going to be inevitable.

President Pro Tem Johnson summarized the Trustees' comments and suggested this be modified and brought back to the Board.

It was moved and seconded to table the Resolution. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Trustee Lueck abstained.

VI. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

John Troelstrup, Oak Park Area Arts Council. Mr. Troelstrup spoke about the OPAAC and announced that the Artful Object fundraiser would be held this Saturday, February 26.

VII. VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

Village Manager Tom Barwin announced that tonight's meeting was being streamed live on the web at oak-park.us/boardtv and that once fully functional, board meetings will be accessible online and indexed by agenda item. Indexing will allow viewers to select a particular agenda item without watching the entire meeting.

He announced the dates of the Community Choice Energy Aggregation meetings (February 24 at 7:00 p.m.; Room 201 and March 22 at 6:30 p.m.; Oak Park Public Library) and noted that the League of Women Voters will be holding their Annual State of Villages Dinner on February 25 at Elmcrest Banquets in Elmwood Park.

Mr. Barwin stated that work on Roosevelt Road will start again in the coming weeks and will be underway through most of the 2011 construction season; it should be completed by fall. Planning is continuing for improvements in the Madison Street area; some of these concepts will come to the Board beginning in March. Contracts for the sidewalk program and water main crossing rehabilitation under the I-290 at Ridgeland are currently out for bid.

He concluded by congratulating President Pro Tem Johnson for receiving the Lincoln Land Legend Award, which will allow him to issue a \$500 scholarship on behalf of the student who nominated him.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES

Village Clerk Powell referred to the Board and Commission vacancy report, and urged residents to volunteer.

**IX. CITIZEN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS,
REMOVAL, RESIGNATION AND CHAIR APPOINTMENTS**

It was moved and seconded to concur in the following appointments by President Pro Tem Johnson:

Citizen Police Oversight Commission

Reappointment of Robin Wienke, as Member, with a term to expire March 3, 2014.

Community Design Commission

Reappointment of Bernie Woytek, as Member, with a term to expire March 3, 2014.

Fire and Police Commission

Appointment of John Hedgeman, as Member, with a term to expire February 22, 2014.

Public Art Advisory Commission

Reappointment of J. Dennis Rich, as Member, with a term to expire March 3, 2014.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Reappointment of Adrienne Eyer, as Member, with a term to expire March 6, 2014.

A voice vote was taken and the appointments were approved.

X. FIRST READING

B. First Reading of Ordinance Amending Sections 7-8-2 and 7-8-3 of the Village Code Relating to Building Permits

Building and Property Standards Director Steve Witt spoke about the expansion of the online building permits program. This would allow applicants to secure permits for almost any type of exterior work on their structure. He explained that the current fee schedule using calculations to establish permit fees has been altered to provide flat fee rates set by the average rates charged by category.

Trustee Hedges asked for clarification. Mr. Witt explained all the factors that went into consideration to determine the new rates. He added that he wanted to ensure that the fees charged were equal to the cost of providing that service.

Trustee Hale asked if a discount would be offered for acquiring the permits online. Mr. Witt replied that the savings would be in terms of time and the convenience of not having to come to Village Hall.

President Pro Tem Johnson requested that an old and new fee schedule comparison and cost comparisons to other municipalities be forwarded to the Board.

XI. SECOND READING

C. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Article 3 of the Village Code Entitled "Parking Meters, Parking Permits and Municipal Attendant Lots" to Establish Off-Street Lots for Overnight Parking with a Pass and Associated Pass Fees

Parking Services Manager Cara Pavlicek reviewed what was presented at the First Reading and noted that a map was included in the Board package indicating the geographical coverage that the proposed lots would provide.

Trustee Lueck asked what the anticipated need for this service was and requested a report be presented to the Board at three and six month intervals to see whether the demand is great enough to keep the program in place.

Trustee Hale asked that the hours of operation at the OPRF High School garage be clarified in the ordinance before a Final Reading.

XII. 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 table Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Article 3 of the Village Code Entitled "Parking Meters, Parking Permits and Municipal Attendant Lots" to Establish Off-Street Lots for Overnight Parking with a Pass and Associated Pass Fees.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

G. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2011-R-27 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 FOR A TOTAL OF \$170,900 WITH G.A. PAVING CONTRACTORS INC., FOR SNOW PLOWING AND SALTING OF VILLAGE LEASED/OWNED PARKING LOTS FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD be adopted.

Ms. Pavlicek stated that the early February blizzard will most likely cause the Village to exceed the original contract amount with this vendor. She noted that this expense would not put them over budget for 2011.

Trustee Lueck asked whether the Village would be getting any federal or state assistance for blizzard damage. Mr. Barwin stated that the Village may be reimbursed for 75% of their expenses.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges and Lueck; President Pro Tem Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Brewer and Pate; President Pope

The resolution was adopted.

- A. It was moved and seconded that a **Recommendation From the Public Art Advisory Commission to Approve the Selection of a Sculpture Piece Entitled "Arched Rings" to be Installed at the South East Corner of Ontario and Harlem and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents** be approved and
- A1. A **Motion to Approve a Sculpture Piece to be Installed at the South East Corner of Ontario and Harlem and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents** be approved.

David Sokol, Chair of the Public Art Advisory Commission, spoke about the competition that was held to choose the sculpture and what factors played a role in determining the final selection. He noted that the developer of the property had made an agreement to contribute the \$30,000 cost for this piece of public art to be installed at the location.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges and Lueck; President Pro Tem Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Brewer and Pate; President Pope

The motions were approved.

- E. It was moved and seconded that a **Recommendation to Establish Park Speed Zones Adjacent to Several Park District Parks in the Village of Oak Park and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents** be approved.

Village Engineer Jim Budrick stated that the Board had referred this issue to the Transportation Commission for their review. The Commission was recommending speed zones be established in six of the 24 locations in the community. They were looking to put these in place and monitor enforcement before any further recommendations. The Oak Park Park District was in consensus with their proposal.

Trustee Lueck noted that this could be confusing, as the speed zones will be in some park areas but not all. She suggested a public awareness campaign.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges and Lueck; President Pro Tem Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Brewer and Pate; President Pope

The motion was approved.

- J. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 2011-0-9 entitled **ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-0-089 AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-0-50 TO EXTEND REQUIRED BUILDING PERMIT SUBMITTAL DATE, START OF CONSTRUCTION DATE, AND COMPLETION DATE FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AT MADISON AND HIGHLAND FOR A MULTI-TENANT OFFICE AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH ON-SITE PARKING** be adopted.

Trustee Lueck asked when construction would start on this development, as this was the second extension. Village Planner Craig Failor said that it would most likely be August 2011.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges and Lueck; President Pro Tem Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Brewer and Pate; President Pope

The ordinance was adopted.

President Pro Tem Johnson announced that Item L would be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for discussion.

- L. It was moved and seconded that an **Ordinance Amending Article 18 of Chapter 2 Relating to the Community Design Commission and Rescinding Section 25-1-3 of the Village Code Relating to the Establishment, Composition, Appointment of Members and Duties Oak Park Forestry Commission As Reviewed at the January 18, 2011 Village Board Meeting** be adopted.

AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT

Katherine Jonas, 124 S. East Avenue. Ms. Jonas, as a member of the Forestry Commission and a certified arborist, discussed why she felt the Forestry and Community Design Commissions should not be combined. She noted that the Environmental and Energy Advisory Commission would be a better fit with Forestry.

Tom Phillion, 121 S. Humphrey. Mr. Phillion is the Chair of the Forestry Commission and stated that half the commission is for the merger and the other against. The enabling language regarding forestry issues will be an important factor regarding the success of the new commission.

President Pro Tem Johnson explained the rationale behind combining the two commissions.

Trustee Hale commented that Community Design's focus was mainly in commercial districts; the Forestry Commission's interest in the urban forest covers a broader area.

Trustee Lueck stated that her view of this is that of reconfiguring a new commission that will look at design issues, including forestry. Much of the previous responsibility filled by the Forestry Commission is now being filled by staff.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hedges and Lueck; President Pro Tem Johnson

NAYS: Trustee Hale

ABSENT: Trustee Brewer and Pate; President Pope

The ordinance was defeated.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

- F. Ordinance 2011-0-11 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-1-10 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO REDUCE THE CURRENT POSTED 30 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT TO 25 MILES PER HOUR ON SELECT STREETS AS REVIEWED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JANUARY 18, 2011**
- H. **Motion to Accept Historic Preservation Commission Resolution and Findings of Fact with Regard to the Nomination of 1515 N. Harlem Avenue and Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance Designating it as an Oak Park Historic Landmark**
- I. Ordinance 2011-0-12 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 7-9-8F OF THE VILLAGE CODE DESIGNATING 432 N. KENILWORTH AS AN OAK PARK HISTORIC LANDMARK AS REVIEWED AT THE FEBRUARY 7, 2011 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**
- K. Ordinance 2011-0-13 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A BED AND BREAKFAST AT 605 IOWA 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 Hale, Hedges and Lueck; President Pro Tem Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Brewer and Pate; President Pope

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK

Village Clerk Powell spoke about her attendance at the Robotics Competition between Julian and Brooks, the Citizens Council Community Discussion and the Interfaith Green Summit.

Trustee Hale congratulated President Pro Tem Johnson regarding his Lincoln Land Legend Award. He also stated that the Farmers Market is looking to do farm visits this year and noted that it is in their budget.

Trustee Lueck also congratulated President Pro Tem Johnson, as well as the student who wrote the essay. She noted that according to the current proposed state budget for FY '12, there is no funding allocated for substance abuse prevention and treatment. She referred to a school-based intervention program implemented in Forest Park for

that purpose and suggested that Oak Park do something similar. She also spoke about a program in another community where residents contribute money via their sewer bill that goes towards replacement of lines on private property. Trustee Lueck discussed the property being bought and renovated by the Township on Oak Park Avenue. She also noted that according to statistics, the housing market seems fairly strong in Oak Park, despite the economy. Lastly, she spoke about grant funding and complimented the Village staff for their work.

President Pro Tem Johnson asked Mr. Barwin to add a discussion regarding the Township building purchase at the next meeting. He discussed a tree removal that was done at his home and commended the contractors who completed the work. He encouraged residents to come forward for Public Comment at Board Meetings or to contact the Board via email or phone with any concerns. He spoke about the student who nominated him for the Lincoln Land Legend award. Lastly, he congratulated Chicago Mayor-Elect Rahm Emanuel.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M. Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman
Interim Deputy Village Clerk

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk