

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, and President Pope  
ABSENT: None  
QUORUM: President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

President Pope welcomed Boy Scout Troop #20 from Ascension Parish.

**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 Regular Meeting of February 16, 2010 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 16, 2010 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

**PROCLAMATION  
Architecture Week  
April 12 – 18, 2010**

It was moved and seconded to concur in a Proclamation to declare April 12 through 18 Architecture Week in the Village of Oak Park. Trustee Brewer read the Proclamation aloud. Michael Rogers, President of the Illinois Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, offered comments about the great and historic importance of building design to the Oak Park community. A voice vote was taken and the Proclamation was adopted.

**PROCLAMATION  
Congratulating the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation  
On its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

It was moved and seconded to concur in a Proclamation to congratulate the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. President Pope read the Proclamation aloud in its entirety, and praised the Foundation's benevolent missions managing 106 humanitarian endowments and funds, and inspiring philanthropic action in our communities. The Foundation awards grants and scholarships today, and under their

stewardship will be able to do so well into the future. A voice vote was taken and the Proclamation was adopted.

**RESOLUTION**  
**Recognition of 350 PPM CO2 as the Sensible Limit**  
**to Prevent Extreme Climate Change**

President Pope introduced the Village's Sustainability Manager, K.C. Poulos, who then introduced members of the Environmental Club of Oak Park River Forest High School. These students, Dan Knickelbein, Jessica Ebersole, Charlotte Goldman, Owen Brady, Ellen Lipo and Jenevieve Stevens, have been publicizing the reduction of CO2 since October of 2009. Each student participated in the reading of reasons to support the Resolution, two of which were, "So millions of people don't become homeless due to coastal flooding," and "So that my children will know what a glacier is." It was moved and seconded to concur in the Resolution to recognize 350 PPM CO2 as the Sensible Limit to Prevent Extreme Climate Change. A voice vote was taken and the Resolution was adopted.

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT**

- A. Village Manager Tom Barwin reported that Engineering is planning \$20 million in 2010 infrastructure improvements accounted for in the Capital Improvements Fund. By the end of March the viaduct lighting at Oak Park Avenue should be completed. Bidding is underway for Bike Network Signage and Ridgeland resurfacing. A contract has been awarded for the Sidewalk Program, and water main inspections under the Eisenhower Expressway have begun.

Manager Barwin provided answers to several frequently asked questions about public projects. Regarding the Whiteco project, occupancy stands at 62%, and tenant Trader Joe's is pleased with their first year. The grocery provides 65 jobs. It appears that Trader Joe's is to a great degree responsible for the 11% jump in sales tax receipts in their category.

In answering the question, "Does the Village of Oak Park help Small Businesses?" Mr. Barwin responded "Yes!" and cited the awarding of 31 individual Retail Support Grants and another \$50,000 more in grants to the Business Districts just in 2009. Further, the Village participates in the Business Advisory Council, offers Education Programs, and opened a Business Services Center that cuts through red tape. Additionally the Oak Park Development Corporation offers programs to improve local business building facades, completing 60 projects over the last five years.

Mr. Barwin also offered a list of 'by right' alternatives to the hotel project at Forest and Lake Streets, or projects that could be developed without variances from the Zoning or Plan Commissions. These include a seven-story office building with 23,000 square feet of retail, 61 square feet of office, 36 residential units and 129 parking spaces. The retail could include any of the following: a drug, convenience or food store; a tattoo, clothing or dog grooming shop; a beauty or nail salon; adult day or group care; animal clinic, government office, or plumbing/heating showroom.

**CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS**

- B. President Pope referred to the Board and Commission vacancy report, and urged residents to volunteer for the commissions and boards with the most vacancies: Citizen Involvement Commission, Community Relations Commission, Forestry Commission and Universal Access Commission.
- C. It was moved and seconded to concur in the following two appointments and one dismissal by President Pope:

**Housing Authority**

Appointment of Thomas Dwyer, as Member, with a term to expire March 1, 2015

**Liquor Control Review Board**

Re-appointment of Jerry Ostergaard, as Chair, with a term to expire February 5, 2013

**Citizen Involvement Commission**

Removal of Cheree Jackson, as Member.

A voice vote was taken and the appointments were approved.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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

- D. **Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreements with Administrative Law Judges to Conduct Hearings of Local Ordinances for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$92,000 for a One-Year Period.**

Village Manager Tom Barwin reviewed the background of the Adjudication Program in Oak Park, which has been in place since 2002. Mr. Barwin introduced Robert Anderson to the Board and community as the new Director of Adjudication, replacing Wayne Moran who has moved on to set up a similar program with Cook County. Mr. Anderson recognized adjudication as an independent, fair and expeditious process which contributes to the quality of life in Oak Park.

President Pope suggested that all three Resolutions be taken together; there was no objection. It was moved and seconded to that Resolution 2010-R-32 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. JOHN STACK FOR SERVICES TO CONDUCT HEARINGS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES IN AN AMOUNT NOT**

**TO EXCEED \$7,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2010 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2011, and that Resolution 2010-R-33 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MS. ANITA RICHARDSON FOR SERVICES TO CONDUCT HEARINGS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2010 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2011, and that Resolution 2010-R-34 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MS. CARRIE WASHINGTON FOR SERVICES TO CONDUCT HEARINGS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2010 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2011 be adopted.**

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The three ordinances were adopted.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- E. Resolution 2010-R-35 entitled RESOLUTION ADOPTING NOTICE AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**
- F. Ordinance 2010-O-11 entitled ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 4B OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED "PAWNBROKERS"**
- G1. Resolution 2010-R-36 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF THE VILLAGE'S BID PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW AND ONE (1) REFURBISHED 12-LEAD MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR AND ACCESSORIES NEEDED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION**
- G2. Resolution 2010-R-37 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PNCEF D/B/A PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 2 ZOLL DEFIBRILLATORS AND OTHER RELATED EQUIPMENT AND CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY**
- H. Resolution 2010-R-38 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH GLOBE CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECT 10-3, SIDEWALK AND CURB REPLACEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$149,690.**
- I. Motion to Approve Revised Ethics Disclosure Statement**
- J. Motion to Accept Historic Preservation Commission Resolution and Findings of Fact with Regard to the Nomination of 639 Fair Oaks Avenue as an Oak Park Historic Landmark and Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance Designating 639 Fair Oaks Avenue as an Oak Park Historic Landmark**
- K. Motion to Accept Historic Preservation Commission Resolution and Findings of Fact with Regard to the Nomination of 231 N. Euclid Avenue as an Oak Park Historic Landmark and Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance Designating 231 N. Euclid Avenue as an Oak Park Historic Landmark**

- L. **Motion to Accept Historic Preservation Commission Resolution and Findings of Fact with Regard to the Nomination of 178 N. Euclid Avenue as an Oak Park Historic Landmark and Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance Designating 178 N. Euclid Avenue as an Oak Park Historic Landmark**
- M. **Motion to Accept Historic Preservation Commission Resolution and Findings of Fact with Regard to the Nomination of 647 Linden Avenue as an Oak Park Historic Landmark and Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance Designating 647 Linden Avenue as an Oak Park Historic Landmark**
- N. Resolution 2010-R-39 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBORDINATION OF LIEN: BPIP-057**
- O. Resolution 2010-R-40 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$344,250 IN 2010.**
- P. Ordinance 2010-0-12 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 3 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED "FINES AND PENALTIES; VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKER"**
- Q. **Motion to Amend the 2010 Board of Health Work Plan**

### **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, and President Pope

NAYS: None

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

### **CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK**

Village Clerk Powell extended an invitation to everyone to the 2010 Census Rally on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in Village Hall. The National Census Tour Bus will be stopping here with their "Portrait of America" campaign. There will be entertainment and an art display.

Trustee Lueck shared thoughts on the West Suburban Housing Coalition. Trustee Lueck noted that the Board had not formally accepted the Report on Affordable Housing, and suggested that this should be done.

Trustee Johnson commented that carving out properties from the downtown TIF is an innovative process for driving property tax revenues to the schools sooner than waiting for TIFs to retire. On different subjects, Trustee Johnson reflected on the decreasing number of pawnshops in Oak Park, and the consideration of permitting beekeeping. Finally, Trustee Johnson discussed his attendance at a PFLAG meeting

(Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), which had standing room only, as it addressed the topic of bullying and hurtful language.

Trustee Brewer mentioned the happy coincidence that on the same evening we adopted a Proclamation to honor architects we also sent four Oak Park structures forward to becoming Village historic landmarks.

Trustee Hale discussed how fund balances can be important cash flow management tools, or rainy day funds. He remarked that when his term began Oak Park's fund balance was essentially zero, but has now stands at about \$2 million. Trustee Hale called for a fund balance policy that specifies a target. For example, the Chicago Civic Foundation recommends maintaining a general fund reserve based on two months of operating expenditures, or about 15% of budget. The Foundation recommends not reserving more than 50%, instead using such funds to retire debt or lowering taxes. Trustee Hale stated that School District 97 has a fund balance of \$9 million, or 16% of their budget expenditures, and School District 200 has a fund balance of \$83 million, or 133% of their budget expenditures. With such clearly disparate fiscal philosophies among the taxing bodies, he suggested a volunteer Fiscal Advisory Council be formed in the Village.

Village Manager Barwin corrected an impression that there would be 300 public parking spaces in the Lake and Forest project; the actual number would be 425 public parking spaces. He also remarked that the City of Chicago, and the Village of Oak Park, will be defending their Handgun Ordinances from a challenge by the National Rifle Association before the United States Supreme Court. Village Attorney Ray Heise is in Washington, D.C. at this time.

President Pope announced that while in Washington, D.C. recently he saw Representative Judy Biggert to review the circumstances around Park National Bank's take over. President Pope mentioned that the Supreme Court ruling on the handgun case will most likely not be announced until June, 2010, and expressed his concern that their decision may not take into account our unique circumstances here in Oak Park. President Pope went on to discuss the School District 200 lawsuit, and what a profound waste of resources this represents. He read aloud a letter he wrote to the District 200 School Board.

### **ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M. Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

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

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Teresa Powell, Village Clerk

By: Karen M. Muriello  
Deputy Village Clerk