

**APPROVED MINUTES - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN ROOM 101 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 8:05 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.

AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT

Esther Brodsky, 926 Hayes. Ms. Brodsky spoke about poor service from Commonwealth Edison and the inconvenience that the power outages in her area have caused residents.

Dr. Donna Bindokas, 922 Hayes. Dr. Bindokas expressed dissatisfaction with the frequency of power outages that occur for no apparent reason and has been trying to get the Village to address this problem for many years.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **OPRF Foundation Sustainability Vision Plan**
Sustainability Manager K.C. Poulos introduced Gary Cuneen of Seven Generations Ahead, who spoke about the planned environmental sustainability activities and their timelines. The final draft of the plan was scheduled to be completed by December, with implementation beginning in 2011. Funding was received through a grant from the Grand Victoria Foundation for this project, Community Works, which would engage residents of Oak Park and River Forest in creating sustainable communities.

2. **Com-Ed – Smart Grid Update - North Blvd Sub-station**
Ms. Poulos announced that smart meters have been deployed throughout Oak Park and introduced Rich Gordus, Manager of Smart Grid Technologies and Strategies for Com-Ed. Mr. Gordus acknowledged the concerns of residents and said they would be addressed.

He explained that Oak Park was part of the Innovation Corridor, in which Com Ed was taking a measured approach to discover what technologies can best benefit the customers, improve reliable service and help protect the environment. They have created smart grid pilots within the Innovations Corridor, which include solar panels installed in 100 homes, an intelligent substation with advanced digital technology,

and self healing lines, which automatically find and repair disturbances based on the fault location. This would be implemented during the first half of 2011.

3. Korean - Oak Park Collaboration Smart Community Pilot.

A. Cub (Citizens Utility Board)

Ms. Poulos explained that the Village of Oak Park was approached by the Korean Smart Grid Institute to test smart grid technologies. She introduced Dave Kolata from Cub (Citizens Utility Board) and John Kelly from the Illinois Institute of Technology, who would discuss how the Village will be involved in this.

Mr. Kolata stated that if the smart grid system is designed correctly, it will be beneficial to consumers by helping maximize energy efficiency. The state of Illinois formed a collaborative partnership with Korean Smart Grid Institute to pursue possibilities for smart grid investment in jobs in the state of Illinois. Oak Park was asked to participate because of their leadership on sustainability issues and being part of the Com-Ed smart grid pilot. President Pope had signed a non-binding letter of intent to explore these opportunities.

B. LOI (Letter of Intent) with IIT (Illinois Institute of Technology) and Perfect Power

Mr. Kelly spoke further regarding the letter of intent and discussed Naperville's independent power system. He discussed the benefits that Oak Park residents would receive from this project and gave a brief overview of the schedule, then answered questions from the Board.

4. Consideration of Solar Panels on Avenue Garage

A. Overview and Cost

Ms. Poulos stated that she was asked to research investing in solar energy, and found that the Avenue Garage was well suited for this. Costs for this would be reduced by a 50% grant.

B. Financing and ROI (Return on Investment)

Two different finance options were discussed.

C. SREC's (Solar Renewable Energy Credit)

In addition to the energy savings obtained by solar panels on the garage, the Village would also be the owner of solar renewable energy credits (SREC's), which can be sold once each year. This system would generate 129 SREC's each year.

5. Sustainability Updates

A. Electric Vehicle for Free Parking

Ms. Poulos stated that we may encourage the electric vehicle market by offering free parking to owners of these vehicles. This is envisioned to be two-year free parking in the business district for two hours. There was a discussion regarding which streets these vehicles will and will not be allowed to operate on because of their low speed capacity.

B. Community Aggregation

C. Municipal Electricity Utility

Ms. Poulos explained the concept of community aggregation, which allows municipalities to procure energy on their own by state statute. The Village is looking to work with like-minded communities who want to procure not only greener sources of energy than what's currently being offered by Exelon, but also to look into renewable energy investment.

6. Calendars

President Pope asked if anyone had any questions regarding the calendar that had been distributed at the last Board meeting. There were no questions.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M. Monday, September 13, 2010.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk