



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Monday, August 1, 2022

5:30 PM

Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Village President Scaman called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. She authorized a statement be read providing that the meeting is being held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines and that it is not prudent to have people present at the Village Board's regular meeting location due to public health concerns related to that pandemic.

II. Roll Call

Trustee Robinson arrived at 5:36 P.M.

Present: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

Absent: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

III. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Village Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Village Trustee Enyia, to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

IV. Minutes

- A. [ID 22-248](#) Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Remote Meeting of June 21, 2022, Regular Remote Meeting of July 18, 2022 and Special Remote Meeting of July 25, 2002 of the Village Board.

It was moved by Village Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Village Trustee Robinson, to approve the Minutes. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

The following person spoke their Non-Agenda Public Comment aloud:

Tom Bassett-Dilley: Tom Bassett-Dilley spoke their public comment expressing their gratitude for the Board's consideration to adopt the Climate Action Plan. They feel the challenge will be from going from intention to implementation, and they encouraged the Board to consider a strategy where fossil-fuel appliances on village property are replaced with efficient electrical units so the village can reach its climate goals.

Clerk Waters read the following Non-Agenda Public Comment aloud:

Brian Straw: Brian Straw submitted their public comment stating that addressing community-wide concerns regarding traffic safety and gun violence on a block-by-block basis is neither an efficient use of village resources nor an equitable approach to an issue that is impacting our entire community. They urge the Village Board to work with staff and put together a comprehensive approach to evaluating community needs and desires regarding transportation infrastructure, and develop a comprehensive plan that evolves our current transportation infrastructure to slow down vehicle traffic in order to improve safety and accessibility for people on bike, on foot, or using mobility devices.

VI. Village Manager Reports

Z [ID 22-251](#) Fire Station Boiler Project Update

Village Manager Kevin Jackson introduced Rob Sproule, Director of Public Works, who gave an update on the fire station boiler project. Staff has received information on alternatives to the proposed boiler but has not had time to carefully review the information, and are recommending to table the discussion until the September 6th Board meeting.

Trustee Taglia requested clarification if staff feel confident that deferring the decision a month will not jeopardize the current system.

Director Sproule expressed some concern that delaying a decision may impact the timeline and may prevent installation before the winter, but staff did not feel confident trying to push the Board into making a decision without reviewing the new information since there was clear direction to explore alternatives.

VII. Village Board Committees & Trustee Liaison Commission Reports

There was no further discussion on this Item.

VIII. Citizen Commission Vacancies

- B. [ID 22-249](#) Board & Commission Vacancy Report for August 1, 2022.

There was no further discussion on this Item.

IX. Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments

- C. [ID 22-250](#) Motion to Consent to the Village President's Appointment of:
Aging in Place Commission - Marc Blesoff, Appoint as Chair
Transportation Commission - Ron Burke, Reappoint as Chair

It was moved by Village Trustee Robinson, seconded by Village Trustee Buchanan, to approve the Report. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

X. Consent Agenda***Approval of the Consent Agenda***

It was moved by Village Trustee Robinson, seconded by Village Trustee Buchanan, to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

- D. [MOT 22-60](#) A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$7,134,499.34 from May 28, 2022, through July 8, 2022

This Motion was approved.

- E. [MOT 22-64](#) A Motion to Approve the June 2022 Monthly Treasurer's Report for All Funds

This Motion was approved.

- F. [RES 22-143](#) A Resolution Approving the Final Program Year 2022 Action Plan for Federal Community Development Block Grants Funds and Submitting the Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

This Resolution was adopted.

- G. [RES 22-147](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Sub-Application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for the Lombard Avenue Relief Sewer Project
This Resolution was adopted.
- H. [RES 22-167](#) A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with Third Millennium Associates, Incorporated to Provide Utility Billing Services for a Five-Year Term in an Annual Amount Not to Exceed \$25,000 and Authorizing Its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- I. [RES 22-176](#) A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Dumping of Excavated Material Price Agreement with Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. for 2022 to Change the Not Exceed Amount from \$95,000.00 to \$130,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- J. [RES 22-177](#) A Resolutions Approving Marketing Services Agreements and Authorizing their Execution as Reviewed by the Housing Programs Advisory Committee
1. MSA 2204
 2. MSA 2205
 3. MSA 2207
 4. MSA 2213
 5. MSA 2215
 6. MSA 2222
 7. MSA 2223
- This Resolution was adopted.**
- K. [RES 22-178](#) A Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the Cook County Department of Public Health for a Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant in the Amount of \$300,000 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- L. [RES 22-180](#) A Resolution Approving a Contract with Morrison Construction Company, Inc. for Project 22-11, Central Pumping Station Upgrades, in an Amount not to Exceed \$659,000 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- M. [RES 22-181](#) A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Funding Grant Agreement Between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Regional Housing Center (OPRHC) to Change the Total Funding Amount to \$300,000

Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and Authorizing Its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- N. [RES 22-182](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Reallocation of Program Year (PY) 2020 Returned Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to Program Year 2021 Activities by Amending the 2021 Action Plan

This Resolution was adopted.

- O. [RES 22-186](#) A Resolution Approving a Nursing Services Agreement with Patrice Steurer, R.N., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- P. [RES 22-187](#) A Resolution Approving an Animal Impoundment and Other Services Agreement with the Animal Care League for a Five-Year Term and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- Q. [RES 22-189](#) A Resolution Authorizing Rejection of all Electricity Aggregation Proposals Due by July 22, 2022 for the Oak Park Community Choice Aggregation Program and Authorizing Re-Issuance of the Request for Proposals

This Resolution was adopted.

- R. [RES 22-192](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement in Workers' Compensation Case No. 2022 WC 04210

This Resolution was adopted.

- S. [ORD 22-54](#) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 ("Motor Vehicles and Traffic"), Article 3 ("Parking Meters, Parking Permits, and Municipal Attendant Parking Lots"), Section 15-3-18 ("Parking Rates; Parking Meters, Pay by Space Machines, Village Operated Parking Structures, Permit, Extended Pass, Valet and Daytime on Street Permit Parking") of the Oak Park Village Code

This Ordinance was adopted.

XI. Regular Agenda

- T. [MOT 22-73](#) Motion to Concur with the Oak Park Economic Development Corporation's (OPEDC) Recommendation to Enter Into a Sales Tax Rebate Sharing Agreement with 1144 Lake Street, LLC, for the Purpose of Attracting Dom's Kitchen & Market to Locate at 1144 Lake Street and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Agreement

Village Manager Jackson introduced Tammie Grossman, Director of Development Customer Services, and John Lynch, Executive Director of the Oak Park Economic Development Corporation (OPEDC), who then gave an overview of the Item.

Trustee Enyia expressed his support for this project and requested clarification if there would be any energy retrofits during the build out process.

Mike Mallon, Senior Vice President of Draper & Kramer, responded they are currently looking to see what steps they can take to improve the energy efficiency of the space.

Village Trustee Taglia expressed his support for this project and the tax share agreement.

Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on how they determined a 50/50 tax sharing split as opposed to another percentage.

John Lynch responded the initial ask was higher, but they negotiated the number.

Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on when they expect to be open. Mike Mallon responded they are aiming for third quarter 2023.

Village Trustee Parakkat expressed his support for this project.

It was moved by Village Trustee Robinson, seconded by Village Trustee Parakkat, to approve the Motion. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

- U.** [RES 22-185](#) A Resolution Approving an Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Advanced Security Solutions Inc to Renew the Term of the Agreement through October 31, 2022, and to Change the Not to Exceed Amounts for the Renewal Term for Services at Village Parking Structures to \$236,000.00 and Services at Village Hall to \$19,000.00 and Authorizing Its Execution

Village Manager Jackson introduced the Item.

Tammie Grossman, Director of Development Customer Services, then gave an overview of the Item.

Trustee Taglia requested clarification if the scope of work changed for roving patrol services in the garages.

Director Grossman responded the village did add roving patrols to the Lake and Forest garage.

Trustee Taglia requested clarification on the sequence of events time wise that prevented bidding this out in the normal course rather than getting a short-term contract at an elevated price.

Director Grossman responded there was a 45 day notice per the contract which coincided with vehicle license renewals. Staff also did not expect for the vendor to not renew based on the previous contract.

Trustee Robinson requested clarification regarding if the increase was greater than the 5% CPI cap from the original contract.

Director Grossman confirmed it is much greater than the 5% cap.

Trustee Robinson requested clarification as to why the village could not point to the 5% cap provision in the contract and say to the vendor they cannot renew at an exaggerated increase.

Village Attorney Stephanides responded the contract renews annually and both parties need to agree on the conditions. The vendor was indicating they were not going to renew and this short-term extension is a way for the village to put out an RFP for security services.

Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on if staff has been satisfied with the services provided from the security vendor, and would like to know what the tenure of a contract would look like as he sees not being able to adjust a contract as a risk.

Director Grossman responded they have been happy with the vendor's services. There are a couple of options on how to avoid a situation like this in the future, but it is dependant on the responses to the request for proposals.

Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on if staff has considered alternatives approaches to security.

Director Grossman responded the village has implemented many technology-based solutions in the garages, but believes there will always be a need for security even though the village has increased the technology.

Trustee Taglia commented they feel the bigger issue is the village losing leverage with the vendor. The vendor gave the village a short-term agreement at a very high rate which the village had to accept since we needed the services provided until we bid it out.

Director Grossman added staff did contact other firms to see if we could

get a short-term contract and staff received similar rates with the other firms, and anticipates seeing a substantial increase in the security rates for the new vendor.

It was moved by Village Trustee Parakkat, seconded by Village Trustee Buchanan, to approve the Resolution. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

- V.** [MOT 22-70](#) A Motion to Concur with the Transportation Commission's Recommendations, as Amended by Staff, to Implement Portable Speed Radar Signs or Speed Wagons on an Intermittent Basis on the 500 and 600 Blocks of North Taylor Avenue and to Install Rumble Strips on Taylor by the Alley North of Chicago Avenue

The following persons spoke their Agenda Public Comment aloud:

Diane Ratekin: Diane Ratekin spoke their public comment in support of the Transportation Commissions recommendation to remove the Taylor Avenue curb cut by the BP gas station at 100 Chicago Avenue. They feel that limiting the Taylor Avenue access will control traffic and deter violent crimes of coming into and out of the gas station and into their neighborhood. They urged the Board to support this measure.

Barbara Shulman: Barbara Shulman spoke their public comment stating Oak Park has a nuisance ordinance that recognizes the right of residents to feel safe on public streets, and the history of violent crime and traffic accidents at the BP gas station has taken that safety right away. They request the Board take steps to amend the existing nuisance ordinance to specify when there are three violent crimes committed that the location is deemed a nuisance, to amend the zoning ordinance to ensure there are no all-night gas stations in Oak Park, to amend the zoning code to require outdoor security cameras at gas stations, and to identify the goods being sold at gas stations that are attracting criminal element and prohibit their sales in Oak Park.

Karl Leonard: Karl Leonard spoke their public comment stating the BP gas station at Chicago and Taylor Avenues should not exist, period. Anything else is not good enough. The owner of the gas station is not a partner with the village and is not a business partner the village needs to be kow-towing to. Anything short of shutting down the gas station is absolutely not sufficient.

Karen Burke: Karen Burke spoke their public comment regarding the incidents at the BP gas station. For the last year, she and her neighbors have brought their concerns before the Board trying to press upon them a sense of urgency. They were surprised that the recommendations by the Transportation Commission that are on the agenda tonight were changed, and questioned how is it that the comfort of a business owner who is operating with negligence and in bad faith for years is more important than the safety of village residents.

Clerk Waters read the following Agenda Public Comment aloud:

Northeast Oak Park Neighbors: This group of neighbors submitted their public comment expressing concerns for their safety due to criminal activity at and around the BP gas station on the corner of Chicago and Taylor Avenues, and the dangerous traffic patterns which ensue from the business which makes it a public nuisance. They wholeheartedly support the initial recommendations from the Transportation Commission and believe the elimination of the driveway on Taylor will alleviate many of the safety and traffic concerns.

Deputy Village Manager Ahmad Zayyad introduced the Item.

Village Engineer Bill McKenna and Transportation Commission Chair Ron Burke then gave an overview of the Item and the recommendations.

Trustee Enyia requested clarification on if the three curb cuts were approved by the village or something the gas station did on their own. Bill McKenna responded the curb cuts have been in place since the 1970's and were grandfathered in to the code.

Trustee Enyia requested clarification on if there have been discussions with the gas station owner regarding removing one of the curb cuts. Director Grossman responded there have been discussion but unfortunately he cannot get fuel delivery if they remove the Taylor curb cut as the two other curb cuts do not provide enough turn radius for the truck to deliver fuel.

Trustee Enyia requested clarification if the village could implement some sort of "street squeeze" to narrow the street making it more difficult for someone to speed through a residential area. Village Engineer McKenna responded that is called a "pinch point" and could be considered north of the alley return.

Trustee Taglia commented that he understands the necessity of getting a fuel truck in but that the village should be able to figure out how to secure

the curb with a barrier where the trucks can remove the chain to deliver fuel. He would also support creating a pinch point.

Trustee Robinson agreed with both creating a barrier on Taylor and creating a pinch point as more long-term solutions in an effort to provide some relief that is going to be long lasting.

Trustee Parakkat expressed his support for looking at the cut outs to see what can be done to address safety as well as creating a pinch point to create a safer space for residents living there, as well as more long-term solutions.

Trustee Buchanan expressed their support for the Transportation Commission's recommendations, but would like to see more bolder actions take place. They would like to see a way to make the Taylor curb cut inaccessible to cars but accessible to delivery trucks as well as have the owner get rid of some items for sale to make it a less desirable place to come and stop. They overall support as much action within the Board's purview to address the issues, including declaring the gas station a nuisance and closing it down due to the amount of historical violence at that location.

Trustee Enyia requested clarification if Oak Park could implement a tax on tobacco sales at Oak Park gas stations as a possible deterrent. Manager Jackson responded staff can look into that as an option. Village Attorney Stephanides added there was a state statute in the early 1990s that froze taxes on tobacco products resulting in the inability for municipalities to raise or enact new taxes on tobacco products, but staff will review the statute and report back to the Board.

Trustee Parakkat requested clarification if the village could raise the fines for speeding in the village.

Village Engineer McKenna responded it would have to be done village-wide and not just in a specific area of the village.

Attorney Stephanides added it could be done legally and staff will look into it.

Chair Burke added the Transportation Commission has previously encouraged the village to look at some of the common traffic challenges comprehensively across the entire village, and would like to work with staff to investigate how to address these issues comprehensively as opposed to one petition or one block at a time.

President Scaman stated the consensus seemed to be to go forward with the motion on the table to approve the Transportation Commission's

recommendation as amended by staff, and to consider options on how the curb cut could be blocked but available for delivery trucks as well as the implementation of a pinch point.

Village Manager Jackson clarified there are considerations before implementing either option, such as who is responsible for the curb cut blockade, who owns the property, who would be responsible for funding it, and feedback from the residents of the area regarding a pinch point.

Trustee Robinson requested clarification if there are any other existing businesses that have a similar driveway type of access.

Village Engineer McKenna responded there is nothing he can think of where there is a physical restriction on it.

Trustee Taglia commented that as a good neighbor, the owner of the gas station may be happy to implement a restriction on the Taylor curb cut as the calls have been they are not good neighbors and this would show where they stand.

President Scaman then proposed calling for a vote on the Item as presented unless there was a desire to amend.

Trustee Taglia commented he would be in favor of amending the Item to get it done in one step and make a commitment to it.

Village Attorney Stephanides recommended looking into the options before enacting any kind of mandate.

Trustee Taglia agreed to keeping the Item as presented and to let the community know the Board is behind implementing a blockade at the curb cut and considering a pinch point or other options to ensure safety.

Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on the timeline.

Village Engineer McKenna responded if the Board would like to go forward with the rumble strips that is a matter of ordering the material and installing it. To implement a pinch point, the fastest route would be to do a change order with the current street resurfacing project vendor and bring that back to the Board. Implementation of a gate may take more time as the village would need to review it from a legal and practical perspective as well as work with the owner.

It was moved by Village Trustee Robinson, seconded by Village Trustee Buchanan, to approve the Motion. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

X. [MOT 22-74](#) Presentation Regarding 24-Hour Gas Stations and Motion to Direct Staff on Possible Next Steps

Village Manager Jackson introduced the Item.

