



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Monday, May 18, 2020

6:30 PM

Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Village President Abu-Taleb called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Abu-Taleb, Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, Moroney, Taglia, and Walker-Peddakotla

Absent: 0

III. Agenda Approval

Village President Abu-Taleb noted that there was a request to move Item H from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla requested that Item D be moved from Consent to Regular as well. Village Trustee Boutet requested that Item M be discussed prior to Item L. Village President Abu-Taleb dismissed the request to change the order of the Agenda.

It was moved by Village Trustee Andrews, seconded by Village Trustee Moroney, to approve the Agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

IV. Minutes

- A. [MOT 20-027](#) Motion to Approve Minutes from the May 4, 2020 Remote Regular Meeting of the Village Board and the May 11, 2020 Remote Special Meeting of the Village Board.

It was moved by Village Trustee Moroney, seconded by Village Trustee Andrews, to approve the Minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Chris White, SEIU Local Union 73 Field Organizer, on behalf of Stewards Rachel Nesbitt, Ivory Pearson and Kevin Cassidy. The three stewards asked the Board to invest in their Union staff.

VI. Village Manager Reports

- B. [ID 20-136](#) Status Report to the Village Board Regarding the Response to an Emergency Affecting the Public Health Pursuant to Resolution 20-120 Adopted on March 13, 2020 and Extended by Resolutions 20-124 and 20-128 which Continues the Emergency through June 1, 2020

Village Manager Pavlicek commented that daily summary reports for March, April and May (through last Thursday) have been included in the documents attached to this Agenda Item. Daily updates are available on the website.

Director of Public Health Mike Charley stated that a total of 249 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in Oak Park with 16 deaths. The department has been following up with close contacts and continues to work with assisted living facilities. He discussed the Village's response to Restore Illinois and described how the Governor has split the state into regions; Oak Park is in the Northeast Region. Illinois is currently in Phase 2 of five in the Restore Illinois Plan. Mr. Charley believes cases in the Village peaked in the beginning of April and have remained steady since then. He discussed how each phase slowly opens up the state, with additional guidance to keep people safe. The state needs to meet specific data to move from phase to phase. The current plan is for three of the four regions to move into Phase 3 at the end of next week, based on a positivity rate of under 20%. The only region not ready to move is the Northeast Region. However, as of today, this region is at 17.9% over a seven day rolling average. In addition, there has been no overall increase in hospital admissions in 28 days. He discussed additional required metrics that all regions have met. He believes the state will be open soon and has been working with the Village Manager to get businesses and outdoor recreation open.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla expressed concern that 44% of the COVID-19 cases are in the Black community. She felt that the Village should do something about that to show that they are committed to racial equity. Village Trustee Moroney asked her, as a policy maker, what specific policy she would recommend. She suggested looking at what other communities are doing. There was further discussion. She also referred to the public comment and asked why Union staff is not getting what they need to work remotely.

Village Trustee Boutet discussed information from the CDC regarding how to address racial disparity regarding COVID-19.

Village Trustee Buchanan expressed reservation regarding reopening Oak Park due to its proximity to Chicago. Mr. Charley clarified that the data being used and other guidance will be coming from the state. Village Trustee Buchanan commented that the effects of COVID-19 on people of color is something that the Village cannot fix right now, as there are many factors involved. She suggested that other networks such as the Community Relations Commission, be used for education. She also expressed concern regarding the SEIU's public comment.

Village Manager Pavlicek stated that the Village has been proactive in giving people the ability to work from home. However, there are jobs that cannot be done remotely such as cashiers and parking enforcement officers. She discussed other actions taken to communicate with staff. She believes the purpose of the public comment was to provide information to the Board, as they will be discussing the budget.

Village Trustee Moroney would like to see the number of tests given as well as number of positive cases. He also asked how long it will be necessary to provide these daily updates. Mr. Charley said he could provide information regarding number of tests. Once the number of cases decline to a level where daily reporting isn't necessary, they will make a decision.

Village Trustee Andrews asked for statistics on recovery.

Village President Abu-Taleb commented that they can't forget that this is a new virus to everyone. There was no way to know if it would impact a certain group over another. It doesn't help anyone to accuse the Village of not doing something. He urged all to work together.

Fire Chief Tom Ebsen stated that things continue to go well at the Fire Department. He discussed the responsibilities of Deputy Chiefs Joseph Terry and Scott Bartelt. Their resources currently meet demands. In April, 51 patients were transported with COVID-19 symptom. So far this month, there have been 15, so the number is trending downwards. The workforce is stable; no one has tested positive for COVID to date. He described the ambulance sanitization process. The department is also well supplied with PPE. The only item in short supply is gowns, however they have acquired overalls for use in high risk situations. These can then be laundered.

Police Chief La Don Reynolds stated that the department has had 20 COVID related business calls and 72 social distancing calls to date. Approximately 300 masks have been distributed at the police desk. Calls for service are increasing, specifically crimes against persons, such as robberies. Police are experiencing a shortage of gowns as well, and have acquired a washer and dryer in order to use the same coveralls that the Fire Department is using.

Director of Public Works John Wielebnicki stated that Public Works continues to work in three shifts with no crossover. They are also working to obtain additional PPE. Lake Street construction continues, new pavement installation should be completed by the middle of June. Work on the East Avenue bridge starts this week, with deck and sidewalk repair beginning next week. Staff has been busy today due to the rain yesterday. There were approximately 30 calls for sewer backup. Waste Management has been contacted and will provide free pickup of large items later this week. He instructed residents to call Public Works directly in order to be put on the list for pickup. Mr. Wielebnicki also gave information regarding how residents can help to avoid flooding, including Village sponsored programs and explained how the sewer system operates.

VII. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

AYES: 7 - Abu-Taleb, Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, Moroney, Taglia, and Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- C. [RES 20-138](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of an Independent Contractor Agreement Between the Village Of Oak Park And O'Hare Truck Service, Inc., d/b/a O'Hare Towing Service for Village Towing Services for a One Year Term and Authorizing its Execution**

This Resolution was adopted.

- E. [RES 20-130](#) A Resolution Approving an Amendment to a Contract with Era - Valdivia**

Contractors, Inc., for Project 19-14, Bridge Rehabilitation Improvements, to Change the Not To Exceed Amount from \$517,300 to \$572,943 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- F. [RES 20-131](#) A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Environmental Remediation Work between the Village of Oak Park and AH Oak Park LLC in an Amount not to Exceed \$685,000 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- G. [RES 20-132](#) A Resolution Approving an Amendment to a Contract with Lindahl Brothers, Inc., for Project 20-11, Lake Street Resurfacing - Euclid Avenue to Austin Boulevard, to Change the Not To Exceed Amount from \$1,992,645 to \$2,126,606 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- I. [RES 20-135](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Rebuild Illinois Fast-Track Public Infrastructure Program Grant Applications for the Resurfacing of Local Streets Project and the Oak Park Avenue Water, Sewer, and Resurfacing Project

This Resolution was adopted.

- J. [MOT 20-023](#) A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$2,548,769.13 from April 21, 2020 through May 11, 2020

This Motion was approved.

- K. [MOT 20-024](#) A Motion to Approve the April 2020 Monthly Treasurer's Report for All Funds

This Motion was approved.

VIII. Regular Agenda

- L. [ID 20-129](#) Presentation of Initial Recommendations to Reduce FY20 Expenses in order to Address the Fiscal Side of the Emergency Affecting Public Health Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic with Board discussion recommended on June 1, 2020 and Amended Budget considered on June 15, 2020.

Village Manager Pavlicek stated that she and CFO Drazner put together this presentation to provide a general overview of the fiscal impact of COVID-19. She is expecting the Board to come back with a more robust discussion on June 1. She noted that the Stay at Home Order has significantly changed Village services and how employees do their jobs on a day to day basis, but the costs of keeping a functioning municipal government have not changed. In addition, the revenue forecast at this time shows a significant downturn. At the start of FY20, the General Fund Balance was at \$13.9 million. If the Village does nothing, it is projected that this would be depleted by mid 2021.

CFO Drazner gave an overview of the FY20 adopted budget and described General Fund operating revenues and expenditures. He noted that 79% of General Fund expenditures are personnel related. Village Manager Pavlicek added that because opening the State of Illinois is out of the Village's control, these are only projections being presented and can change at any time. It will be very difficult to treat this as an exact science. She stated that staff has looked at reducing materials or contractual costs, reducing spending and finding new resources. CFO Drazner stated that every Director was asked to review their budget and find reductions where possible. The cuts from the General Fund total \$1,4 million. Other proposed reductions include approximately \$8 millions from the Main Capital Fund, \$3.3 million from the Capital Building Improvements Fund, \$4 million from Water and \$1.5 from Parking. The projected reductions total \$17 million. Village Manager Pavlicek provided examples of reductions in contractual services. She also noted that programs of lesser value that are not being used will be brought to the Board, as well as rethinking subsidies. She acknowledged that these will be painful conversations but staff feels they have to look at everything at this time. In regards to reduced spending, staff is looking first and foremost at capital that can be put off, as well as to defer purchases and look at maintenance and repair standards to see if those costs can be deferred. Staff will also examine Village debt to see if it can be refinanced at a lower rate. She discussed new resources. Examples are increasing inter-fund charges and monetizing assets. In addition, staff will seek any government funded assistance they can find. The next steps would be a full discussion of the Village Board on June 1. Based on that discussion, staff could bring back an amendment to the FY20 Budget as soon as June 15.

Kitty Conklin. Ms Conklin expressed concern regarding property tax increases and hopes the Board makes the right decisions regarding financial cuts this evening.

Joshua Klayman. Mr. Klayman acknowledged that the Board has tough decisions to make. He offered advice regarding how to best determine which expenditures are most beneficial to residents.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla commented that one of the items proposed as part of budget reduction is programs of lower value or no-use programs. She asked how the value of a program is determined. Village Manager Pavlicek stated that a good example of this is the crossing guard program, since school has not been in session. She added that staff will use a more formal metric as they proceed.

Village Trustee Boutet acknowledged that this is an overview, but expressed a sense of urgency to start making some decisions. She requested a revised organizational chart, as 75% of the General Fund is the workforce, and there are staff who have not been working yet still getting paid. She also would like a proposed list of programs that will be discontinued. CFO Drazner stated that this will be discussed in further detail on June 1. Village Trustee Boutet made a motion to have a meeting next week, and also suggested implementing the business recovery plan immediately. Village President Abu-Taleb disagreed with having another meeting because staff needed more time to prepare the information. He also stated that the Village needs to wait for the State to move forward in regards to opening businesses. Village Trustee Andrews asked if staff would even have the information ready in a week before they vote to have another meeting. Village Manager Pavlicek stated that there are several very detailed documents attached to this item. That is what will be discussed on June 1. If the Board decides to have another meeting next week, it will be this same information that they are currently discussing.

CFO Drazner explained that these projections are difficult to make as it is very hard to predict recovery of the economy right now. However, at this time, projected loss in revenue is approximately \$10 million, which would require \$10 million in expenditure cuts

to balance that out.

Village Trustee Buchanan expressed concern regarding potential cuts to Visit Oak Park. She noted that they could be very helpful in regards to business recovery. Village Trustee Boutet agreed.

There was further discussion.

M. [MOT 20-028](#) A Motion to Receive Recommendations from the Oak Park Business Recovery Task Force and Direct Staff to Proceed with Specific Actions

Dr. Mary Ann Bender, President of the OPRF Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Bender hopes the Board will consider the recommendations. She expressed concern that businesses will be unable to obtain proper PPE and hoped the Village could direct them to a source.

Garth Katner. Mr. Katner expressed concern that the Transportation Commission has not met since the Stay at Home Order began. They are essential for developing strategies that promote social distancing and safe transportation for shopping, dining and recreation.

Sylvia Schveri. Ms. Schveri also expressed concern regarding the absence of Transportation Commission meetings, making them unable to meet the transportation needs of Oak Parkers as those needs evolve over the course of the pandemic.

Jenna Holzberg, Franny Ritchie. Ms. Holzberg and Ms. Ritchie also urged Board to allow the Transportation Commission to meet and expressed concern that the Business Recovery Plan is being presented without the commission's expertise.

Rona Taylor. Ms. Taylor encouraged the Village to allow social distanced block parties.

Miranda Johnson. Ms. Johnson noted that more residents are walking, running and biking. She asked that the Board reestablish the Transportation Commission and approve partial street closures to allow space for pedestrians and bikers.

John Fishburn. Mr. Fishburn spoke in support of the Slow Streets Plan.

Judith Alexander. Ms. Alexander urged the Board to consider removing graffiti at no charge for residents and businesses.

Village Trustee Andrews stated that the Business Recovery Task Force has met three times. The task force is made up of a diverse group of business owners, staff members, himself and Village Trustee Boutet. Various entities within Oak Park have been present at these meetings to provide input in order for the task force to arrive at these recommendations, He proposed that the Board go through each item one by one to allow for discussion.

The first category, Parking, contains a recommendation to create a mix of parking specific to the needs of certain areas, such as 15-minute loading zones for businesses with curbside pickup, and to implement permit parking override for service-based companies needing to park on blocks with restricted permit parking.

Village President Abu-Taleb suggested implementing a sunset date for these recommendations. Village Manager Pavlicek commented that staff's recommendation is

to follow the Governor's orders. She noted that daytime parking restrictions are currently not being enforced. Staff is recommending implementation of a pilot program once they go back into effect. There was consensus.

The next category, Right of Way, includes a recommendation to close certain streets at designated times to allow for restaurants and retail to utilize outside space for dining, etc. Village Trustee Buchanan stated that staff advised this cannot happen until Phase 4. She asked for clarification as to why an ordinance is needed. Village Attorney Stephanides stated that anytime parking restrictions are modified in any form, an ordinance is required by State Law. Village Trustee Boutet clarified that the intent of this recommendation was for people who pick up curbside from restaurants be allowed to eat at a picnic table, etc, in the street to provide some semblance of going out to dinner. This can be done prior to Phase 4. She added that staff should work with businesses to be flexible and implement what works for them. Village Trustee Andrews agreed. Village President Abu-Taleb and Village Trustee Moroney expressed concern regarding patrons being hit by a car. Village President Abu-Taleb understands the good intentions, but he does not feel that patrons want to sit at a table in a parking spot or expose their family to that. He would support helping businesses set up shop on sidewalks. In addition, it is not the role of the Board to run businesses. The best thing they can do is support them and is not in favor of closing off any streets. Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla agreed with the public comments regarding the Transportation Commission having input. Village Trustee Boutet stated that multiple businesses have discussed these recommendations, not just the task force. There are ways to be helpful now, as many businesses will not last without some type of action at this time. Village Trustee Andrews supports the recommendation, as well as getting the Transportation Commission involved, as long as they can make their recommendations in a timely manner. He expressed concern that they may not hear feedback for over a month. He would prefer that staff be given the latitude to work with businesses. There was consensus to defer this to staff's expertise.

Village Trustee Boutet explained the next recommendation, the Promenade Concept, which would entail closing off certain streets to allow for socially distanced outdoor activities. The Transportation Commission would be helpful in terms of creating a route. Village Trustee Moroney doesn't think this is necessary or germane to this topic. Village Trustee Andrews clarified that the original intent was to close off streets and create a route ending at a business district. Village Trustee Boutet commented that the Village has not done anything for the community in response to COVID-19. Village Trustee Moroney strongly disagreed. Village Trustee Boutet clarified that there is nothing in place for the business community or for any recreation for residents. Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla supports the idea, as it creates outdoor space for those who currently don't have it. She also agrees with using the expertise of the Transportation Commission and the Green Ways Plan. Village Trustee Taglia doesn't support this. Aside from the safety issues, this would only be temporary, not to mention that there are parks available for outdoor social distancing. Village Trustee Buchanan supports the recommendation. Village Manager Pavlicek commented that the original proposal, which staff gave their input on, resembled a block party. Village Trustee Andrews acknowledged this, noting that the concept has since changed. There was a majority consensus to refer this to the Transportation Commission.

Village Trustee Andrews discussed the next category, Financial. One of the recommendations was to prorate, defer or waive business license fees, without taking away income from the Village, for those that were closed or cannot afford them. There was consensus. Village Trustee Moroney supported this and suggested this be turned

over to staff to determine which businesses qualify. There was consensus.

The next item in that category is a Loan Guarantee Program for those businesses that cannot get one on their own. Village Trustee Boutet feels it is risky for the Village to guarantee the success of a business. She was more supportive of the Village applying for the revolving loan fund grant through the Federal government to help businesses versus taking this out of the General Fund. Village Trustee Moroney agreed and is not comfortable putting taxpayers in that position. Village Trustee Andrews agreed there is a risk and that it is a complicated issue. If the Village is eligible for the grant, that should be investigated first. Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla gave statistics regarding minority-owned businesses in terms of ability to secure a loan conventionally. She supports helping those businesses, despite the risk to the Village. Village Trustee Taglia acknowledged those concerns but didn't think the Board should be taking on that responsibility or saddling a future board with those obligations. Village Trustee Buchanan agreed. There was not consensus with the exception of Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla. There was direction for staff to apply for the grant. There was discussion regarding what to do for businesses using CDBG funding. Village Manager Pavlicek stated that the Village is waiting for information from the Federal Government and cannot move forward until then. .

Village Trustee Andrews stated that the next recommendation in that category is Social Media Advertising, where the Village would match investments made by Oak Park businesses up to a certain amount. Businesses could notify via social media that they are open, etc. Village Trustee Boutet recommends that Visit Oak Park do the marketing and discussed why the Village needs to continue funding them. Village Trustee Andrews disagreed. Visit Oak Park is in the business of tourism. There was discussion. Village Trustee Moroney was not supportive and noted that it would benefit some businesses over others. Village Trustee Buchanan would rather wait to discuss anything that is going to cost money until after the budget discussion. Village Trustees Walker-Peddakotla and Taglia felt that businesses can handle their own advertising. Village President Abu-Taleb commented that he is disappointed in the job that Visit Oak Park is doing. He agreed with Village Trustee Andrews regarding a tourism website marketing businesses. He does not think the Village should spend money on that at this time.

Regarding the next recommendation, Village Trustee Andrews stated that many businesses are having a hard time with procurement of PPE. In addition, the Village has not even completely fulfilled their own needs in regards to supplying PPE to first responders, etc. The task force had an extensive conversation about this, which resulted in the Village agreeing to supply businesses with PPE at cost if they find the opportunity to make large bulk purchases. However, businesses shouldn't rely on this as their only source. Fire Chief Ebsen commented that aside from demand outweighing supply, there are now government restrictions regarding the number of items that can be purchased. Bulk purchases are not possible at this time. Village Trustee Buchanan stated that perhaps the businesses assumed that government entities had knowledge of inside suppliers and they needed to hear that they do not. She is hoping that by the time retail, restaurants, etc. are open, PPE will be more available and that perhaps the Village could refer them to suppliers.

Village Trustee Andrews stated that the next category is Communications. The first recommendation is Funding a Chamber Employee, who can educate businesses about cash flow, marketing, etc. Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla supports this. Village Trustee Moroney does not. Village Trustee Andrews commented that he does not support

this either, as much as he supports the Chamber. Village Trustee Taglia was not in favor of this as well. Village Trustee Boutet expressed concern that many of these recommendations are not being supported and asked what the Village is in favor of doing for small businesses. She was in favor of funding an employee for the Chamber. Village Trustee Buchanan and Village President Abu-Taleb were also unsupportive of this initiative. Village Trustee Moroney stated that most business owners just want to be able to open their businesses. In addition, the Village, as a municipality, is limited in what they can do.

The next recommendation is to Boost Consumer Confidence. Village Trustee Andrews believes the Village can have an impact by having staff produce a number of videos that can be broadcast on social media, YouTube, etc., informing the public which businesses are open and how they are keeping customers safe. There was consensus.

The final recommendation is for OPEDC or another entity to Host a Website to inform the public which businesses are open, similar to CarryOutOakPark.com. Village Trustee Andrews noted that traffic to that website has been lackluster and is concerned that if money and time is spent on a website it won't be utilized. Village Trustee Buchanan commented that if the OPEDC wants to do that, she is supportive but noted that most people would go directly to a businesses own website to check if they are open. Village Trustee Boutet agreed and wondered if it would make a difference. She was more in favor of advertising. Village Trustee Andrews suggested a Facebook group. Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla spoke about the merits of the Village produced videos. This would provide more outreach and information to the public than a website. There was consensus that creating a website would not be the best use of resources.

There was consensus to Receive the Recommendations.

N. [ID 20-139](#) Update on the Farmers Market 2020 Season

Village Manager Pavlicek stated that Village Trustees Walker-Peddakotla and Boutet had requested that this be on the Agenda.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla stated that at the last Farmers Market Commission meeting, the commissioners expressed concern regarding the lack of volunteers to work the market as well as how social distancing will be enforced. Village Trustee Andrews commented that the Farmers Market runs smoothly by staff every year without the Board's interference and believes this year should be no different. Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla noted that this year, the commission was not included in the decision to open the market at the end of May. They are months behind in their work and it is difficult to do all these things that are usually done months in advance, as well as completely revamping the structure of the market, in a couple of weeks. Village Trustee Andrews noted that there has never been a situation where dozens of staff members are being paid but are not able to work on site. He supports the Village Manager's concept of having those staff members work at the Farmers Market instead of hiring additional part-time help solely for the purpose of that. He thinks they should trust staff to get the job done. Village Trustee Taglia commented that this is not a policy item.

Cameron Davis, staff liaison to the Farmers Market Commission, reported that the commission has met twice and have another meeting scheduled for May 27. Staff has collaborated in getting the Farmers Market running. Much progress has been made over the past two weeks and the commissioners have been very involved. Additional progress will be made within the next two weeks. Any problems that may arise will be addressed immediately. SEIU staff members and others are in place to fill the volunteer positions

while community volunteers are recruited. He also noted that a heavy staff presence is desirable during the startup phase due to the need for restriction enforcement and to help patrons navigate the new configuration.

Village Trustee Boutet expressed concern regarding the cost of staff working the Farmers Market versus lower paid help and volunteers. Village Manager Pavlicek clarified that public safety is her main concern. Village Abu-Taleb agreed, adding that most of the volunteers are older people who may not want to volunteer during this time. He urged the Trustees to trust staff to take care of this.

H. [RES 20-133](#) A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. for Mechanical Engineering Services for the Oak Park Police Department Firing Range Ventilation Improvements Project in an Amount Not To Exceed \$35,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

Village Manager Pavlicek stated that this Item was on the Consent Agenda and staff had answered the question that Village Trustee Buchanan had via email.

Police Chief Reynolds read the response to that question. All certified police officers are required to complete a minimum of one qualification course each year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, they do not have access to the Cook County Sheriff's Police Range, where they normally complete this. Because of that, they are at risk for being out of compliance with the state mandate for 2020. It is unknown when they will open up to outside agencies. The current request is to upgrade the ventilation system in order to render the Village's firing range operational. He discussed other recommendations for upgrading the range, which will be subject to a broader discussion.

It was moved by Village Trustee Andrews, seconded by Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 5 - Abu-Taleb, Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, and Taglia

NAYS: 1 - Walker-Peddakotla

ABSENT: 1 - Moroney

D. [RES 20-106](#) A Resolution to Support and Consent to the Cook County Class 7a Property Tax Incentive Application of 100 Marion Street Partners, LLC for the Property Located at 100 Marion Street Consistent with the Recommendation of the Oak Park Economic Development Corporation (Oak Park EDC)

It was moved by Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla, seconded by Village Trustee Andrews, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 4 - Abu-Taleb, Boutet, Buchanan, and Taglia

NAYS: 2 - Andrews, and Walker-Peddakotla

ABSENT: 1 - Moroney

IX. Call to Board and Clerk

Village Trustee Taglia suggested that in order to be more efficient, perhaps residents reach out to staff or trustees prior to submitting public comment. He would prefer to find out about any issue before a Board Meeting.

Village Trustee Boutet noted that she receives a lot of requests from residents and feels that there is a climate of not feeling these concerns are legitimate. She would appreciate these requests be spread out to the other Board Members.

Village Trustee Andrews commented that any concerns should be delivered to the Board as a whole rather than just to one Trustee.

X. Adjourn

It was moved by Village Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Village Trustee Andrews, to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 P.M., Monday, May 18, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

**MaryAnn Schoenneman
Deputy Village Clerk**