Clerk Waters read the following Agenda Public Comment aloud:

Judith Alexander: Judith Alexander submitted their public comment requesting the Board to consider limiting the operation times of all 24-hour businesses in the village, not just gas station. They also asked the Board to consider modifying the public nuisance ordinance where if a problem business is cited for three or more nuisance incidents it will be declared a nuisance and fined.

Interim Chief Shatonya Johnson then gave an overview of the Item.

Trustee Enyia requested clarification on what the relationship is like between the gas station and resident beat officer (RBO).

Interim Chief Johnson responded the RBO has a relationship with the gas station owner and addressed issues with the owner regarding non-violent issues such as trash. There are also foot patrols in the area and the area is continued to be monitored by stationary posts to try to ensure public safety.

Trustee Enyia requested clarification regarding imposing the nuisance ticketing as suggested by the public commenter, like a three strikes rule to address issues and ensure we are setting ourselves up for success with dealing with gas stations.

Village Attorney Stephanides responded the village currently has some provisions on the books already in conjunction with what other municipalities have done and staff can look at that in more detail.

Trustee Taglia commented he understands there may be a fiscal impact to the gas stations should the village adopt an ordinance restricting the hours of operations for the 24-hour gas stations, but his concern is for the safety of our residents. The financial implications of closing gas stations late at night cannot be weighed against safety, and not fighting for the safety of our residents is contrary to why we were elected in the first place. Trustee Taglia added that the village should be taking action now and not waiting for any further violent actions to take place.

Trustee Taglia requested clarification of what proactive measures are being taken by the police.

Interim Chief Johnson responded the police has increased patrols in the area, they have assigned officers to stationary posts in the area to be

visible, and have used decoy cars as well as have the RBO's doing frequent business checks in the area.

Trustee Taglia commented that he received an email from former Police Chief LaDon Reynolds on March 18th regarding an analysis done had shown that 24-hour gas stations account for roughly 5% of violent crime in the village and the police department supports reducing the operating hours of these businesses. Chief Reynolds added he firmly believed that we would see a reduction in violent incidents, especially adjacent to I-290. Trustee Taglia stated his opinion mirrors that of former Chief Reynolds that closing stations in the overnight hours was the right thing to do then, and is the right thing to do now, and the Board should consider this option to protect the safety of the residents.

Village Manager Jackson added the analysis done back in March did not include a comprehensive analysis of the legal circumstances surrounding options for reducing the hours. The current analysis is a holistic look at all angles of the issue.

Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on what the scenarios could be considered to take away the business license.

Village Attorney Stephanides responded the licensee would be entitled to due a process hearing where the village would present prosecution against the licensee and the licensee would be able to refute it. The charging document would have to include offenses that can be directly related to the licensee's conduct. In the write up it is more of a going forward basis, to look at the licensee conduct and see, now that they are put on notice, what activities are occurring at their properties and what they do to stop those activities.

Trustee Parakkat requested clarification if there is data to reflect a reduction in crime by closing gas stations.

Interim Chief Johnson responded they reached out to other chief's from other jurisdictions and are waiting to hear back.

Trustee Parakkat commented safety is a priority and he would accept the possibility of litigation if a business is a nuisance and impacting public safety.

Trustee Robinson would like the solutions to be a long-term approach and requested more information on a blanket approach and tiered approach to the issues. Regarding the competitive disadvantage the gas stations may face, the village may be able to cover the gap if they can create a safer environment for more local residents to feel comfortable using the local gas

stations even if they operate with shorter hours.

Trustee Parakkat emphasized the importance of a business to invest in and show a commitment to the community, which will help build trust.

President Scaman would like to recommend staff to look at the nuisance ordinance to see how it might be strengthened to help identify what data to collect to identify what behavior is contributing to crime so if they decide to change the ordinance for hours of operations or closing certain businesses then at a minimum they have an additional tool to show there was lack of compliance and protect the village from litigation.

Trustee Taglia reminded everyone this has been a topic of discussion since March and time is of the essence. If there are resources, discussion or analysis that needs to happen then we need to do it and come to a conclusion.

President Scaman asked if anyone wanted to provide direction to staff to look at the nuisance ordinance and how it might be modified to hold business more easily accountable.

Trustee Robinson moved to do so, with the addition of an analysis of legal risks associated with the blanket and tiered approaches

Village Manager Jackson requested clarification from Village Attorney Stephanides regarding strengthening the nuisance ordinance and analysis on the legal risks from a blanket and tiered approach.

Village Attorney Stephanides responded the village already had a nuisance ordinance in place and he will work on strengthening it and bring a draft version to the Board in September, as well as prepare a memo on the analysis of a blanket versus tiered approach.

There was no vote taken on this Item.

- W.** [RES 22-183](#) A Resolution Adopting the 2022 Community Sustainability, Climate Action, and Resiliency Plan for Oak Park, titled "Climate Ready Oak Park" and Declaring a Climate Crisis

Village Manager Jackson introduced the Item. He then introduced Deputy Village Manager Zayyad and Marcella Bondie Keenan, Sustainability Coordinator, who gave an overview of the Item.

Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on who is accountable from an execution standpoint.

The village would have a lot of responsibility as it is able to direct policy that would impact building and development standards, transportation

infrastructure, and biodiversity commitment. It is also the village's responsibility to be a good partner and leader, and it will be important to reach out to our governmental partners and ensure we are working together, and to listen to the community and be responsive to what the needs are.

Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on funding the plan. Marcella Bondie Keenan responded there are a variety of funding sources and only a few that are piped straight into the sustainability fund. Many of the funds are coming from other sources which is important as sustainability and climate action are essentially mainstream services.

Trustee Buchanan requested clarification as to why the CCA (Community Choice Energy/ Municipal Aggregation) contributions are down. Marcella Bondie Keenan responded due to energy market price being high, the margin that MC Squared can make by serving the village as an aggregator is smaller. It use to be on a per customer basis but it was negotiated to a flat fee.

Trustee Buchanan requested clarification if ARPA funds would be utilized. Village Manager Jackson responded staff plans to bring forth a plan for future expenditures of ARPA funding, and the sustainability fund would be part of that.

Trustee Taglia expressed concern regarding the revenue side of the plan, and there should be an emphasis and focus on revenue and looking for ways to have this funded so the plan is successful.

Trustee Enyia requested clarification on how the to hold accountable the village's community partners in trying to reach this goal together. Marcella Bondie Keenan responded staff has already done outreach and have had conversations with local community groups and intergovernmental partners, and it would be helpful if the Trustees would consider reaching out to their counterparts of those Boards to help continue these conversations.

Village Manager Jackson added with the adoption of the plan and the board's commitment to moving forward with the implementation of the plan, it becomes part of the way the village does business and the interacts with community partners, and there is a role for the Board to play to helping to facilitate those partnerships and accountability from our partners.

Trustee Parakkat requested getting an update every three months or so as to the execution and implementation of the plan to keep the Board informed.

It was moved by Village Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Village Trustee Enyia,

to adopt the Resolution. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

Y [RES 22-191](#) A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with Comprehensive Construction Solutions, LLC to Replace the Boiler System at the North Fire Station in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,293.75 and Authorizing its Execution

Clerk Waters read the following Agenda Public Comment aloud:

McLouis Robinet: McLouis Robinet submitted their public comment expressing their gratitude for the Board's decision to not replace the gas boiler at the fire station with another gas boiler or electric boiler as it is not an option that meets the community's commitment to reduce emissions. Air-to-water heat pump systems are more efficient than air-to-air systems so it would make no sense to convert to an air-to-air system. The need to replace the boiler at Fire Station #2 presents a unique opportunity. Station #2 could be used as a heat pump demonstration center where the public could actually see how an air-to-water heat pump system works.

This Item was tabled to the September 6, 2022 Board Meeting.

It was moved by Village Trustee Robins, seconded by Village Trustee Buchanan, to table the Resolution. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

XII. Adjourn

It was moved by Village Trustee Parakkat, seconded by Village Trustee Robinson, to Adjourn. The motion was approved. The Meeting adjourned at 9:14 P.M., Monday, August 11, 2022.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Deputy Clerk DeViller**

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla