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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GOOD EVENING, IT IS 6:32 PM AND I CALL THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ORDER.
PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE ENYIA - ABSENT?

>>SPEAKER: YES.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON, TRUSTEE STRAW -

>>SPEAKER: ABSENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE TAGLIA, TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ABSENT.

>>CLERK WATERS: PRESIDENT SCAMAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE DO HAVE QUORUM.

I DO ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CRAIG?

>>SPEAKER: THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE VILLAGE INCLUDING IMMEDIATE HEALTH AND USAGE DISCUSSING WHETHER A PARTICULAR PARCEL SHOULD BE PRESUMED TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION?

>>SPEAKER: MOTION.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE EDER AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON.

TRUSTEE STRAW AND TRUSTEE WESLEY HAVE JOINED US AT 6:33 PM.

AND CLERK WATERS WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE?

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON, TRUSTEE ENYIA IS ABSENT, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, TRUSTEE WESLEY, PRESIDENT SCAMAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

WE WILL SEE YOU IN ABOUT 30 MINUTES.

>>>

(CLOSED SESSION)

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, IT IS 7 0 5 PM.
CLERK WATERS, ARE YOU WITH US?
JUST TO MAKE SURE.

>>CLERK WATERS: YES, I AM HERE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

OKAY, I WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.
CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON,
TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, TRUSTEE WESLEY AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.

OKAY, SO WE - WE HAVE MAJORITY AND MINUTES.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 10, REGULAR
MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD PEERED PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MINUTES ARE APPROVED.

MOVING FORWARD TO PROCLAMATION AND THEN I WILL REVIEW AGAIN WHETHER
WE HAVE ANY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT, BECAUSE I THINK OUR NON-AGENDA
PUBLIC COMMENT IS RELATED TO THE PROCLAMATION.

SO, THE PROCLAMATION THIS EVENING IS A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING MARCH 20, 2016 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS
MONTH.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON.
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH, 2026.

WHEREAS, PUBLIC LAW 99-483, ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS IN 1987,
DESIGNATED THE MONTH OF MARCH AS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
AWARENESS MONTH;

AND

WHEREAS, MORE THAN AN ESTIMATED 12% OF THE ILLINOIS POPULATION HAS AN
INTELLECTUAL OR

OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY; AND
WHEREAS, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL TO RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT IT IS NOT
DISABILITY, BUT SOCIETAL BARRIERS AND ATTITUDES THAT CAN KEEP INDIVIDUALS
FROM REALIZING THEIR FULL
POTENTIAL AT SCHOOL, WORK, HOME, AND IN THEIR CHOSEN COMMUNITIES; AND
WHEREAS, WE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES BY BECOMING ADVOCATES AND SUPPORTERS OF INCREASED
INDEPENDENCE, CAPACITY, AND
LEADERSHIP; AND
WHEREAS, TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
AND EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 92, EMPLOYMENT FIRST FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, WE REAFFIRM
OUR COMMITMENT TO FULL
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BY
EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUAL ACCESS TO FAIR WAGES, FULLY
INTEGRATED COMPETITIVE
EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND
BOARD OF
TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2026 AS DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES
AWARENESS MONTH IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS
OF OAK PARK TO
WORK TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND
THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH
ADVOCACY, CAPACITY BUILDING AND SYSTEMS CHANGE. SO, WE DO HAVE SEVERAL
OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS HERE.
AND I WELCOME THEM SHARING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION WITH THE
BOARD AND COMMUNITY.

MARIANNE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START US OFF?

>>MARIANNE: GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING US AND HONORING OUR COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE.

THEY ARE VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO OUR HEARTS.

I AM MARIANNE B, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WEST SUBURBAN SPECIAL RECREATION
ASSOCIATION.

WE HAVE PROVIDED FIVE DECADES OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY OF OAK PARK
AND 13 OTHER COMMUNITIES.

WE PROUDLY SERVED 13 COMMUNITIES INCLUDING THE VILLAGE OF OLD WORK BY
OFFERING SPECIAL SERVICES TO THE THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES THAT LIVE IN THIS
COMMUNITY AND 12 OTHER COMMUNITIES AND OUR ROLE IS VITAL TO ENSURE

THOSE WITH DISABILITIES HAVE YEAR-ROUND RECREATION PROGRAMMING THAT BUILDS COMMUNITY.

THIS HAPPENS TO BE CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE PARENTS WHO CAME FORWARD 50 YEARS AGO AND THEY HAPPENED TO BE FROM OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THAT COLLABORATION THAT WE EXIST TODAY.

THEY ARE THE REASON THAT THIS MOST IMPORTANT COLLABORATION THAT WE KNOW AND LOVE IS WSRRA AND THANK YOU AS THEY ARE PRESENT AND ALWAYS MATTER TO ALL OF US.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, MARIANNE.

AND DO YOU HAVE A POSTER THAT YOU WANT US TO PUT SOMEWHERE?

>>MARIANNE: IT IS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE SERVICE (AWAY FROM MIC) AND TO DO THAT, WE ARE HIRING ANYONE 16 YEARS AND OLDER (AWAY FROM MIC) AND I DO HAVE SOME FLYERS HERE IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

WELL, IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT WE CAN LEAVE BY THE FRONT DESK AND THEN PERFECT TO GO STRAIGHT TO BRIAN ON THAT HIRING PIECE.

>>SPEAKER: HELLO, I AM BRIAN, I WORK IN OAK PARK AND I HAVE A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND MY JOB IS TO FIND THEM EMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMUNITY AND PREPARE THEM FOR LIFE AFTER PUBLIC SCHOOL.

AND AS A TEACHER FOR YEARS YOU KNOW YOU TRY YOUR BEST AND YOU DO EVERYTHING AND YOU HOPE IT WORKS OUT AND I GET THAT IN GAME SEEING HOW THINGS PAN OUT AND ALSO THE DISHEARTENING REALITY THAT SOMETIMES SOCIETY IS NOT ALWAYS READY FOR THAT.

AND I LOVE THAT WE ARE RECOGNIZING THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND ALSO REALIZING THAT THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT WE CAN DO AND JUST WANTING TO BE THERE AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND HELP THEM TRANSITION INTO THOSE ROLES AND WHATEVER THEY ARE GOING TO BE DOING.

BUT, IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK AND EFFORT AND I WANT TO EXTEND MY HAND TO SAY THAT I AM READY TO HELP MAKE THAT CHANGE BEYOND THE SCHOOL WALLS.

I WANT TO BE OUT THERE AND CONNECTING WITH YOU AND EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY IS THERE FOR THEM AFTER THEY LEAVE THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND IT NEEDS TO BE AND THEY ARE CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND YOU KNOW WHEN I LEFT MY OLD SCHOOL DISTRICT THE PERSON WROTE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND SAID BRIAN IS SOMEONE WHO'S GOING TO CHANGE THE COMMUNITY AND I CAME INTO THIS JOB SAYING I'M GOING TO DO THAT AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY THAT I WANT TO DO THAT AND PLEASE, LET'S HAVE CONVERSATIONS, CONTINUED THIS BEYOND MARCH AND BEYOND JUST THIS PROCLAMATION AND THAT IS IT.

I AM THERE FOR YOU.

AND I WOULD LOVE TO MAKE THAT CHANGE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU AND I THINK THERE ARE SOME GREAT PEOPLE IN THE ROOM THAT HEARD YOU SAY THAT AND THEY WILL HOLD YOU TO IT. BRIAN IS ALSO ON THE OLD DOG RIVER FOREST CHAMBER BOARD.

-- IS ALSO ON THE OAK PARK RIVER FOREST CHAMBER BOARD.

OKAY, LET'S - WE ARE AN EASY CROWD.

>>SPEAKER: OBVIOUSLY, BUT I DID NOT EXPECT A MICROPHONE AND ALL OF THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JUST DON'T TELL YOUR COLLEAGUES HOW YOU FEEL!

>>SPEAKER: WE ARE GOOD.

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR THIS PROCLAMATION, PRESIDENT SCAMAN, THANK YOU FOR THIS AND RECOGNIZING MARCH AS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH.

I AM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF (NAME) CHICAGO AND WE PROVIDE ALL OF THE SERVICES THAT YOU HEARD FROM MARIANNE AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL SERVICES WE HAVE A DAYCARE COMMUNITY CENTER AND WE OPERATE 78 GROUP HOMES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT ALL THE SUBURBS AND I THINK THERE IS NINE IN OAK PARK AND AGAIN, FORGIVE ME - I DID NOT DO MY RESEARCH, WE DO HAVE THE 11 CENTER WHICH IS RIGHT DOWN THE STREET ON HARRISON WHICH PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOLKS TO LEARN JOB READINESS SKILLS AND DIFFERENT SKILLS LIKE THAT AND HIGH SCHOOLS DOING TRANSITIONAL WORK AND OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL AS OTHER LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

YES, WE PROVIDE A WHOLE ARRAY OF SERVICES TO FOLKS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOP MENTAL DISABILITIES.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU ALL FOR THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WONDERFUL.

>>SPEAKER: QUESTIONS?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JOE IS ALSO THE MAYOR OF NORTH RIVERSIDE AND WE GET TOGETHER IN MULTIPLE WAYS AND ONCE UPON A TIME I USED TO RUIN HIS DAY ON A REGULAR WITH ABOUT 12 AFRICAN DRUMS EVERY FRIDAY THAT WOULD JUST ROCK THE ENTIRE BUILDING.

YES.

OKAY, THAT WAS FUN.

WELL, YES.

WE DID.

RJ?

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

MY NAME IS RJ McMAHON AND I HAVE THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE AS OF SERVING AS CEO OF OAK LIGHT (SP?) AND WE HAVE A DAY PROGRAM ACROSS THE STREET ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CHICAGO AVENUE AND RIDGELAND.

AND LIKE UCP, WE SERVICE AND SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL IN DEVELOPMENT TILL DISABILITIES WITH GROUP HOMES AND ADULTS AND TWO TO PROGRAMS ONE HERE IN OAK PARK AND ANOTHER IN HILLSIDE AND WE ALSO SUPPORT LITTLE KIDS BIRTH THROUGH THREE AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES AND WE SUPPORT ABOUT 350 KIDS EACH YEAR AND WE TRANSITION THOSE LITTLE

ONES TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHETHER HERE IN OAK PARK OR OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND AROUND HERE.

AND GRATEFUL FOR THE PROCLAMATION AND THE AWARENESS BUILDING AND IT TAKES ALL OF US TO CONTINUE TO HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE AND REALLY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE SO THAT THEY DO ALL OF US INCLUDING THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE SUPPORT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE THEIR BEST LIVES.

SO, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: DO YOU HAVE AN ANNIVERSARY COMING UP?

>>SPEAKER: SIMILAR TO MARY ON -- MARIANNE, WE WERE FOUNDED IN 1956 AND WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS, WITH REALLY COMMITTED APPEARANCES THAT REALIZED THAT THEIR LOVED ONES SHOULD BE SUPPORTED TO THE DEGREE THAT THEY DESERVE AND SO THE OAK SCHOOL WAS FORMED IN 1956 THAT HAS MORPHED INTO OAK LIGHT TODAY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AND WHEN IS THE GALA?

>>SPEAKER: WOW.

MR. WESLEY, HOW WOULD YOU KNOW THAT?

SO, WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR MIGHTY OAK ON APRIL 23 ACTUALLY IN JOE 'S DOWN AT THE RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

SO, THANK YOU FOLKS.

I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK YOU WILL BE SHARING THE INFORMATION A SECOND TIME FOR THE PROCLAMATION AND MARIANNE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO SUBMIT, AS WELL AND AREN'T YOU ON THE BOARD?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I AM ON THE BOARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ANY MONEY FOR THAT?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: NO, IT IS A LABOR OF LOVE!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I TAKE VOTING ON THIS IS MORE THAN ACCEPTABLE.

ANYTHING FURTHER?

PLEASE YES, HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?

ARSH?

>>SPEAKER: THIS IS A LITTLE BIT UNFAIRLY STACKED AND I NEED TO TAKE NOTES TO FIGURE OUT HOW YOU DID THIS.

WE DO HAVE THE DISTINCTION OF STANDING IN TORRENTIAL RAIN IN OUR GROUNDBREAKING LAST YEAR FOR TOWN HALL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WAS WEARING WHITE, TOO.

>>SPEAKER: WELL, WE HAVE PHOTOS TO PROVE IT.

SO, MY NAME IS NOAH AND I AM THE CEO OF ARSH CHICAGO AND WE HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR 25 YEARS AND WE HAVE FOUR RESIDENTIAL HOMES, ONE OF WHICH IS IN OAK PARK AND WE JUST FINISHED BUILDING IT LAST YEAR AND ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS IS ANDERS AND HE IS WITH ME TODAY AND I THOUGHT HE COULD SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HIS LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY AND WHAT IT IS LIKE HERE IN OAK PARK.

>>ANDERS: I TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN RIVER FOREST AND I DO THE BUSES TO THE CONSERVATORY.
AND I AM CELEBRATING 10 YEARS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

>>SPEAKER: CONGRATULATIONS.

>>ANDERS: THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: ANDERS AND HIS OTHER HOUSEMATES HAVE REALLY FOUND A HOME AND THAT IS REALLY WHAT WE WANT, TO TRULY FIND A HOME IN OAK PARK AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES AND WE JUST WANT TO EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR THIS PROCLAMATION AND FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND THE MANY WAYS THAT YOU ARE MAKING OAK PARK A MORE ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE.
ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

SO, IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN A HOME, IT IS ON SOUTHEAST AVENUE AND IT IS REALLY TRULY BEAUTIFUL.

AND IN FACT I WONDER IF WE CAN INVITE OURSELVES OVER SOMETIME.

THANK YOU.

IT IS TRULY GORGEOUS.

AND I KNOW THAT ONE OF OUR GREAT NEEDS IS MORE HOMES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AS WE CONTINUE OUR CONVERSATIONS ON HOUSING.

SO, WE DO HAVE A PROCLAMATION FOR ALL OF YOU AND ALSO I THINK THAT YOU ALL MIGHT KNOW AT THIS POINT THAT I AM DYSLEXIC AND SO I DO JUST PRIDE - I GIVE MY MOTHER ALL THE CREDIT IN THE WORLD THAT I RECEIVED THE EARLY EDUCATION THAT I NEEDED TO BE HERE TODAY ALTHOUGH I THINK IT WAS TRUSTEE WESLEY WHO GAVE ME A PAIR OF GLASSES ONE DAY WHEN I COULD NOT READ!
AND MY COLLEAGUES DO HAVE PATIENCE WITH ME FROM TIME TO TIME.

SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

AND WE HAVE THESE PROCLAMATIONS TO SHARE AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE WANT TO TAKE A PHOTO?

IS JOE AVAILABLE FOR A PHOTO?

HE IS NOT HERE TONIGHT - AND PLEASE THANK VANESSA FOR BRINGING EVERYONE TOGETHER HERE TODAY!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, I HOPE ALL OF THIS CHATTER MEANS THAT YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO BE QUICK TONIGHT!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, TERRY IS GOING TO SHARE A FEW QUICK WORDS AS WELL AND THEN WE WILL TAKE A VOTE.
THIS HAS BEEN GREAT.

>>TERRY: MY NAME IS TERRY H I AM THE DIRECTOR AT THE PACK LEARNING CENTER AND WE HAVE A COUPLE OF GROUP HOMES HERE IN OAK PARK AND WE ALSO SERVE PEOPLE AT BURGUNDY PARK (SP?).
I AM JUST VERY GRATEFUL THAT I LIVE AND WORK IN A COMMUNITY THAT VALUES PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND BACKS IT UP WITH HELP THAT HELPS THEM BE THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES.

SO, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.
ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT IS TRULY OUR HONOR TO HAVE YOU THIS EVENING AND SO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

AND I WILL MOVE FORWARD - DO WE HAVE ANYONE HERE FOR NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT?

OKAY, I THINK THE REST OF YOU HAVE TO BE HERE.

ALL RIGHT.

THERE WE GO - GOODBYE!

>>SPEAKER: I AM SURPRISED WHEN NOBODY STAYS!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THEY TRUST US!

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: YES, PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, WE HAVE A COUPLE ITEMS TONIGHT.

ONE, TO START WITH, THIS IS THE CANOPY CONNECTION NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRY PROGRAM.

THIS IS LIKE ONE ELEMENT OF THE GROWING INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM ENGAGEMENT.

THIS IS GOING TO ALLOW US TO INTERACT WITH OUR COMMUNITY IN A STRUCTURED WAY THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY ARE AND INDICATE BETTER WITH OUR RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORS AND FACILITATE CONNECTIONS AMONGST OUR NEIGHBORS AND SO I THINK TONIGHT WHAT WE WANTED TO DO IS JUST PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE WORK THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN UNDERWAY AND IT WILL BE COMING FROM PAOLA, NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ADMINISTRATOR.

>>PAOLA: THANK YOU.

GOOD EVENING PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEES.

TODAY AS MENTIONED I WILL BE PRESENTING ON THE CANOPY CONNECTION PROGRAM WHICH IS OAK PARK PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRY PROGRAM.

THIS PROGRAM ESTABLISHES A STRUCTURED AND POSSIBLE APPROACH TO SUPPORTING NEARBY GROUPS BASED ON THEIR CAPACITY.

SO, AT A HIGH LEVEL, THE CANOPY CONNECTION PROGRAM ESTABLISHES A VOLUNTARY REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS AND CREATES A TIERED STRUCTURE SO WE CAN MEET GROUPS WHERE THEY ARE BASED ON THEIR CAPACITY AND INTRODUCES A SUPPORT INCLUDING FUNDING BASED ON THEIR SCALE.

THIS PROGRAM DIRECTOR SUPPORTS THE GOAL OF CONNECTING VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS.

SO, HOW DO WE GET HERE?

IN 2025 WE SPENT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME RESEARCHING OTHER COMMUNITIES AND SIMILAR PROGRAMS THAT THEY ADMINISTER IN THEIR VILLAGES. SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES WE LOOKED AT WERE CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS, NORTH CAROLINA, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, SCOTTSDALE ARIZONA.

WHILE THOSE MODELS INFORMED OUR STRUCTURE, THE GUIDELINES SHARED WITH YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY TAILORED TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

WE ALSO ENGAGED WITH EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS TO ENSURE THE PROGRAM WE ARE PROPOSING REFLECTS LOCAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS.

AS MENTIONED WE DID MEET WITH THE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS AND ONE BEING THE SOUTHEAST OAK PARK COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND THE CENTRAL WEST NEIGHBORHOOD - I'M SORRY CENTRAL WEST OAK PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND WE MET WITH THEM IN LATE 25 ON THE FEEDBACK GUIDELINES WE HAD PROPOSED AND OVERALL WE RECEIVED POSITIVE FEEDBACK AND A STRONG INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION AND ONE THING WE DID HEAR FROM THE GROUPS IS THAT THERE WAS A DESIRE FOR FLEXIBILITY AND OUR INITIAL MODEL WAS PROPOSED BASED ON GEOGRAPHICAL SIZE WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT GROUP BLOCKS AS A WHOLE AND THINKING THAT MAYBE THEY WOULD BE ONE OF THE THE LARGER TEARS, BUT WHAT WE HEARD IS THAT WHILE THESE GROUPS HAD LARGER ESTABLISHED BOUNDARIES WE FELT THAT THEY WERE OPERATING AT MAY BE TIER 1 OR TWO BASED ON WHAT WE ARE DESCRIBED AS THE SCALE.

AS A RESULT WE SHIFTED TO THE CAPACITY BASED MODEL WHICH IS WHAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY.

AND AS MENTIONED GROUPS THAT WERE DEEMED A MIGHTY OAK IN OUR EYES COULD ACTUALLY IN PRACTICE BE OPERATING AS A ACORN OR SAMPLING.

THE THREE-TIERED MODEL IS MEANT TO ALIGN WITH THE EXISTING SCOPE AND SCALE OF EACH NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP AND WE HAVE THE FIRST BEING THE ACORN AND THE SECOND THE SAPLING AND THE THIRD ONE IS THE MY DO.

AND THE IDEA HERE IS THAT WE WOULD COVER STATE WITH THESE INTERESTED PARTIES BEFORE THEY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND WE DO NOT WANT THEM TO GO INTO IT BLINDLY.

WE WANT THEM TO HAVE A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY WITH THE MODEL SO THAT THE GROUP IS NOT PUT IN A SPECIFIC BUCKET JUST BASED ON A NUMBER OF BLOCKS OR GROUP LEADERS, WE WANT TO WORK WITH THEM TO ENSURE THE RESOURCES AND BENEFITS AT EACH LEVEL MATCHES THEIR SCALE AND THEIR NEEDS.

SO, THE THREE-TIERED MODEL IS INCREASING AT EACH LEVEL BOTH ON RESOURCES AND SO THE FIRST ONE WOULD BE A TOOLKIT WHERE THEY WOULD GET THINGS LIKE TEMPLATES FOR EVENT FLYERS AND TEMPLATE FOR MEETING AGENDAS AND MEETING MINUTES AND THEY WOULD ALSO BE PROMOTED ACROSS THE VILLAGE PLATFORM, THE WEBSITE, STARTING A NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER AND WE ARE ALSO INCORPORATING NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS AND FOR TIER 1 THIS WOULD BE FROM THE FEEDBACK THAT WE HEARD FROM THE GROUPS IS MORE OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT THAT CAN HELP WITH ANY FILING FEES

IF THEY ARE LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A NONPROFIT STATUS OR GET SOME TRAINING FOR THE GROUP LEADERS.

TIER 2 INCLUDES ALL OF TIER 1 BENEFITS AND ALSO IT ENHANCES RESOURCES BY INCLUDING FACILITATED ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS AND THIS WOULD BE KIND OF FOCUSED ON GETTING AWAY FROM THE PETITION PROCESS WHERE WE LOOK MORE TO BRING STAFF INTO ADDRESS NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS AND FACILITATE THOSE CONVERSATIONS AT THE GROUP LEVEL.

WE WOULD ALSO BE LEVERAGING OUR MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS TEAM TO PROVIDE CONSULTATIONS AND AGAIN TO HELP THOSE GROUP BETTER ENGAGE AND GET BUY-IN FROM RESIDENTS IN THEIR AREA AND BUILD A BRAND IDENTITY.

AND AT THIS LEVEL THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO \$1500 WITH ACTIVATION GRANTS AND THIS CAN BE MOVING TOWARDS MORE THINGS LIKE COMMUNITY EVENTS, MAYBE THEY WANT TO DO SOMEPLACE MAKING INITIATIVES, MAYBE SOME COMMUNITY FRIDGES OR PANTRIES OR SOME OF THE IDEAS THAT WE HAVE THROWN OUT THERE.

AND THEN TIER 3, THE MIGHTY OAK INCLUDES ALL OF THE TIER 1 AND TIER 2 BENEFITS BUT IT IS SCALED UP WITH ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT SESSION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES AS MENTIONED AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTATION WITH A MAXIMUM IMPACT GRANT OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FUND FOR \$2500.

IN 2025 THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION DID SUBMIT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM REGISTRY BUDGET AND WE CAME IN JUST UNDER \$30,000 AND THIS IS INTENDED TO BE A PILOT STRUCTURE FOR YEAR ONE AND SO IN THIS ROUGHLY \$30,000 WE INCLUDED \$25,000 IN IT NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS AND ALSO MONEY SET ASIDE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH, FACILITATION FOR MEETINGS POSTING AT A VENUE OR GETTING SUPPLIES FOR BEVERAGES AND FOOD AND ALSO POSTAGE, PART OF THE BENEFITS TO INCLUDE SENDING A MAILER THAT IS VILLAGE SPONSORED FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS.

OUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRY IN YEAR ONE IS TO HAVE A SOFT LAUNCH WITH THE TWO EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS WHICH WOULD BE THE TWO STRONG GROUPS (NAME) AND (NAME) AND WE WOULD FORM AN ADDITIONAL ONE OR TWO GROUPS BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

WE WILL BE TRACKING PARTICIPATION AND GREAT UTILIZATION AND WE WILL BE REPORTING BACK TO THE BOARD AS PART OF THE 2027 BUDGETING PROCESS WITH OUR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD IN FUTURE YEARS IF WE ARE SCALING THE PROGRAM AND HOPEFULLY GET MORE INTEREST FROM GROUPS.

AND WITH THAT I WILL TAKE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD OR FEEDBACK. THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT I AM THE COPRESIDENT OF CIOPCO WHICH IS MENTIONED IN THE DECK AND APPARENTLY ALL OF MY JOBS ARE SHOWING UP TONIGHT!

AND ALSO I AM NOT CONSULTED WITH CIOPCO ON ANY OF THIS, WE DO TRY TO KEEP THESE THINGS SEPARATE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: DEREK, DID YOU HAVE ANY -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I AM SORRY -

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: NO WORRIES, I THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA TO BE ABLE TO SURFACE SOME OF THESE ISSUES LIKE TRAFFIC SAFETY, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES AND SORT OF MORE INFORMALLY SO THAT THEY CAN BE RESOLVED MORE QUICKLY AND FEEL MORE RESPONSIVE RATHER THAN CREATING UNNECESSARY FORMALISTIC PROCESSES LIKE PETITIONS.

AND SO I DO LOVE THE IDEA AND I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS NOT A PRE-EXISTING GROUP.

I AM JUST CURIOUS HOW YOU ARE IMAGINING SORT OF IDENTIFYING AND RECOGNIZING HOW THESE ORGANIZATIONS WOULD GO AND HOW YOU WOULD ADDRESS IF LIKE TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS POP UP IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD SORT OF IN RESPONSE TO THIS WHO HAVE VERY DIFFERENT IDEAS OF WHAT ISSUES THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE COMMUNICATING WITH VILLAGE STAFF OR HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS ON THE SAME ISSUES.

>>PAOLA: IT WOULD BE TO GET THE TWO GROUPS TOGETHER TO WORK TOGETHER ON A MAP WHERE FOLKS ARE EITHER NEW TO OAK PARK OR TO GET INVOLVED AND IDENTIFY AND SO IF THERE IS AN EXISTING ORGANIZATION THE CONTACT INFORMATION WOULD BE THERE FOR THE LEADERS AND IF THERE IS NOT ONE AND THERE INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING THEY WOULD REACH OUT TO US IF THERE WAS A CONFLICT WITH ANOTHER PARTY WE WOULD HAVE THAT CONVERSATION INITIALLY WITH THEM AND BRIDGE THE GAP AND HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE BENEFIT OF YOU KNOW THIS IS A SCALE AND IF THERE ARE TWO MINI GROUPS VS.

TWO OR THREE, THEY GET ACCESS TO MORE RESOURCES AND BENEFITS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: YES, IT IS JUST SOMETHING FOR US TO CONTINUE THINKING THROUGH BECAUSE I CANNOT IMAGINE YOU KNOW WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TOO HEAVY OF A HAND LIKE YOU HAVE TO HAVE THESE KINDS OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES WHEREBY THERE ARE ELECTIONS FOR LEADERSHIP AND WHATEVER - LIKE WE ARE NOT IN THIS PROPOSING THAT WE DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BUT ALSO I CAN IMAGINE IF SOMEONE SEES A GROUP STARTING UP WHERE THEY ARE LIKE I KNOW THESE GROUP LEADERS ARE GOING TO BE ADVOCATING FOR MORE BIKE LANES AND I AM AGAINST BIKE LANES, MAYBE I WILL START BY IMPEDING HARVARD AREA ORGANIZATION TO GO ANTI-*UNTRAN1* LIKE I COULD SEE IT HAPPENING AND IT IS JUST SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT IN ADVANCE SO WE KNOW IN ADVANCE WHAT WE WOULD DO, BECAUSE I IMAGINE THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE WANTING TO GIVE IMPEDING GRANTS WITH COMPETING GROUPS OPERATING IN THE SAME GEOGRAPHY.

WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A PLAN.

>>PAOLA: LOOKING AT THESE OTHER COMMUNITIES, THEY DO NOT ALLOW MORE THAN ONE GROUP IN THE SAME GEOGRAPHICAL AREA TO BE REGISTERED AND ESTABLISHED AND THEY ALSO PUT SOME GUARDRAILS ON WHAT THOSE BOUNDARIES ARE AND HAVING THAT MAP IN PLACE AND HAVING THE CONVERSATION WITH OUR PUBLIC WORKS TEAM OR PUBLIC SAFETY IN GENERAL AND FIGURING OUT

WHAT THOSE BOUNDARIES WOULD BE SOME OF THOSE THINGS WOULD BE LIKE THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CROSS THE AVENUES AND SO WE GROUP THEM IN SMALLER SECTIONS AND THE IDEA WOULD BE THAT THERE IS NO DUPLICATION OF GROUPS IN ONE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THIS IS COOL.

I LIKE THE IDEA AND ONE QUESTION ON THE BUDGET HE SAID THE FIRST YEAR GOAL IS ONLY FOUR GROUPS AND SO IF MY MATH IS RIGHT THAT IS ONLY LIKE \$10,000 AND SO WHAT IS THE OTHER 15 GOING TO BE GOING TOWARDS?

>>PAOLA: WE WILL TAKE A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO SEE WHAT TYPE OF PARTICIPATION AND APPETITE THERE IS FOR THIS TYPE OF PROGRAMMING. WE ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THEM ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND WE HAVE IT RIGHT NOW WHETHER GROUPS CAN ONLY APPLY FOR ONE GRANT AND THAT IS UP TO THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR EACH CATEGORY, BUT IF WE WERE TO SEE THAT THERE WAS AN ACCESS OF FUNDING AND A GROUP CAME TO US WITH AN IDEA THAT THAT IS SOMETHING WE COULD CONSIDER BASED ON THE LEVEL OF FUNDING AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: AND THEY CAN REACT THAT EVERY YEAR LIKE IS THIS ANNUAL?

>>PAOLA: IF THEY START AS A TIER 1 AND THEN THEY GET MORE BUY-IN FROM THEIR NEIGHBORS AND THEY GROW INTO A TIER 2 AND THEY CAN SCALE UP OR SCALE BACK IF THEY HAVE LESS OR MORE PARTICIPATION.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY.

I AM CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT REQUIREMENTS, THERE IS MENTION WITH LIKE SOME KIND OF REPORT BACK OF HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT IN THESE GROUPS I UNDERSTAND WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SOME ACCOUNTABILITY IF IT IS GOVERNMENT MONEY.

WHAT ARE THOSE REQUIREMENTS?

>>PAOLA: FOR THE GRANT WE WOULD BE LOOKING FOR THEM TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND IT WOULD ALL BE REIMBURSEMENT BASED AND WE WOULD WANT THERE TO BE A SUMMARY AND THIS IS ALSO TAKING A LOOK AT WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE DONE AND THEY HAVE TO SUBMIT A SUMMARY OF IMPACT AND SO HOW DID THIS PROJECT HELP BUILD NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY AND DID YOU HOST A GIANT BARBECUE WHERE YOU HAD TO ORDER FOLKS COME OUT? WE WANT TO SEE THAT IT IS MAKING AN IMPACT AND MAYBE THEY ARE GROWING THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND MORE PEOPLE ARE ON THE MAILING LIST AND WE JUST WANT TO SEE THE IMPACT OF THAT, BECAUSE THE IDEA IS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO SCALE UP.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YES, I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THE ROLE THAT MONEY IS PLAYING HERE.

I THINK MAYBE THE SCENARIO THAT BRIAN WAS TALKING ABOUT IS LIKE IF THERE IS A CLAMOR FOR THIS MONEY, THEN THAT MIGHT CAUSE CONFLICT.

AND IN MY EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AS SOON AS YOU TAKE SOMETHING THAT IS LIKE A COMMUNITY GROUP AND MONEY STARTS GETTING INVOLVED, THINGS CAN GET A LITTLE BIT MESSY.

ESPECIALLY IF THAT MONEY IS COMING FROM THE GOVERNMENT.
LIKE I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH - HOW MANY HATS YOU CAN WEAR RIGHT NOW CORA,
BUT THE GROUPS THAT WERE MENTIONED, I HAVE A HISTORY OF ORGANIZING LIKE
AROUND POLITICAL REASONS LIKE WE CARE ABOUT ADVOCATING FOR SOMETHING
IN PARTICULAR AND ALL OF A SUDDEN WE ARE ACCEPTING MONEY FROM THE VERY
BODY THAT WE MAY BE TRYING TO ADVOCATE AGAINST?
OR AT LEAST TRY TO INFLUENCE - IT JUST SOUNDS A LITTLE MESSY AND I DON'T
KNOW IF IT IS WORTH THE HASSLE FOR \$750.
THAT IS JUST A QUESTION AND CONCERN -

>>TRUSTEE STRAW:

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WE ARE TYPICALLY A APOLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND WE
FOCUS ON COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND BUILDING COMMUNITY AND THEN WE RUN
A NONPARTISAN ELECTION FORM AND WE DON'T DO EMBARRASSMENT, THERE IS
NEVER ANY OF THAT.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY POLITICAL ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY WITH THE
ORGANIZATION AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED OR AS LONG AS I'VE KNOWN
LEVITT.

I CAN ONLY SPEAK TO CIOPCO.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: MY CONCERNS ABOUT MESSINESS TRANS ONE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AS IT PERTAINS TO SPECIFICALLY CIOPCO, NO, BUT I CAN
UNDERSTAND HOW OTHER THINGS HAVE LIKE DEVELOPMENT LIKE I COULD SEE
THERE BEING CONFLICT THERE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: DO WE HAVE AN IDEA ABOUT HOW WE CAN SORT OF NAVIGATE
BACK?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: I DO.

AND I THINK THE DEAN -- I THINK THE TEAM DOES AS WELL.

IT WILL BE A POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AT THE WHOLE IDEA IS TO SUPPORT
VOLUNTEERS AND HELPING RESIDENTS ORGANIZE AROUND YOU KNOW A COMMON
PURPOSE AND BUILD A PARTNERSHIP AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE AND TO
DO THAT AND MAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, IT IS
NOT ABOUT POLITICAL ORGANIZING OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

I THINK WHAT TRUSTEE WESLEY IS DESCRIBING IS WHAT IS TYPICALLY WHAT WE
REQUIRE, BECAUSE WHAT IS HAPPENING IS BY PARTICIPATING IN REGISTRY,
AGREEING TO CONTACT AND COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS, WE ARE
ACTUALLY GETTING A HIGHER LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE AND WE HAVE
AN APPOINTED LIAISON THAT CAN WORK WITH YOU TO PROBLEM SOLVE AND
ORGANIZE MEETING AND GET IN CONTACT WITH VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IF THERE IS
A NEED TO SET UP A NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING AND SO FORTH SO YOU ARE
ESSENTIALLY REPORTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PROVIDING A LITTLE
SEED MONEY TO HELP RESIDENTS COME TOGETHER AND ORGANIZE IN THAT
CAPACITY AND FUNDAMENTALLY IT IS COMMUNITY BUILDING SO IF CIOPCO WANTS
TO DO A MOVIE IN THE PARK AND THEY ARE PASSING THE HAT AND THEY DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH THAT MAYBE IT IS TO HELP SUPPORT AND DO THE MOVING PART, IT IS VERY
FAST - AND THE MEETING MATERIALS AND PLANNING THAT IS RELATED TO

SOMETHING THAT IS HAPPENING IN A PARTICULAR GEOGRAPHY AROUND THE VILLAGE IF THERE IS A NEED TO DO A MAILER OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO GET PEOPLE ABOVE THE RESOURCES AND THINGS LIKE THAT AND SO THERE ARE A COUPLE EXAMPLES.

IN MY EXPERIENCE YOU KNOW WE HAD AND WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE CIOPCO ADDED PLACE WHEN WE WERE DEALING WITH THE MICROPHONE ISSUE AND IN RESPONSE TO THE ISSUE WE HAD A COUPLE LEADERS FROM CIOPCO STEP UP AND TALK TO CHIEF JOHNSON AND THEY HAD SOME EXPENSE WITH ORGANIZING NEIGHBORS AND PULLING THEM TOGETHER IN THE MEETING AT THE SCHOOL AND SO WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS JUST HARMONIZE THAT AND SHOW THAT WE CAN SET UP A SYSTEM WHERE WE HAVE SOMEONE IN VILLAGE HALL WHERE WE CAN SUPPORT THOSE ACTIVITIES AND THEY HAVE A RESOURCE TO GO TO DO IT. SO, THE FORTUNATE THING IS THAT THIS IS THE CENTRAL WEST OAK PARK - OKAY, IT IS CWOP, IS THAT WHO IT IS?

AND THEN WE HAVE THE CIOPCO WHO HAS BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME. AND THE GUIDELINES - WE SHOULD HAVE GUIDELINES IN PLACE TO DEFINE WHAT THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE AND GO OVER THE EXPECTATIONS THAT ARE BUILT INTO IT AND NO CONFLICT WITH THE BOUNDARIES AND SO FORTH AND THOSE CONVERSATIONS CAN BE FACILITATED BY THE STAFF.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: GREAT, I APPRECIATE THAT.

SO, OVERALL I LOVE THE REGISTRY IDEA AND THE IDEA OF SUPPORTING THE MAILERS, THOSE ARE REALLY BENEFICIAL THINGS.

I AM JUST CURIOUS WITH THE MONEY LIKE HOW IT WILL TURN OUT AND SO I THINK I'M FINE WITH IT, BUT I'M CURIOUS TO COME BACK IN A YEAR AND SEE WHAT WORKED AND WHAT DID PEOPLE SPEND IT ON AND WHAT WAS THE UPTAKE AND IS THAT THE INCENTIVE THAT GETS GROUPS TO FORM OR IS IT THE OTHER PIECES LIKE THE DESIRE TO BE A PART OF A LARGER NETWORK AND TO BE CONNECTED. BECAUSE, AS THE ROLE THAT THE VILLAGE COULD PLAY, THAT IS THE PART THAT SEEMS REALLY POWERFUL IS THE CONNECTING MORE THAN THE MONEY. BUT, THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS ON IT. I'M CURIOUS TO SEE HOW IT GOES.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THANK YOU FOR THE FEEDBACK AND PAOLA IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE, I'LL JUST HIGHLIGHT A FEW THINGS BECAUSE THIS IS NEW STUFF. AND IT IS REALLY AN INCENTIVE TO GET THE NEIGHBORS ACTIVATED AND SEE THE VALUE OF CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AND NEIGHBORS AND SO IT IS NOT NECESSARILY MEANT TO DO EVERY SINGLE THING, IT IS MEANT TO GET THEM ENGAGED AND THERE ARE OTHER EXAMPLES THAT HAPPEN ORGANICALLY AND I THINK WE HAD A GROUP IN SOUTHWEST OAK PARK WHO WANTED TO LIGHT UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE HOLIDAYS, RIGHT? AND THEY HAD AN IDEA ABOUT SOME HOLIDAY LIGHTS, BUT NO READY-MADE RESOURCES, BUT THE STAFF IS POSITIONED NOW AND WE DID WORK WITH THEM ACTUALLY ON FLY AND WE HAD A SYSTEM IN PLACE WHERE WE COULD WORK WITH NEIGHBORS AROUND US AND MAYBE THERE WAS A RESOURCE THAT WE COULD SUPPORT AND I THINK IN THIS INSTANCE THEY HAD SOME FUNDING FOR THE LIGHTS

AND THERE WAS A GAP, BUT IT IS A GOOD THING, BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE LIGHT OF SOUTHWEST OAK PARK AND THEY HAVE THE NEIGHBORS AND THEY INCREASE THE SPECIAL FOR THAT FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND IT IS JUST A LITTLE BIT OF HUMAN CAPITAL AND A LEVEL OF FINANCIAL CAPITAL TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. SO, THAT IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THOSE THINGS CAN WORK.

>>PAOLA: I WOULD SAY THAT THE GRANT SHOULD NOT BE THE BIGGEST BENEFIT HERE AND WE ARE HOPING THAT THE PARTNERSHIP WITH STAFF AND VILLAGE HALL LIAISONS WOULD BE THE BIGGEST THING HERE AND WE JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN IN THE GUIDELINES INELIGIBLE USERS, WE ARE POLITICAL ACTIVITY, LODGING, PRIVATE BENEFIT PROJECTS, COMPENSATION TO INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS, ALCOHOL PURCHASES WE ARE CONDUCTING TO INCUR PRIOR TO APPROVAL AND WE ARE LOOKING AT THESE PROJECTS AND GIVING THEM A YEAR TO MAYBE HOLD THAT FUNDING AND ONCE THE EVENT OR PROJECT TAKES PLACE WE WILL GO BACK ON REIMBURSEMENT AND THEN ANOTHER THING TALKING ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP AND GETTING THEM TO ENGAGE IS ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS IS THAT THE GROUP LEADERS FOR EACH OF THE TEARS DO HAVE THE REQUIREMENT TO GO THROUGH OUR LOCAL 1101, THE LOCAL UNIVERSITY PROGRAM AND RIGHT NOW WITH THE PARTICIPANTS WE HAVE, SOME OF THEM ARE ALREADY IN THE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD AREAS AND IT IS ALSO A GREAT OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THEY ARE GRADUATING FROM THIS PROGRAM AND THEN MAYBE THEY CAN GO ALREADY MORE INFORMED WITH CONNECTIONS AT VILLAGE HALL THAT THEY CAN ESTABLISH AND GROW THESE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: COOL, GOOD IDEA.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JENNA?

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: OKAY, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS ALREADY.

DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN THE REGISTRY IDEA.

AS A RESOURCE, ANYTHING THAT WILL INFORM, EDUCATE, ENGAGE, I AM SUPPORTIVE OF CONNECTING PEOPLE.

I THINK THAT IS ONLY GOING TO BE A BENEFIT.

MY QUESTIONS ARE SOMEWHAT DISPARATE.

BASED ON THE FEEDBACK THAT YOU GOT WITH THE GROUPS THAT ALREADY EXIST, WHAT DID THEY SAY THEY WOULD BE USING THESE SUPPORT FOR?

INITIALLY WE HAD IT REALLY BASED ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITIES AND RESTARTED COMMUNITIES THAT THEY OFFER THIS FOR PARADES OR A BARBECUE AND AFTER A CERTAIN LEVEL OF FUNDING IT IS MATCHED FUNDS SO IT IS A SHARED INVESTMENT, BUT WE HEARD FROM THE EXISTING GROUPS IS THAT IF THEY ARE MUCH SMALLER MAYBE THEY ARE NOT AS ESTABLISHED LIKE CIOPCO THAT HAVE BEEN FORMALLY ORGANIZED THEY MAY NEED RESOURCES FOR THAT AND MAYBE SOME FUNDING FOR THOSE FEES FOR REGISTERING AS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR GETTING SOME TYPE OF TRAINING TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE LEADERS IN THOSE GROUPS.

TRAINING ON MAY BE LIKE ROBERTS RULES LIKE HOW TO RUN A BOARD MEETING OR DO THOSE THINGS THAT GET THEM STARTED WOULD BE HELPFUL UPFRONT.

THE FUNDING WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY INFRASTRUCTURE OR DEVELOPER PROJECTS AND THAT IS ANOTHER POINT THAT TRUSTEE EDER MENTION, IT IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THAT AND SO KEEPING THAT INTEREST OUT OF IT, AS WELL.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: I GUESS I SIT WITH A WHERE I THINK EVERYONE IS LANDING LIKE SUPPORTIVE AND CURIOUS TO SEE HOW IT GOES AND THEN COME BACK FOR FUTURE ITERATIONS.

MY CONCERNS ARE MORE AROUND HOW THIS CAN BE EMPLOYED EQUITABLY ACROSS THE VILLAGE WHEN WE HAVE GROUP THAT ARE SO WELL-ESTABLISHED - GEOGRAPHICALLY WE ARE STILL QUITE - LIKE A NOT SO INTEGRATED.

JUST READING OVER THE DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO PROGRAMS AND WAS THERE LIKE A SHADOW OF CENTERING HOMEOWNERS TO MEET - AND SO SOMETHING TO BE AWARE OF LIKE HOW WE CAN BE INTENTIONAL TO EXTEND SUPPORTS WHERE THEY DON'T ALREADY EXIST AND WHERE ORGANIZING AND ENGAGEMENT IS LACKING AND NOT EXISTING.

MAYBE NOT IN THE SAME FORM AS CIOPCO WHICH IS SORT OF THE MODEL THAT WE ALL HAVE AND YOU KNOW I IMAGINE THAT THAT IS THE GENESIS OF THIS THAT PEOPLE SAW CIOPCO OR HAVE BEEN GOING AND THINKING THAT I WANT THIS IN MY CORNER OF TOWN, TOO.

AND THAT MAKES - THAT WOULD BE GREAT IF EVERY CORNER TOWN HAD THAT KIND OF ORGANIC AND THEN BUILD THAT KIND OF INFRASTRUCTURE AROUND ENGAGEMENT.

BUT, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MINDFUL THAT THESE ARE FINITE RESOURCES AND THERE ARE GROUPS, MAYBE NOT CIOPCO, BUT THERE IS ENGAGEMENT HAPPENING IN OTHER QUARTERS AND DIFFERENT FORMS AND THAT WHEN WE ARE FORMALIZING PROGRAMS, THE FIRST FOLKS THAT WE SUPPORT ARE THE ONES YOU KNOW WITH ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS.

>>PAOLA: WE DID THINK ABOUT THAT INITIALLY AND WE HAD A MODEL WHERE WE SEPARATED LIKE PRIMARILY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE VS. AREAS WHERE THEY ARE HIGHLY YOU KNOW MULTIUNIT OR APARTMENT OR CONDOMINIUM COMPLEXES AND WE FELT THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY CREATING MORE OF A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO AND WE DID NOT WANT TO PUT PEOPLE IN EITHER BUCKET AND WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS IS MORE INCLUSIVE AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THE THREE DIFFERENT TIERS MAKES IT MORE ACCESSIBLE TO DIFFERENT SCALES AND SIZES OF GROUPS AND WHILE WE DO NOT NECESSARILY WANT 30 SINGLE BLOCK GROUPS, MAYBE THEY ARE CLOSE ENOUGH WHERE THEY CAN BECOME AN ACORN OR A SAPLING AND THEN TO GET IN FRONT OF THOSE FOLKS WE ARE GOING TO BE FOCUSING A LOT OF OUR EFFORTS IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND GOING OUT TO EXISTING EVENTS THAT PEOPLE ARE COMING OUT TO WHETHER IT BE SOMETHING IN DOWNTOWN OAK PARK OR ALL OF THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT WE HAVE AND WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT PARTNERING WITH OUR HOUSING PROGRAMS AND GETTING IN FRONT OF THOSE AUDIENCES SO IF IT IS THE LANDLORD OR THE TENANT'S CAN GET THIS INFORMATION.

AND PLACES THAT THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY COMING TO US, WE WANT TO COME TO THEM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JIM?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I AGREE WITH JENNA, THAT IS THE CHALLENGE TO HAVE THE SUPPLY THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE AND IT IS I THINK INHERENTLY MORE DIFFICULT WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT RENTERS AND I SUPPORT RENTERS OF COURSE IN OUR VILLAGE AND THEY ARE JUST NOT HERE AS LONG YOU KNOW IT IS MUCH SHORTER AND THERE ARE INHERENTLY MORE CHALLENGES TO ENGAGE FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME AND I DON'T KNOW OF A RENTER THAT HAS EVER EXISTED - AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT AT THIS MOMENT ANY EXIST AND SO COMMUNITY BUILDING IS A GREAT GOAL AND IT IS A WONDERFUL THING AND WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS NOT GREAT, I DON'T REALLY SUPPORT ADDING STAFF CAPACITY IN THE FUTURE AND I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE NECESSARY, I JUST DON'T SEE THIS AS BEING SO EXPANSIVE AS A PROGRAM OVERALL AND MENTIONED IN HERE AND THE ACORN - THERE IS 120 HOUSEHOLDS, THAT IS A BIG NUMBER AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS CIOPCO HAS, BUT THIS IS A LOT OF PEOPLE AND SO IMAGINE RENTERS LIKE YOU HAVE TO HAVE MULTIPLE BUILDINGS OR MAYBE A BUILDING LIKE HERITAGE HOUSE IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF THEM IN THEIR AND THEY WOULD PROBABLY LIKE THIS AND THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING AND I CAN JUST SEE PEOPLE FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND I AM NOT TRYING TO SAY THAT IT IS ABOUT MONEY, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT GOES INTO THESE GROUPS TO ORGANIZE AND WHATEVER ORGANIZATIONAL NEEDS ARE TO GET THEM STARTED AND THEN THE AMOUNT IS NOT GREAT AND IT REALLY CAN'T BE OBVIOUSLY - I DON'T KNOW YOU KNOW DEREK MENTIONED PEOPLE GETTING INVOLVED BECAUSE OF THE MONEY AND I CAN ALSO SEE PEOPLE NOT GETTING INVOLVED BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY AND SO I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE IT IS, BUT IT IS A GOOD IDEA AND I APPRECIATE YOU DOING THIS AND I THINK THAT IS ONE OF OUR GOALS, OBVIOUSLY COMMUNITY BUILDING IS IMPORTANT AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW IT GOES AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU GET SOME GROUPS AND AGAIN YOU KNOW REACHING ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF HOUSING THAT WE HAVE IS IMPORTANT.

I DON'T KNOW THAT THOSE GROUPS EXIST OR THAT THEY WOULD FORM, BUT IT IS WORTH TRYING AND SEEING AT LEAST ON A PILOT BASIS AND SO I DO THINK THAT IS A GOOD THING.

THAT IS BASICALLY ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THIS IS GREAT.

I THINK RUNNING A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION LIKE THIS IS A LOT OF WORK AND I THINK HAVING THE VILLAGE, HAVING A LIFELINE AND PIPELINE AND DIRECT POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE VILLAGE CAN HELP DECREASE SOME OF THE INTIMIDATION AND ANXIETY AROUND SET UP AND ACTUALLY FACILITATE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GROUP AND ALL OF THOSE QUESTIONS THAT COME UP.

AND I THINK OFTEN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS JUST SPROUT OUT OF A NEED IN THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD OF SOMETHING LIKE CIOPCO, THERE WAS THE BARRY PARK REMEDIATION AND SO EVERYONE LIKE THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS FALLING APART AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD STEPPED IN AND DID A WHOLE BUNCH OF STUFF

THAT WE JUST ALL TALK ABOUT ENOUGH AND THE VILLAGE REALLY STEPPED IN AND DID A BUNCH OF GREAT STUFF THAT I'M NOT SURE WE WOULD EVEN GET AWAY WITH DOING IN 2026 WHAT WAS DONE WHEN BARRY PARK WAS REMEDIATED.

AND OUT OF THAT BECAME OKAY, WE ARE NOT GOING TO LOSE OUR COMMUNITY. AND THE ORGANIZATION CAME TOGETHER AND PUT TOGETHER LIKE VERY FAST AND THAT WAS NOT EVEN THE FIRST LIKE IT WAS LIKE HE RAN FAST AND IT WAS LIKE THE FIRST YEAR AND THEN TRANSFORMED AND IT EVOLVED INTO WHAT IT IS NOW AND MY POINT BEING THAT THERE WAS A COHESIVE KIND OF MOTIVATING FORCE THAT KIND OF TOOK HOLD AND SAID ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE, WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER AND THERE WAS A GROUP OF PEOPLE EXTREMELY MOTIVATED TO KEEP IT GOING.

AND I THINK - WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE THAT AND THAT IS NOT TO SAY THAT WE WANT AND BECAUSE WE DON'T, I THINK THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THIS CAN HELP BRING TOGETHER THAT LEADERSHIP AND THAT COMMUNITY AND SAY WE ARE ALL NOT AS INFORMED AS WE LIKE TO BE.

ANYTHING VILLAGE WIDE, YOU NAME IT.

WE WANT TO COME TOGETHER AND FORM A GROUP AND FIGURE OUT HOW WE WANT TO BE MORE INFORMED AND IMPACTFUL AND THIS SAYS OKAY, THIS IS HOW YOU CAN DO IT AND THIS IS HOW WE CAN HELP AND IF YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE, THIS IS WHO YOU CAN CALL.

AND THAT I THINK IS WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD.

I THINK THE MONEY HERE TO THE POINT BEING MADE ALREADY LIKE SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY, PROBABLY NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE SOMEBODY GET OFF OF THE COUCH AND CREATE A COMMUNITY GROUP - I THINK ALL OF THE OTHER ASPECTS, IF SOMEBODY WAS ALREADY THINKING ABOUT IT IS ENOUGH TO TIP THEM OVER THE EDGE.

AND I REALLY LIKE THIS PROGRAM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

WE WILL NOT BELABOR THE POINT HERE THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE, I THINK IT IS GREAT AND I PRESUME THE APPLICATION PROCESS ITSELF PROVIDES A LOT OF CLARITY FOR THE GROUPS AS TO HOW THEY CAN SPEND MONEY OR NOT AND WHAT TYPE OF GROUP IS WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.

AND I LOVE THAT TRUSTEE WESLEY SHARED THE STORY OF HOW CIOPCO CAME TO BE ABOUT, BECAUSE WHEN A COMMUNITY BUILDS SOMETHING TOGETHER, THAT IS WHEN THEY CAN REALLY CONNECT.

AND I JUST HAVE TO LAUGH BECAUSE I CANNOT HELP BUT REMEMBER WHEN AS CLERK I GOT THE PHONE CALL BECAUSE THEY WERE DENIED THEIR BLOCK PARTY - THE BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT AN OFFICIAL GROUP AND SO THEY WERE JUST TWO BLOCKS THAT WERE PLANNING A BLOCK PARTY AT THE SAME TIME EVERY YEAR AND THEY WERE LIKE NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, THIS IS A THING!

AND I REALLY JUST HAVE TO COMMEND THAT IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHO REALLY WORKED WITH THE NEIGHBORS AND THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF IT AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.

MAKE IT WORK.

THAT WAS ALSO YOU?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AND ALSO SHOT OUT TO TARA BECAUSE SHE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND WE WERE NOT -- WE DID NOT EVEN KNOW EACH OTHER AT A TIME!

OKAY, SO THANK YOU, THIS IS NOT A VOTE, I HAVE NOT CALLED FOR AN APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA YET, I MISSED THAT, BUT I FEEL LIKE I WILL PAUSE NOW TUESDAY - I WILL SEE IF WE CAN PULL THE FIRST ITEM OFF OF CONSENT, ANY OBJECTION TO THAT?

OKAY, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON, THANK YOU, PAOLA.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: ,YES, BILL McKENNA, HE WILL DELIVER THIS AND WE DELIBERATELY PUT THIS ON THE MANAGERS REPORT WITH THE HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS AND WE HAVE TWO OF THEM ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT AT 230 CHICAGO AND 330 CHICAGO, CORRECT? AND WE WANT TO PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT AND ALSO WITH THESE AGREEMENTS, UTILIZE WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HISTORY OF DOING THESE BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN DOING THEM AND THEN ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE MAY HAVE ABOUT THE AGREEMENT BEFORE YOU ACTUALLY VOTE ON THEM TONIGHT.

SO, BILL?

>>BILL: GOOD EVENING, BILL McKENNA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND AS MANAGER JACKSON SAID THERE IS TWO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT FOR HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENTS AND LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS WITH TWO GAS STATIONS ON CHICAGO AVENUE AND SO I WANT TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF AN IDEA OF WHAT THEY ARE AND A LITTLE BIT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

SO, HIGHWAY AUTHORITY, THAT IS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE PROPERTY OWNER.

THOSE ARE DONE WHEN POLLUTION TYPICALLY IN THIS CASE FROM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS EXTENDS INTO THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE ILLINOIS EPA ALLOWS FOR THAT CONTAMINATION TO REMAIN IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND STILL ISSUE A OVER REMEDIATION LETTER TO THE PROPERTY OWNER.

THE HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT PUTS IN PLACE PROTECTIONS TO PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH FROM EXPOSURE TO THOSE CONTAMINATIONS.

SO, IT GENERALLY WHAT IT DOES IT PROHIBITS THE USE OF GROUNDWATER AND SO THE VILLAGE ALREADY HAS AN ORDINANCE IN PLACE THAT PROHIBITS THE USE OF GROUNDWATER FOR POTABLE WATER.

AND THAT WAS IN PLACE SINCE THE EARLY 2000'S.

BUT, IT REQUIRES THAT AND IT REQUIRES THAT ANYONE THAT IS GOING TO BE WORKING THOSE AREAS IS GOING TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT THOSE CONTAMINATIONS SO THAT WORKER SAFETY IS MAINTAINED AS WELL.

ANDY HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENTS PROTECT THE HUMAN HEALTH - THEY DO NOT EXPLICITLY DEFINE THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH

LEAVING THAT CONTAMINATION IN PLACE AND SO THE VILLAGE DOES A SEPARATE AGREEMENT THAT DEFINES THOSE COST RESPONSIBILITIES SO THE PROPERTY OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FUTURE COSTS SHOULD THE VILLAGE BE DOING WORK WITHIN THOSE AREAS.

SO, IF WE ARE DOING A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT OR PLACING A WATER MAIN THEN WE HAVE TO PAY MORE FOR TESTING AND DISPOSAL OF CONTAMINATED SOILS, THAT PROPERTY OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT OR THEY HAVE THE OPTION OF PERFORMING NETWORK THEMSELVES SO THEY CAN SELF PERFORM THE SOIL TESTING AND DISPOSAL OF THE SOIL IF THAT IS OKAY WITH THE VILLAGE.

THAT IS REALLY WHY WE USE THOSE AGREEMENTS AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN PLACE SINCE THE LATE 90S AND SINCE SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS IN THE STATE CHANGE TO USE MORE LIKE A TIERED APPROACH TO CLEANING UP THE CONTAMINATION.

RIGHT NOW WITH THESE TWO THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED TONIGHT THERE WILL BE ABOUT 25 THAT WE KNOW OF WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

SO, WE HAVE BEEN USING THESE AGREEMENTS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND SO IT IS NOTHING NEW TO THE VILLAGE, JUST SO I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE BOARD MAY HAVE ON THESE AGREEMENTS IN GENERAL.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I AM CURIOUS WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL INDEMNITY AGREEMENT - WHEN THE VILLAGE - IS RESURFACING A ROAD DOING SIGNIFICANT ROADWORK WHERE WE ARE NOT JUST LIKE GRADING AND LAYING DOWN NEW PAVEMENT, AT THAT TIME, DO WE ASK THE PROPERTY OWNER THEN TO DO THE FURTHER REMEDIATION THAT WAS FUNCTIONALLY NOT COST-EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME, BECAUSE THERE WAS A ROAD IN THE WAY?

>>BILL: IT IS GENERALLY NOT THE FULL REMEDIATION AND THERE IS INCREASE RESULTS FOR TESTING THAT IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO DISPOSE OF THE SOILS FOR THE REQUIREMENTS.

SO, GENERALLY WE ARE NOT EXCAVATING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE FULL EXTENT OF REMEDIATION SO THAT IT MEETS IT IS CALLED TIER 1 RESIDENTIAL REMEDIATION STANDARDS SO IF YOU WANTED TO BUILD A HOUSE ON IT - TO PREVENT CONTACT BETWEEN PEOPLE AND CONTAMINATION AND WE ARE JUST YOU KNOW NOT DIGGING A MASSIVE HOLE IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO DO REMEDIATION.

IT IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO INSTALL A WATER MAIN OR A SEWER MAIN.

TYPICALLY THESE PLUMES EXTEND RELATIVELY FAR OUT INTO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND YOU ULTIMATELY HAVE UTILITIES THAT WOULD BE IMPACTED BY IT AND IT IS REALLY NOT COST-EFFECTIVE FOR ANYTHING THAT WE WOULD WANT TO DO JUST FROM AN IMPACT TO THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD TO ACTUALLY CLEAN ALL OF THAT UP.

BECAUSE, YOU HAVE UTILITIES HANGING IN THE AIR THAT YOU WOULD RELOCATE WATER MAINS IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON REDOING THE WATERMAN, YOU'D PROBABLY HAVE TO REDO SEWERS AND THEN THEY START INVOLVING OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES THAT MAY PREVENT REMEDIATION.

AND SO IT IS NOT COST-EFFECTIVE AND HUMAN HEALTH VISUALLY PROTECTED BY THE ROADWAY AND HAVING THESE AGREEMENTS IN PLACE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: YES, I GUESS - I WAS LOOKING AT THE 100 CHICAGO MAP THAT WE HAVE WHERE THE PLUME IS CLEAR ACROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE OF CHICAGO AVENUE.

AND SO I KNOW FOR INSTANCE WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CHICAGO AVENUE IS GOING TO HAVE SOME SIGNIFICANT STREET WORK IN THE COMING YEARS.

AND SO WHETHER REMOVAL OF IMPACTED SOIL FOR REMEDIATION PURPOSES TO PREVENT THE PLUME FROM FURTHER SPREADING, I UNDERSTAND THE ROAD IS PREVENTING HUMAN CONTACT SORT OF WITHIN THE EXISTING PLUME, BUT DO WE KNOW LIKE THIS PLUME, THERE IS NO RISK OF IT CONTINUING TO SPREAD?

I BELIEVE IT SAID THE DIRECTION OF SPREAD IS SORT OF SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST?

>>BILL: THEY DO LOOK AT THE GROUNDWATER FLOW AND SO THEY DO LOOK AT THE MIGRATION AND A LOT OF THAT IS MANAGING IN THE GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE AND SO GROUNDWATER IN GENERAL THROUGHOUT OAK PARK AND THE REGION, THERE IS A LONG HISTORY OF POLLUTION AND THINGS WERE NOT REGULATED HISTORICALLY AND OAK PARK AND EVERYONE ELSE IN THE SURROUNDING AREA DOES NOT ALLOW POTABLE WELLS BECAUSE OF THAT, RIGHT? AND GROUNDWATER IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE CONTAMINATED AND THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN THAT UP AND IT IS REALLY ABOUT THE IMPACTED SOIL AND THE MIGRATION THAT IS REALLY DEPENDENT ON THE SOIL TYPE AND THE DENSE CLAY THAT WILL NOT MOVE MUCH.

IT USUALLY MOVES MORE ALONG THE UTILITIES LIKE THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE AND SO YOU WILL HAVE A STONE TRENCH FOR LIKE A WATER AND SEWER MAIN AND THEY WILL TEND TO MIGRATE ALONG THOSE PATHWAYS WHERE THEY THEN STARTED MIGRATE THROUGH NATIVE SOILS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OKAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

DEREK?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I AM JUST A LITTLE CURIOUS ABOUT THE TIMING AND THE HISTORY AND YOU MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING THESE FOR A WHILE. JUST WHY THESE TWO LOCATIONS AND WHAT WAS THE IMPETUS OF DOING IT NOW? IT IS JUST COMING UP AND ARE WE EXPECTING MORE IN THE FUTURE?

>>BILL: YES, WE ALWAYS EXPECT MORE OF THESE AND WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING AT WORKING WITH ANOTHER GAS STATION OWNER AND HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT AND SO THESE DO COME UP AND THEY GENERALLY START AS A RESULT OF EITHER A LEAKY TANK INCIDENT AND SO IF THERE IS LIKE AN ACUTE INCIDENT THAT REGISTERS AS A LEAKY TANK AND THE STATE FILE MARSHALL -- FIRE MARSHALL COMES OUT THEY HAVE TO START DOING A REMEDIATION PROGRAM WITH THE STATE AND AS PART OF THAT THEY DO A SOIL SAMPLE AND IF THAT PLUME STARTS EXTENDING BEYOND THE PROPERTY LINE, THEN THEY START LOOKING INTO

YOU KNOW POTENTIALLY DOING HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE.

AND SO THE TWO ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE THE BOARD TONIGHT HAVE KIND OF DIFFERENT ORIGIN STORIES AND ONE AT THE RIDGELAND AND CHICAGO GAS STATION AND THAT OWNER BOUGHT THAT GAS STATION AND THERE WAS A LEAK PRIOR TO HIM BUYING IT THAT NEVER GOT ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE ILLINOIS EPA CLEANUP PROGRAM AND HE IS TRYING TO JUST COMPLETE THAT PROCESS AND GET A HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE TO DEAL WITH AN OLDER HISTORICAL LEAGUE.

THE ONE AT 100 CHICAGO AVENUE, THAT ONE, THERE WAS A DETERMINATION OF LEAKY TANKS AND THEY DID DO A LOT OF CLEANUP ASSOCIATED WITH THAT AND THEY FOLLOW-UP SOIL TESTING AND THE PLUME CAME UP AND THEY ARE USUALLY GENERATED WITH A SPECIFIC INSTANCE LIKE THAT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU SAY THAT GAS STATIONS HAVE LEAKS LIKE THIS?

>>BILL: YES, IT IS PRETTY UNIVERSAL AND NEWER TANKS THERE IS A LOT LESS OPPORTUNITY FOR TANKS TO LEAK NOW. THERE IS STILL HISTORICAL TANKS OUT THERE AND IT IS A PRETTY GOOD ASSUMPTION WHETHER CURRENTLY OR HISTORICALLY THAT THEY HAVE HAD A LEAKY TANK.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THAT IS HELPFUL.

IT SOUNDS LIKE THE ACTION, THIS IS THE PLAN FOR THEM TO ACTUALLY TAKE ACTION AND REMEDIATE AND THAT WILL SET THE PATH FORWARD FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, CORRECT?

>>BILL: IT IS ALSO A GOOD TIME FOR THE ONES AS TRUSTEE STRAW WAS TALKING ABOUT AND HAVING TO BE ABLE TO DEFINE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND MAKING THE CONVERSATIONS EASIER BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, GOT IT.

THAT MAKES SENSE TO ME AND I AM REMINDED OF THE COMMENTS I MADE DURING THE QUIKTRIP MEETING A WHILE BACK WHICH IS THAT GAS STATIONS ARE NOT THE FUTURE OF OAK PARK AND THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: A QUICK QUESTION, JUST CURIOUS, DO PROPERTY OWNERS EVER VIOLATE TERMS OF THESE AGREEMENTS AND IF SO, WHAT HAPPENS?

>>BILL: IT COULD VOID THE AGREEMENT AND THEY COULD LOSE THEIR REMEDIATION STATUS WITH THE STATE. WE HAVE NOT HAD - WE HAVE NOT HAD THAT HAPPENED YET AT LEAST IN MY TENURE.

SOME OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS YOU KNOW WITH SOME OF THE OWNERS CAN BE HARD FOR THOSE OWNERS AND SOME OF THESE OWNERS DO NOT NECESSARILY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT THEY ARE AGREEING TO. AND SO COMMUNICATING TO THEM BUT THOSE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS MAY BE CAN BE A REALLY TOUGH CONVERSATION SOMETIMES.

THE GAS STATIONS THAT ARE LARGER CHAINS, THOSE ARE VERY EASY CONVERSATIONS AND THEY HAVE A SYSTEM SET UP AND THESE AGREEMENTS TELL US WHO TO CONTACT WHEN THEY WILL BE DOING PROJECTS AND IF THERE IS AN INCIDENT AND THOSE GO RIGHT TO ATTORNEY OFFICES AND THEY WORK WITH SHELL AND BP AND ALL OF THOSE AND THEY HAVE WHOLE TEAMS OF PEOPLE THAT DEAL WITH THIS AS PART OF THEIR DAILY ROUTINE.

AND THOSE CONVERSATIONS ARE VERY EASY.

THEY HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS ALREADY UNDER CONTRACT AND THEY SET THOSE UP AND THEY COULD BE MORE CHALLENGING FOR THE SMALL AND INDEPENDENT GAS STATIONS, BUT REALLY EASY FOR THE LARGER ONES.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I JUST HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS AND TO DEREK 'S POINT AND THEN I WILL STEP DOWN - I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT MY KNOWLEDGE IS THAT UP UNTIL 30 YEARS AGO ALL OF THOSE TANKS WERE STEEL AND NOW WE ARE MAKING THEM OUT OF DIFFERENT MATERIALS AND THE OLD ONES, WATER WHEN WATER GETS PUT IN, IT GOES TO THE BOTTOM AND SITS ON THE BOTTOM AND IT GROWS AND THEY DON'T GET IT OUT, IT JUST STAYS ON THE BOTTOM AND IT WILL EVENTUALLY REST AND EVERY ONE OF THEM WILL LEAK AND EVERY ONE OF THEM WILL HAVE A LEAKY UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK AT SOME POINT.

AND I WAS JUST CURIOUS ON THE FINANCIAL END OF THIS INDEMNIFICATION, WHAT IS THE - TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE OWNER IS NOW ASSUMING THE LIABILITY, BUT THE OWNER AS WE HAVE HAD HAPPENED AND THIS HAPPENS OCCASIONALLY THE GAS STATION CLOSES AND GOES OUT OF BUSINESS AND DECLARES BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY AND WHATEVER THE CASE AND THEY ARE GONE AND THAT PROPERTY SITS THERE.

WHO ENDS UP PULLING THE BILL?

>>BILL: THERE IS RISK ASSOCIATED WITH ALL OF THESE FOR THOSE CASES. AND SO THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW BASICALLY SAYS THAT THE POLLUTER IS RESPONSIBLE IF THAT COMPANY GOES OUT OF BUSINESS AND REALLY MAY BE THAT PROPERTY REVERTS BACK TO A SMALL LANDOWNER THAT DOES NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY, THAT CAN BE A RISK THAT WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RECOUP THOSE COSTS.

THE VILLAGE BOARD DID APPROVE MODIFYING A LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER ON MADISON AND GUNDERSON AND THERE WAS A SMALL DEVELOPMENT BEING PROPOSED AT MADISON AND GUNDERSON THAT NEEDS TO BE A GAS STATION AND THEY HAD POLLUTION THAT EXTENDED OUT INTO THE RIGHT AWAY AND HAVING THAT LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL INDEMNITY AGREEMENT IT DID NOT DEFINE A CAP, THAT IS VERY CHALLENGING FOR A SMALL PROPERTY OWNER THAT WILL DEVELOP LIKE FOUR TOWNHOMES OR SOMEWHERE AROUND THERE.

THE BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED US TO RENEGOTIATE THAT AGREEMENT AND ESSENTIALLY TAKE A ONE TIME PAYMENT AND GET RID OF THAT INDEMNITY. SO, WE ARE NEGOTIATING WITH THEM ON THAT SO THE VILLAGE IS COVERED FOR THOSE FUTURE COSTS BY TAKING A ONE-TIME CASH PAYMENT AND THEY DON'T HAVE THAT LONG TERM UNDEFINED RISK WITH THE PROPERTY ANYMORE.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: DOES THIS HAVE THIS LONG-TERM LIKE HOW ARE WE DOING THE STRUCTURING ON THE INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE HERE? IS THERE A RISK ON OUR PART THAT WE COULD GET STUCK BY THIS?

>>BILL: NOT REALLY -

>>SPEAKER: TRUSTEE TAGLIA, THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT IT GETS TIED TO THE PROPERTY AND PROVIDES THE CURRENT OWNER AND FUTURE OWNERS AND IF THE VILLAGE IS NOT PAID WHEN REQUIRED UNDER THE AGREEMENT, DID THE VILLAGE HAS A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE AMOUNTS OWED AND SO THE VILLAGE CAN CHOOSE THEN TO GO TO COURT OR TO KEEP A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY AT THE TIME THAT THE PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS THAT THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID WITH INTEREST.

AND THIS IS ALL OUTLINED IN THE AGREEMENT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: MY ONLY CONCERN AND I DON'T WANT TO BELABOR THIS IS THAT A CONTAMINATED PIECE OF THE PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN ABANDONED FOR LACK OF BETTER WORDS IS WORTHLESS.

I MEAN IT WILL ADD NEGATIVE VALUE PERHAPS TO CLEAN IT UP.

AND IS THERE ANY POTENTIAL YOU KNOW WE ARE DOING THESE AGREEMENTS AND ARE WE HELPING THE PROPERTY OWNER POTENTIALLY AVOID RESPONSIBILITY?

AND THE ONE THAT MAY END UP IN OUR LAP AT SOME POINT?

BECAUSE THE FUTURE, THEY ALL ARE CONTAMINATED AND WE HAVE A LOT OF CONTAMINATION IN DIFFERENT AREAS AND SO WHY WOULD WE DO THAT?

>>BILL: THE HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT IS THE ONE THAT IS REQUIRED UNDER LAW FOR THAT PROPERTY OWNER TO GIVE NO FURTHER REMEDIATION. AND IF THE VILLAGE DID NOT WANT TO ENTER INTO THE HIGHWAY AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER AND REQUIRED THEM TO CLEAN UP THE RIGHT AWAY ESSENTIALLY, RIGHT?

THAT YOU KNOW COULD BE FINANCIALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THAT PROPERTY OWNER TO GO THROUGH THAT SAME SITUATION AND COULD BE FACED WITH A POTENTIALLY VACANT PROPERTY AS A RESULT.

AND SO THERE IS RISK TO BOTH THINGS AND THIS ONE I THINK IS THE MORE REALISTIC ONE AND IT GIVES US THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES IN GENERAL IN THE FUTURE TO RECOUP COSTS IN THE PROCESS WHILE STILL ALLOWING FOR THAT PROPERTY TO BE BROUGHT UP TO CURRENT STANDARDS.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: IT IS THE BETTER OF THE TWO IN YOUR VIEW.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WILL JUST AGREE THAT EITHER APPROACH HAS A RISK OF GAS STATIONS BECOMING FUTURE GROUND FIELD TYPE SITES WHERE THE COSTS OF SOMEONE PURCHASING AND UTILIZING THE PROPERTY OUTWEIGH THE POTENTIAL BENEFIT WHICH INEVITABLY MEANS THAT IT BECOMES A BURDEN ON TAXPAYERS AND SO THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE WANT TO SORT OF FORCE THE ISSUE NOW BY SAYING THAT YOU HAVE TO REMEDIATE THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WHICH POTENTIALLY MAKES IT A BROWNFIELD IMMEDIATELY OR WHETHER WE WANT TO ALLOW A BUSINESS TO CONTINUE AT THAT SITE AND AT SOME FUTURE POINT THERE IS A REAL RISK OF IT BECOMING A BROWNFIELD AS IS THE CASE IN SO MANY FORMER GAS STATIONS WHERE THOSE COSTS OF REMEDIATION ARE SUBSTANTIAL.

I MEAN GAS STATIONS, DRY CLEANERS, THESE ARE ALL THE KINDS OF SITES THAT A PLACE LIKE OAK PARK LONG-TERM YOU KNOW WE ARE LIKELY GOING TO END UP FOOTING THE BILL FOR A LOT OF THOSE CLEANUP COSTS IN THE FUTURE. IF WE WANT TO REDEVELOP THOSE SITES.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: IS THERE A BOND REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THIS FROM THE BUSINESS?

>>BILL: FROM OUR AGREEMENT, NO. THERE IS NO BOND.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IF EVERYONE IS COMFORTABLE WITH VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY ON THIS WE WILL LEAVE THIS ON CONSENT. ALL RIGHT.

I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS HAS BEEN PRESENTED.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS IS?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOVED BY TRUSTEE AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE WESLEY. CLERK WATERS?

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE WESLEY, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, TRUSTEE WESLEY, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

OKAY, SO THE CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED AND MOVING TO OUR SINGLE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM.

YES.

A STUDY SESSION PRESENTING OPTION TO INCREASE REVENUE FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND AND SEEKING BOARD DIRECTION. VILLAGE MANAGER JACK COMPARED.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: YES, VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP ON INTERESTS FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD EVALUATING OPTIONS TO FULLY FUND SUSTAINABILITY OPERATIONS.

WE ARE COMING BACK TO YOU WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON A REVENUE OPTION AND WE ARE SEEKING GENERAL DIRECTION ON WHAT THE VILLAGE BOARD MIGHT THINK IS ACCEPTABLE AND AFTER THIS DISCUSSION TONIGHT AND WITH THIS DIRECTION TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WHEN WE START MEETING IN MAY AND THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS IN CONSIDERING

THESE REVENUE OPTIONS AMONG OTHER FUNDING NEEDS AS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS.

WITH THAT INTRODUCTION I WILL TURN IT OVER TO LINDSAY, OUR CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER AND ALSO I WANT TO RECOGNIZE DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER WHO HAS BEEN PROVIDING SUPPORT ON THIS AND WE DO HAVE OUR DIRECTORS FROM DEVELOPING SERVICES, FINANCE AS WELL AS PUBLIC WORKS HERE TO PROVIDE SOME SUPPORT IN ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS THAT WERE NEEDED.

SO, LINDSAY?

>>LINDSEY: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SO, CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER - BEFORE I GET INTO RECOMMENDATIONS I JUST WANT TO GIVE A VERY HIGH LEVEL BACKGROUND ON THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND. THIS WAS INITIATED IN 2009 WITH GRANT FUNDING SPECIFICALLY TO SUPPORT A STAFF POSITION FOR SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS.

THIS GRANT FUNDING EXPIRED IN 2010 AND STARTING IN 2011 THAT STAFF POSITION WAS FUNDED FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FUND THAT WAS JUST INCORPORATED INTO THE COST OF THAT PROGRAM AND INTO THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.

WE BEGAN GETTING OTHER REVENUE INTO THE FUND IN 2016 WITH THE COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION AND THEN IN 2018 WITH THE RETAIL BAG FEE.

AND DURING THOSE YEARS THERE WERE NOT A LOT OF EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND OTHER THAN THE STAFF AND PERSONNEL RELATED EXPENDITURES UNTIL ABOUT 2020 WHEN WE BEGAN HAVING THE GRANT AND A SOLAR REBATE AND THEN IN 2021 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WERE HIRED FOR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ABILITY. WE RELEASED THE CROP PLAN AND THAT RESULTED IN MORE PROGRAMMATIC EXPENDITURES, AS WELL.

SO - THE POSITION THAT WE ARE IN NOW, WE HAVE SEEN A DECREASE IN THE COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION FUNDING AND AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT THAT WE ARE BUDGETING FOR OUR GRANT PROGRAMS AND OTHER PROGRAMMATIC EXPENSES WHICH IS LEANING US WITH A \$1.5 MILLION DEFICIT ANNUALLY AND WITH THAT WE EXPECT THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND WOULD BE FULLY SUSPENDED IN 2027 SHOULD WE NOT DO ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY.

SO, WE EVALUATED A LOT OF DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR BRINGING MORE MONEY INTO THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND AND RECOMMENDING ESSENTIALLY TWO THINGS. THE FIRST WOULD BE THAT WE LOOK AT INCREASING OUR EXISTING REVENUE SOURCES WITH THE RETAIL BAG FEE AND USING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FUND AND THAT THE REMAINDER WHEN WE PRESENT OUR BUDGET TO YOU AT THE END OF THE YEAR, ANYTHING THAT IS APPROVED IN THE BUDGET THAT IS BEYOND THE REVENUE THAT WE ARE PROJECTING THAT THAT BE FUNDED THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND.

SO, JUST TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ON THESE USER FEES THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED, WE LOOKED AT A LOT OF THE DIFFERENT USER FEES THAT WE HAVE IN THE VILLAGE AND DETERMINED THAT THESE TWO THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY USING OUR THE MOST REASONABLE AND THE MOST RECOMMENDED FOR USE.

THERE WERE SOME LIKE THE MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX WHICH IS LIMITED TO THE USES AND WE ARE AT A STATUTORY CAP ANYWAY AND WE CAN CHARGE AS MUCH AS WE CAN FOR THOSE AND VEHICLE LICENSING FEES WERE LIMITED FOR WHAT WE CAN USE THAT FUNDINGS FOR AND SO THESE WERE NOT APPROPRIATE WAYS TO FUND THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND.

THE SINGLE USE BAG FEE, YOU SHOULD BE RECEIVING SOON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EUC ON INCREASING THIS FEE AND IT HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED FOR A WHILE.

AND INCREASING IT TO \$0.15 WHICH IS WHAT CHICAGO NOW HAS FOR THEIR FEE WOULD GENERATE BASED ON LAST YEAR'S NUMBERS ABOUT \$350,000 WHICH IS ABOUT \$100,000 INCREASE OVER WHAT WE ARE BRINGING IN NOW.

IF THERE WERE NO REDUCTIONS IN ANY OF THIS.

AND THEN WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FUND AS I SAID CURRENTLY THERE IS A VALUE BAKED IN TO THOSE FEES THAT ALLOWS FOR THAT 150,000 TRANSFER INTO THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND.

SO, WHERE WE WANT TO INCREASE THAT TRANSFER, THEN THERE WOULD BE CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FEES.

AND WHAT WE WOULD BE LOOKING FOR IS AN IDEA OF WHETHER THE BOARD WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF DOING THAT JUST BAKED INTO THOSE FEES IF WE WOULD WANT TO CALL THAT SPECIFICALLY A SUSTAINABILITY ITEM, SUSTAINABILITY FEE AND IF IT WOULD BE KIND OF FLATLY APPLIED ACROSS ALL ACCOUNTS OR IF WE WANT TO FIGURE OUT A TIERED STRUCTURE THAT WE CAN INCORPORATE INTO THOSE FEES.

AND THEN AS I SAID AFTER WE EVALUATE THOSE OPTIONS TO INCREASE REVENUE THROUGH THOSE FEES, ANYTHING THAT WE BRING TO YOU AS WE ARE BUDGETING THAT IS APPROVED THAT IS BEYOND WHAT THE PROJECTED REVENUE IS, WE WOULD ASK FOR THAT TO COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

SO, THIS RECOGNIZES SUSTAINABILITY AS A CORE SERVICE AND ALLOWS US TO ADJUST ANNUALLY DEPENDING ON WHAT WE WANTED TO THAT YEAR OR JUST BASED ON THE REVENUE SOURCES AND ANY GRANT THAT WE MAY HAVE RECEIVED AND JUST FOR SOME CONTEXT IF WE TAKE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND AND WE DON'T ADJUST OTHERWISE AND USE THE GENERAL FUND, OBVIOUSLY THAT MAY INCREASE IN THE LEVY.

SO, FOR THE NEXT STEPS AS I SAID THE EEC IS GOING TO BE RECOMMENDING SOME CHANGES TO THE RETAIL BAG FEE AND SO REALLY WE ARE JUST LOOKING FOR SOME DIRECTION FROM YOU ON IF THIS RECOMMENDATION IS SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE AND WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO DO MOVING FORWARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, THANK YOU.

CERTAINLY I CAN SEE SUSTAINABILITY AS A CORE SERVICE.

WHO WOULD LIKE TO START US OFF?

>>SPEAKER: (AWAY FROM MIC).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY GOOD.

WHO WOULD LIKE TO START?

PAMELA?

IF YOU WOULD NOT MIND, YES.

THANK YOU.

AND THANK YOU, LINDSAY.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY.

I REPRESENT THE OAK PARK CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK AS USUAL WE WANT TO OFFER SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

WE DO LIKE THE NEW IDEAS THAT STAFF HAS COME UP WITH IN PARTICULAR THE FIVE CENT INCREASE ON THE PLASTIC BAG FEE AND ALSO RAISING THE PROPORTION OF RESIDENT FEES THAT WOULD GO TO SUSTAINABILITY FROM EITHER THE INVENTOR -- ENVIRONMENT ALL SERVICES FUND, WATER AND SEWER IS FUND OR BOTH.

AND MOVING ADDITIONAL STAFF COSTS OUT OF THE SUSTAINABILITY BUDGET INTO THE GENERAL FUND.

THOSE ALL MAKE SENSE AND THEY ARE ESSENTIAL CORE SERVICES AS YOU HAVE SAID AND THEY ARE KIND OF REALLY LIKE ALMOST ANYTHING, ROAD MAINTENANCE, FIRE, WASTE, SUSTAINABILITY.

IT IS REALLY CENTRAL.

SO, WE ALSO STILL THINK THAT A NATURAL GAS USE TAX COULD BE ASSESSED THAT WOULD BE EQUAL TO CHICAGO'S RATE AND WHAT THAT WOULD DO IS INCENTIVIZE CLIMATE SMART BEHAVIORS AWAY FROM USING NATURAL GAS THAT WILL REDUCE OUR EMISSIONS.

BUT, I WANT TO JUST SAY THAT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS IN OUR MIND WE BELIEVE THE VILLAGE HAS TO DRAMATICALLY INCREASE AND ACCELERATE ITS PROGRESS ON ELECTRIFICATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

IF WE SAY THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THIS CLIMATE EMERGENCY, THEN WE CANNOT JUST LEAVE THE GRANT FUNDING AND OTHER PROGRAMS AT THE CURRENT LEVELS.

IT WILL JUST NOT GET US THERE AND WE HAVE SEEN THAT IN DEREK 'S, TRUSTEE EDER MEMO AND THE REAL QUESTION IS DO WE WANT OUR RESIDENTS AND CHILDREN AND NEIGHBORS TO BEAR THE COST OF CLIMATE DAMAGE GOING FORWARD FROM FLOODING AND HEAT WAVES ETC. AND IN HIS MEMO THERE WAS A SUGGESTION ABOUT USING THE GENERAL FUND TO LAUNCH A NEW LOW INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH A REVOLVING FUND AND SO THE MONEY WOULD CONTINUE TO COME BACK AND THEREFORE THE FUND WOULD REMAIN SOLVENT.

AND THIS WOULD BE THE KIND OF AMBITIOUS SOLUTION THAT WE NEED, BECAUSE IT WILL ENCOURAGE MORE RESIDENTS TO TAKE AWAY CARBON THROUGH A LOW INTEREST PAYBACK PROGRAM PERHAPS PAYABLE OVER FIVE YEARS AND THIS COULD WORK FOR THE LONG-TERM AND WOULD NOT JUST SIMPLY - WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR NEW INVESTMENT EVERY SINGLE YEAR.

MORE HOMES COULD BE AFFECTED AND MORE BUSINESSES CAN BE HELPED.

SO, SINCE YOU HAVE ALREADY SEEN THE MEMO ABOUT THE ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF HOMES THAT COULD PARTICIPATE AT THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF THE

LOAN PROGRAM, WE WOULD ASK YOU NOT TO PUT THIS OFF INTO THE FUTURE, BUT TO CONSIDER THIS IDEA OF USE OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR A LOW INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM AND FOR IT TO BE INVESTIGATED MORE NOW AND REALLY WHAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR MIND IS THE KIND OF BOLD STEP THAT THE VILLAGE NEEDS TO TAKE IF YOU MEAN IT WHEN YOU SAY THAT YOU CARE ABOUT REACHING NET ZERO AND DECREASING EMISSIONS BY 60% BY THE YEAR 2030. AND SO WE ARE ASKING YOU TO REALLY STEP UP AND TAKE THIS REALLY SERIOUSLY AND DO SOMETHING NEW.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WHO IS NEXT, WENDY?

NO?

THAT IS IT?

GOT YOU.

VERY GOOD, THANK YOU.

HELLO, YOU ARE ON - QUESTIONS?

SO, YOU ARE READY TO GO FIRST?

OKAY, WE ARE SENIOR MEMO.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YES, YOU HAVE SEEN MY MEMO THAT PAMELA MENTIONED AND I BELIEVE I SHARED WITH EVERYONE AND STAFF AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THAT STAFF HAS DONE AND THERE WERE A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS ASKING FOR REFLECTED IN THE MEMO AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

THIS REALLY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT I WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE ADDRESS AND THAT I ADDRESS WHILE ON THIS BOARD AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE URGENCY WHICH STAFF HAS TAKEN THIS ON.

I AM ALSO HAPPY TO SEE THAT MY NUMBERS ARE PRETTY CLOSE.

I KNEW THAT YOU WOULD HAVE MORE ACCURATE NUMBERS, BUT I THINK I WAS IN THE RIGHT BALLPARK FOR SOME OF THE ASSESSMENT.

WE RAN OUT OF MONEY IN 2027 AND IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING, THAT IS THE BIG TAKE AWAY.

SO, GETTING INTO THE PARTICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS, I AGREE WITH THE \$0.15 PLASTIC BAG FEE, INCREASING THAT BY FIVE CENTS, IT WAS ALSO IN MY MEMO.

I AM OPEN TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WATER, SEWER FUND AND I'M VERY CURIOUS TO HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD SOME CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THAT AND I'M CURIOUS TO HEAR WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS ABOUT USING THOSE FUNDS.

I SAW ON THE LIST AND I THINK YOU HAD MENTIONED A FEW OTHER ITEMS THAT STAFF CONSIDERED THAT ARE NOT IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND I AM STILL VERY CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT IT COULD LOOK LIKE WITH THE PARKING FIELDS AND VEHICLE LICENSE FEES AND THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY POTENTIALLY TO MAKE REVENUE THERE IF WE SAY YOU KNOW INCREASE THE FEE FOR GAS VEHICLES, BUT WE CAN ALSO USE IT AS A LEVER FOR INCENTIVIZING DIFFERENT BEHAVIOR AND WE CAN INCREASE ONE JUST KIND OF LIKE WE DID WITH THE PERMITTING FEES.

WE CAN INCENTIVIZE THE RIGHT BEHAVIOR BY - IF YOU REGISTER A UV IT IS LESS THEN A GAS VEHICLE AND I AM VERY CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT THOSE NUMBERS LOOK

LIKE AND I KNOW THAT YOU SAID YOU LOOKED INTO IT AND YOU'RE NOT SURE IF IT WAS A GOOD REVENUE SOURCE, BUT I'M CURIOUS IF YOU HAVE MORE DETAILS.

>>LINDSEY: SINCE THE MEMO WAS ADOPTED, WE HAVE HAD FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT THOSE VEHICLE LICENSE FEES HAVE VERY SPECIFIC USES ASSOCIATED WITH THEM BY STATE STATUTE. SO, WE COULD NOT USE THEM GENERALLY FOR SUSTAINABILITY.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: IS THERE ANY ROOM TO CHANGE THEM BASED ON THE KIND OF VEHICLE REGISTERED - DOCTOR REGISTER PURPOSES, BUT FOR INCENTIVE DRIVING PURPOSES?

>>LINDSEY: NOT THAT I UNDERSTAND, NO.

>>SPEAKER: FOR INSTANCE THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFERS DIFFERING FEES FOR GAS VEHICLES AND EV.

THE STATE CHARGES MORE FOR EV THAN FOR GAS VEHICLES BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENTIAL AND SO IF THE VILLAGE WERE INTERESTED IN INVERTING THAT, YOU WOULD NEED TO HAVE A RATIONAL BASIS FOR IT, BUT THE REVENUES FROM THE VEHICLE FEES BY THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION CAN ONLY BE TRANSPORTATION RELATED PURPOSES.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, ALL RIGHT.

WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE AND COULD WE COME UP WITH A RATIONAL ARGUMENT TO MAKE THAT CHANGE?

IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN SPEND SOME TIME LOOKING INTO?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT LEAVES A HOLE THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO FILL WITH SOMETHING ELSE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: AT THIS POINT I AM JUST CURIOUS WHAT IT COULD LOOK LIKE.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THE USE OF REVENUE WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE - THERE COULD BE OPPORTUNITIES THERE TO ADDRESS A NEED THAT WE HAVE FROM A TRANSPORTATION STANDPOINT.

SO, WE CAN LOOK AT THAT AND WE ARE TALKING NOT JUST UV CHARGING, WE ARE TALKING VEHICLE LICENSING.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, EXCELLENT.
GREAT.

THANK YOU.

SO, NATURAL GAS, TAX, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT PAM HAD MENTIONED AND I KNOW IT IS NOT A TON OF MONEY AND IN YOUR MEMO IS SAID ABOUT A GRAND PER YEAR AND I STILL THINK THAT IT IS WORTH PURSUING, BECAUSE ALSO IT IS SOME REVENUE AND YOU KNOW IT IS 80 GRAND WHICH IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW MUCH WE ARE GETTING FROM THE PLASTIC BAG LIKE YOU SAID IT WAS AN ADDITIONAL 100 GRAND AND SO IT IS IN THE BALLPARK AND IT ALSO INCENTIVIZES THE ELECTRIFICATION WHICH IS WHAT WE NEED.

AND I WOULD DEFINITELY BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THAT AND IN FAVOR OF DOING THAT AND UNDERSTANDING THAT UTILITY TAXES AROUND ELECTRICITY, THERE IS ALREADY THINGS IN STATE STATUTE THAT WE CANNOT INCREASE THAT ANYMORE AND ALSO I AM NOT THAT INTERESTED EVEN IF WE COULD INCREASE THE

COST OF ELECTRICITY BECAUSE AGAIN, THAT THIS INCENTIVIZES THE BEHAVIOR THAT WE WANT TO SEE AND THE HURT ON THE MOTOR FUEL TAX, AS WELL. AND THAT LEAVES THE GENERAL FUND WHICH I AM VERY COMFORTABLE AND I THINK THIS IS AS I HAVE STATED IN THE MEMO THAT I WROTE WHICH IT IS PUBLIC NOW IF ANYBODY WANTS TO READ IT ON MY WEBSITE - YOU CAN SEE THAT THAT IS THE PRIMARY ARGUMENT THAT I MAKE IN THAT MEMO THAT IT NEEDS TO BE A CORE SERVICE AND I APPRECIATE STAFF RECOGNIZING THAT AND THAT IS IN MANY WAYS THE GENERAL FUND IS ONE WORKABLE WAY THAT WE CAN PAY FOR THIS AS OPPOSED TO LYING FEES ACROSS THE BOARD, IT IS A WAY FOR FOLKS TO HAVE MORE VALUE AND MORE WEALTH TO BE ABLE TO PAY THROUGH THEIR PROPERTY TAXES AND SO THAT MAKES SENSE TO ME.

AND I THINK TO THE LAST POINT THAT PAM HAD MADE AROUND THIS LOAN PROGRAM I THINK THE IDEA BEHIND THAT WAS TO TAKE WHAT YOU HAD ALREADY COME UP WITH WHICH I THINK IS A VEHICLE IN WHICH WE COULD ACCELERATE OUR ELECTRIFICATION AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOCUS OF THIS CONVERSATION IS ABOUT THE REVENUE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND WE MAY NOT BE FULLY PREPARED TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION TONIGHT, BUT I VERY MUCH WANT TO HAVE A CONVERSATION AND THAT CAN BE SOMETHING THAT MAYBE REQUIRES A LITTLE BIT MORE RESEARCH AND FOR STAFF TO LOOK INTO, BECAUSE THAT COULD BE FUNDED BY THE GENERAL FUND AND WE COULD FIND PRIVATE PARTNERS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY FIND AND PROVIDE THE CAPITAL AND I KNOW THE CURRENT PROGRAM IS NO INTEREST, BUT WE COULD AS I THINK PAM MENTIONED TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT IS LOW INTEREST AS A WAY TO HAVE IT START TO BUILD UP SOME VALUE OVER TIME.

AND I AM JUST VERY INTERESTED IN THAT CONCEPT AND I THINK THE IDEA OF A LOAN THAT YOU PAY BACK OVER FIVE YEARS TO DO THESE THINGS TO IMPROVE YOUR HOME IS JUST A REALLY POWERFUL ONE AND I THINK THAT WE CAN JUST DO SO MUCH GOOD WITH IT IF IT WAS EXPANDED AND GROWN OVER THE YEARS. BECAUSE, WE JUST HAVE SO MANY LIKE JUST THE NUMBERS OF HOW MUCH WORK WE HAD AHEAD OF US TO ACTUALLY MEET OUR CLIMATE GOALS AND WE HAVE TO ELECTRIFY 11,000 HOMES BY 2030 ACCORDING TO MY NUMBERS IF WE ARE GOING TO MEET THAT GOAL.

AND THAT IS ALREADY A HUGE GOAL AND EVEN IF WE JUST WANT TO SHOOT FOR 2050 THAT IS STILL A HUGE NUMBER OF HOMES THAT NEED TO BE ELECTRIFIED. AND WE JUST NEED TO BE DOING MORE EVERY YEAR AND EVERY YEAR WE DO MORE UPFRONT, THAT IS GOING TO PAY DIVIDENDS DOWN THE LINE.

AND SO YOU ARE NOT ONLY MITIGATING THE CLIMATE CRISIS OF CONTRIBUTING TO THAT CLIMATE CRISIS, BUT YOU ARE ALSO IMPROVING THE BUILDING STOCK OF THE HOMES AND THE BUILDINGS IN OAK PARK AND YOU ARE IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCIES AND YOU ARE NOT WASTING AS MUCH ON UTILITY BILLS AND YOU WILL PAY LESS IN UTILITY BILLS AND YOU WILL HAVE MORE COMFORTABLE SUMMERS AND WINTERS IF YOU DO THIS.

THERE IS JUST LOTS OF BENEFITS BEYOND JUST CLIMATE THAT IS WORTH DOING.

I AM VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT MY COLLEAGUES THINK ABOUT THIS AND I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION WITH THE PROGRAMS. AND I THINK THAT IS IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BRIAN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I'M CURIOUS, ON THE REFILL BAG FEE, IS THERE A REASON WHY WE WOULD JUST GO TO 15 OTHER THAN JUST MATCHING THE CITY OF CHICAGO AS OPPOSED TO GOING TO 20 IF THE IMPETUS IS BOTH INCREASING REVENUE AND DECREASING THE UTILIZATION OF PLASTIC BAGS?

>>LINDSEY: THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMISSION HAS CONSIDERED THIS AND MADE A RECOMMENDATION THAT SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU ALL SOON AND ESSENTIALLY THEY ARE RECOMMENDING STAIR STEPPING INCREASING STARTING WITH THE \$0.15 INCREASE STARTING TO GO TO \$0.25 WITH THE IDEA OF EVENTUALLY PHASING OUT PLASTIC BAGS ENTIRELY.

BECAUSE, YOU ARE CORRECT THAT WE HAVE BEGUN TO RELY ON THAT RETAIL BAG FEE AS A SOURCE OF REVENUE, BUT THE INITIAL REASON TO ASSESS THE FEE WAS TO REDUCE THE USE OF DISPOSABLE BAGS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I AM DEFINITELY INTERESTED INCREASING THE BAG FEE AND I WOULD LIKE TO GO A LITTLE BIT HIGHER FASTER, BECAUSE I THINK YOU KNOW \$0.20 AS OPPOSED TO \$0.15, IT WILL GENERATE A LITTLE BIT MORE REVENUE AND YOU KNOW AS WE CONTINUE STAIR STEPPING IT WILL DECREASE USAGE UNTIL WE GET TO THE POINT OF ELIMINATION.

SO, WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT FURTHER WHEN THE RECOMMENDATION COMES BEFORE US.

I AM NOT A FAN OF INCREASING THE FEES GOING TO THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FUND AND WATER AND SEWER FUND, BECAUSE I DO VIEW THOSE AS SORT OF PARTICULARLY REGRESSIVE WAYS TO INCREASE REVENUE SINCE IT IS SORT OF A FEE BY HOUSEHOLD INSTEAD OF BEING A FEE BASED ON USAGE THAT WE WANT TO DECREASE OR A FEE THAT IS BASED ON YOU KNOW PROPERTY TAXES AND YOU KNOW NOT TRULY PROGRESSIVE TAXATION ARE ONE OF THE MORE PROGRESSIVE FORMS OF TAXATION THAT WE HAVE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND SO I DO THINK THAT I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT THINGS LIKE INCREASING THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES ON INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE VEHICLES IN PARTICULAR WITH THE RATIONAL BASIS BEING WE WANT TO DISCOURAGE THE USE OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE VEHICLES AND INCENTIVIZE THE USE OF UV AND I THINK THAT MAKES A GOOD DEAL OF SENSE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT REVENUE CANNOT GO TO THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND, BUT OUR TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DOLLARS ARE COMING FROM THE GENERAL FUND ANYWAY AND SO IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES ARE INCREASING THE SUPPORT FOR THE YOU KNOW - STREET RESURFACING PROJECTS AND THINGS LIKE THAT, DOLLARS ARE FUNGIBLE.

AND SO I DO THINK THAT BRINGS US TO THE LAST RECOMMENDATION OF USING THE GENERAL FUND TO SUPPORT EXPENDITURES WITH REVENUE AND I THINK THAT MAKES A GREAT DEAL OF SENSE, BECAUSE SUSTAINABILITY HAS TO BE A CORE SERVICE WHEN THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT AND SO US - WE

SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IDENTIFY REVENUE SOURCES THAT SORT OF APPLY NUDGES TO GET THE TYPES OF BEHAVIORS THAT WE WANT WHETHER THAT IS YOU KNOW SOME INCREASES ON THE COSTS OF YOUR TRASH SERVICE IF YOU ARE NOT DECREASING THE AMOUNT GOING INTO THE MUNICIPAL WASTE STREAM BY COMPOSTING YOU KNOW WE CAN GET CREATIVE IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS, BUT THAT DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE THE UPPER LIMIT OF WHAT WE ARE SPENDING ON SUSTAINABILITY.

AND I THINK BY HAVING THIS FOCUS ON THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND WE SOMETIMES ARE LIMITING OURSELVES TO THIS IS WHAT WE CAN SPEND, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT IS IN THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND.

AND IF WE ARE THINKING ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY AS A CORE SERVICE, THE REST OF OUR CORE SERVICES GENERALLY SPEAKING ARE FUNDED BY GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES.

SO, I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF LOOKING AT IT MORE THAT WAY AND NOT TRYING TO STRICTLY ALIGN SUSTAINABILITY FUND EXPENDITURES TO SUSTAINABILITY FUND ITEMS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

JIM?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: SO, JUST A COUPLE THINGS.

A COUPLE IDEAS.

IT IS A DIFFICULT CONVERSATION AND WE ALL WANT TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND AND DO IT IN A WAY THAT IS LEAST AFFECTING TAX PAYERS OR THOSE THAT DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY AND RESOURCES AS OTHERS. AND A COUPLE OTHER THOUGHTS.

FIRST OF ALL, KEVIN, THIS WAS ORIGINALLY SET UP IN 2018 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IT IS A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND WOULD YOU MIND JUST REALLY QUICK, GIVE US AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IS AND WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO BRIAN 'S POINT - IT IS VERY SPECIFIC.

>>SPEAKER: WHEN YOU IDENTIFY A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, ACCOUNTING STANDARDS REQUIRE US TO KEEP THAT FUND SEPARATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND IF IT CONTINUES TO SHOW THAT THERE IS ENOUGH REVENUE THAT IS COMING INTO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS.

IN THIS CASE AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS WOULD FORCE US TO ROLL THAT INTO THE GENERAL FUND, BECAUSE IN A YEAR OR TWO THERE WOULD BE NOT ENOUGH FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION AND SO IN ESSENCE FROM AN ACCOUNTING STANDPOINT REGARDLESS IT WOULD BECOME A PART OF A GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE.

SO, AS A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AGAIN WE HAVE THE GUIDELINES OF YOU HAVE TO HAVE IDENTIFIED REVENUES THAT SUPPORT AND MATCH THOSE OPERATING EXPENDITURES RELATED TO IT IN ORDER FOR US TO CONTINUE REPORTING ON THAT STRUCTURE.

I DON'T KNOW IF THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THAT IS A GOOD POINT AND I THINK THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND SO YOU ARE SAYING THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE THE SUPPORT TO MATCH

THE FUNDING THAT WE SEEK WE WOULD HAVE TO ROLL IT INTO THE GENERAL FUND

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>>SPEAKER: CORRECT.

AND WE CANNOT CARRY A NEGATIVE FUND BALANCE FOR LONGER THAN TWO FISCAL YEARS.

AND SO THAT IS WHY THE SUPPORT BEHIND IT I UNDERSTAND THAT WE WANT TO LOOK AT ALL OF THE OTHER REVENUES AND IF THE VILLAGE BOARD IS SAYING THAT THIS IS A CORE SERVICE, THEN IT NEEDS TO BE FUNDED THE WAY THAT OTHER CORE SERVICES ARE FUNDED JUST LIKE ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT OR OPERATING DEPARTMENT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: VERY GOOD.

I APPRECIATE THAT AND THAT REALLY ANSWERS THE QUESTION.

AND I JUST WANT TO MENTION A COUPLE THINGS AND I THINK I CAN SEE THAT THE BAG TAX THAT INCREASING THAT IS SELF-DEFEATING BECAUSE YOU WILL DRIVE THE REVENUE DOWN AND YOU WANT TO COLLECT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF REVENUE FROM THAT AND WE DO EVENTUALLY WANT TO ELIMINATE IT, BUT RIGHT HERE TONIGHT WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT INCREASING REVENUE.

AND SO IF YOU WERE TO INCREASE - YOU MAY END UP COLLECTING LESS MONEY AND I DO THINK THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TONIGHT NECESSARILY.

AND SO I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS A GOOD ANSWER.

MENTIONING ALSO ELECTRIC VEHICLES VS. GAS VEHICLES I MEAN YES, THEY TALKED ABOUT THE TAXES AND HOW THAT WORKS CURRENTLY AT THE STATE LEVEL AND I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ON WATER RATE AND I GUESS YOU KNOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A FEE ON OUR WATER BILLS AS OPPOSED TO THE RATE WHICH IS TWO DIFFERENT DISCUSSIONS WHICH IS BEING PRESENTED AND RECOMMENDED AS THE ADDED FEE PER HOUSEHOLD OR WHATEVER AS OPPOSED TO ADJUSTING THE RATE AND I THINK THE VILLAGE IS PROBABLY -

>>LINDSEY: YES.

THE WAY IT WORKS NOW IS THAT THE EXPENSES CONSIDERED WHEN CREATING THE RATE STRUCTURE.

AND SO IT WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL EXPENSE THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEW RATE STRUCTURE TO COVER THAT EXPENSE.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: OKAY, IT IS A RATE SPECIFICALLY RATE PER GALLON THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

AND MY CONCERN ABOUT THE PER GALLON APPROACH SPECIFICALLY IS THE RATES ARE GOING UP AT A PRETTY RAPID RATE ANYWAY AND WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE NEED FUNDING FOR WHICH POTENTIALLY IF WE PUT TOO MUCH INTO THE FEE COST PER GALLON WE ARE REALLY GOING TO MAKE OUR WATER VERY DIFFICULT AND ADDITIONAL BURDEN FOR A LOT OF TAXPAYERS AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.

AND I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT WOULD BALANCE OUT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS A CONCERN.

I DO WANT TO JUST TOUCH ON ONE OF MY FAVORITE TOPICS WHICH IS THE PARKING LICENSE FEE THAT WE COLLECT EVERY YEAR.

AND I UNDERSTAND FROM YOUR DISCUSSION AND I DID NOT KNOW THAT AND I LEARNED THIS AS I GO THAT BECAUSE OF STATE STATUTES WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SPEND THE TAX THAT WE COLLECT AND SO WHAT ABOUT FINES?

ARE THE FINES GOING TO THE GENERAL FUND?

SO, CAN A FINE BE USED LIKE JUST ANY FINE?

CAN THAT BE USED?

AND SO THIS PARTICULAR ORDINANCE IS NOT ENFORCED.

IT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR OVER 100 YEARS AND IS IMPORTANT TO THE VILLAGE AND WE REALLY DON'T ENFORCE THIS LIKE I THINK WE SHOULD AND I HAVE SAID THAT.

CURRENTLY WE ARE NOT TICKETING AND WE USED TO TICKET PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME, BUT WE DID NOT HAVE OUR STICKERS BECAUSE IT WAS THE STICKER ON THE WINDOW AND EVERYONE KNEW IT AND IF YOU DID NOT KNOW IT -- IF YOU DID NOT HAVE A, WE HAD OUR TICKETS.

AND NOW WE HAVE OUR PARKING PROGRAM THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THOSE VEHICLES BASED ON REGISTRATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND SO WE HAVE NOT BEEN COLLECTING MONEY AND WE ARE GOING TO START COLLECTING THAT MONEY REGARDLESS WHETHER WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY OR NOT.

AND THAT MONEY IS GOING TO GO INTO OUR GENERAL FUND AND IT WAS ALWAYS A LOT OF MONEY AND NOW IT IS VERY MINIMAL, MINIMAL AMOUNT OF MONEY.

SO, MY POINT IS THAT MONEY, CANNOT FIND, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THOSE CAN BE SEGREGATED IF WE START COLLECTING?

BECAUSE WE WILL START COLLECTING REGARDLESS.

AND CAN THAT MONEY GO TO THE SUSTAINABILITY?

IS THAT POSSIBLE?

I JUST WANT TO KNOW.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: LINDSAY, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE A RESPONSE TO THAT AND I KNOW THAT STAFF HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO THAT QUESTION AND AS I UNDERSTAND IT THE CONSTITUTION IS KIND OF VAGUE ON THAT.

THEY SHOULD BE USING PENALTIES TO OFFSET GENERAL FUND EXPENSES AND I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE PROBABLY NEED TO LOOK INTO FURTHER AND MAYBE THERE CAN BE CASES WHERE WE COULD DO THAT AND I DON'T KNOW - SO, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING -

>>SPEAKER: WHEN THIS ISSUE CAME UP INTERNALLY WE REVIEWED THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION THAT WAS AMENDED IN 2016 AND THEY HAD THE SO-CALLED TRANSPORTATION LOCKBOX WHICH IS THE WAY THAT IT IS COLLOQUIALLY REFERRED TO AND THE ISSUE IS NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED HOWEVER TRANSPORTATION RELATED EXPENSES TO INCLUDE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. WHEN IT COMES TO TRAFFIC MATTERS.

SO, FOR INSTANCE YOUR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNITS COULD BE FUNDED WITH TRANSPORTATION DIRECT -

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: WHO WOULD ENFORCE THAT?

>>SPEAKER: THE ILLINOIS ROAD BUILDERS AND COOK COUNTY ITSELF, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WAS REDIRECTING TRANSPORTATION FOR NONQUALIFYING PURPOSES.

AND SO A JUDGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT COULD ENTER THE FINAL ORDER IN THE FIGURE OF THE ROAD.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I WOULD STILL LIKE MORE INFORMATION, BECAUSE IF WE ARE GOING TO TAP INTO THE LARGER AMOUNT OF MONEY COMING IN AS WE GET INTO THE SINKING OF OUR DATA WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE DATA WE WILL BE ENFORCING THAT MORE BECAUSE THE PEO AND THE OFFICERS THAT WE HAVE THAT GO AROUND AND GIVE THE TICKETS NOW WILL WRITE THE TICKETS AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DO SIMULTANEOUS CHECKS FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ALSO AS WELL AS IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR VEHICLE TAX.

AND THAT MONEY - IT IS SOMETHING TO LOOK INTO, BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE PROBLEMS WOULD GO AWAY BECAUSE THIS COULD BE A FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT WHICH COULD GO TO THE VILLAGE, BUT RIGHT NOW WE ARE NOT COLLECTING IT AND SO WE WOULD NOT MISS IT NECESSARILY IN THAT WAY AND YOU WOULD MISS IT - BUT, IN GENERAL WE ARE NOT COLLECTING IT AND IT IS JUST A THOUGHT - THAT IS MY THOUGHT.

AND THEN REGARDING THE GENERAL FUND, WE HAVE A GROWING LIST AND ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE TAGGING INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND I KNOW KEVIN, I AM SURE YOU ARE NOT CRAZY ABOUT ALL OF THESE EXTRANEIOUS THINGS NOT THAT IT ISN'T EXTRANEIOUS, IT IS A CORE, I AGREE, BUT IF WE CONTINUE TO GO OUT AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND WE WOULD RAISE THE LEVY AND SO I WOULD RATHER LOOK AT THESE OTHER IDEAS AS WE ARE TRYING TO DO HERE TONIGHT TO TRY TO OFFSET SOME OF THOSE EXPENDITURES WHICH ARE GOING TO BE NECESSARY AND WE HAVE ALL AGREED ARE IMPORTANT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

CORY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WHAT OTHER CORE SERVICES?

I'M NOT QUITE SURE I UNDERSTAND THE EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF THOSE.

OR MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT ARE NOT.

WHICHEVER ONE IS EASIER.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: I THINK THERE WOULD NEED TO BE SOME FOLLOW-UP ON THIS AND THE OBVIOUS ONES LIKE WE HAVE YOU KNOW - AND CERTAINLY THERE IS A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF CORE SERVICES THAT THE VILLAGE HAS IMPLEMENTED FOR YEARS AND AT SOME POINT THE VILLAGE MAY HAVE DECIDED AT SOME POINT THROUGH EXCESSIVE BUDGET PROCESSES THAT THESE WERE SERVICES THAT THE RESIDENTS VALUE AND SUCCESSFULLY OVER TIME INVESTED IN THOSE SERVICES. I MEAN WE HAVE CODE ENFORCEMENT AND WE HAVE HOUSING PROGRAMS AND ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT SERVICES THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS COME TO EXPECT THAT WE PROVIDE AND SO I THINK DURING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WE LOOK TO PROVIDE A LOT MORE INFORMATION ON THIS AND I DO THINK THAT WE REALLY NEED TO TALK WITH YOU GUYS ABOUT A COMMON DEFINITION FOR WHAT IS

CONSIDERED CORE AND NOT CORE AND I THINK EVEN WITHIN THAT DEFINITION WE WOULD LITERALLY BE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE VS. WHAT WE ARE CHANGING TO PROVIDE VS. WHAT IS ADDED ON BASED ON THE GOALS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO PURSUE.

I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN COMPREHENSIVELY DEFINE IT ALL FOR YOU TONIGHT KEVIN, IF YOU WANT TO AMPLIFY IT?

>>SPEAKER: THE ONLY THING THAT I WILL ADD IS THAT A LOT OF THE CORE SERVICES VARY BY MUNICIPALITY AND THE BOARD DECIDES AT THE END OF THE DAY THAT THERE IS A STATUTE OF MUNICIPAL CODE THAT I WILL NOT GET INTO THAT REQUIRES AN THEN THE BOARD SET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR A LOT OF THE OTHER SERVICES AND WITH THAT THERE IS AN UNDERLYING UNDERSTANDING THAT THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IS PROVIDING THE SERVICE WITH LOCAL TAX DOLLARS AND THAT GOES BACK TO THE POINT OF TAX LEVY AND KIND OF WHAT THE FRAMEWORK FOR FUNDING THOSE SERVICES WILL BE AND THAT IS A PART OF THE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING DURING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, BECAUSE OUTLINING ALL OF THAT WILL BE OBVIOUSLY THE DIRECTION OF WHAT THIS BOARD WANTS TO DO. SO, AT LEAST AS I SEE IT RIGHT NOW IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS CLEAR UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT AND CONSENSUS THAT THIS DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE A CORE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AS IT IS STRUCTURED RIGHT NOW.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT.
THAT IS VERY HELPFUL.
BOTH OF YOU.

AND I ASKED THE QUESTION LIKE A SPECIFIC LIST, BUT REALLY IT WAS TO GET THE ANSWER THAT YOU GUYS GAVE.
AND SO BECAUSE WE ARE ASKING AND SAYING HEY, THIS SHOULD BE A CORE SERVICE I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT CORE SERVICE LOOKS LIKE AND HOW WE DECIDE THAT.
I THINK WHERE I AM ON THIS CURRENTLY IS THAT I DO THINK THAT THE PERSONNEL EXPENDITURE FOR THIS SHOULD COME OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND, AT LEAST. AND FOR ME I MEAN WHAT WAS IT, 2019, WE SAID THIS IN 2016 WAS THE SUSTAINABILITY THAT WAS ESTABLISHED?
THE.

>>LINDSEY: 2009.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, 20 YEARS!
ABOUT TIME TO MOVE IT TO THE GENERAL FUND, I THINK.
AND IT JUST SEEMS REASONABLE AND LOGICAL AND ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT WE JUST THROUGH A BUNCH MORE MONEY AT GRANT PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING MANAGED BY THIS DEPARTMENT, RIGHT?
AND SO FOR ME IT MAKES SENSE THAT THE PERSONNEL AT LEAST SHOULD BE PAID FOR OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND.

BECAUSE, THESE ARE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE MANAGING A SERVICE THAT HAS EXISTED FOR 20 YEARS AND IS UNLIKELY TO DISAPPEAR TOMORROW BECAUSE WE JUST GAVE YOU ABOUT \$1 MILLION.

BUT, WHERE I DO HAVE ISSUE AND I DON'T HAVE A SOLUTION TO IT WHICH I TYPICALLY WOULD LIKE TO OFFER LIKE SOME KIND OF SOLUTION - ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE REGRESSIVE.

EVERY SINGLE FEE OR REVENUE INCREASE IS REGRESSIVE AND IT WILL HURT THE FOLKS WHO CAN LEAST AFFORD IT THE MOST AND IT IS REALLY HARD FOR ME TO SIGN OFF ON THOSE, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT.

SUSTAINABILITY I KNOW IS AN ISSUE FOR EVERYONE, IT IS THE WHOLE GLOBE, RIGHT?

I CAN LITERALLY GET THE IMPACT THERE.

BUT, WHEN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO AFFORD TO PURCHASE BREAD THEY ARE NOT TRYING TO THINK ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO SURVIVE AND THAT IS JUST THE WAY IT WORKS.

I WISH THERE WAS AN ALTERNATIVE WHERE THAT WAS NOT THE CASE.

BUT, I DON'T KNOW.

I JUST KNOW THAT THE BAG TAX IS GOING TO LAND ON FOLKS WHO ARE ABOVE THE CAP, BUT BELOW THE ABILITY TO PAY THE MOST, RIGHT?

LIKE IF I GO TO THE STORE AND I DO THIS OFTEN I GO TO THE STORE AND I FORGET ALL MY BAGS AND TYPICALLY I PURCHASED NEW REUSABLE BAGS I HAVE ABOUT 50 USABLE BAGS AT HOME BECAUSE I GO TO THE STORE AND THAT I FORGET THEM LIKE I DON'T WANT PLASTIC AND I WILL JUST SAY HEY, GIVE ME 10 OF THOSE BAGS AND NOT EVERYONE CAN DO THAT.

AND THE FOLKS WHO WILL OFTEN GET TO THE STORE AND REALIZED THAT THEY DID NOT BRING THEIR BAGS ARE THE FOLKS WHO OFTEN ARE CHALLENGED ECONOMICALLY WHICH IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT THEY FORGOT TO BRING THEIR BAGS OR DID NOT HAVE THEM WITH THEM WHEN THEY WERE GOING TO THE STORE OR WHAT HAVE YOU AND A LOT OF THOSE FOLKS CHOP HERE IN OAK PARK FROM OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

AND SO WHEN I THINK ABOUT MATCHING CHICAGO RIGHT NOW I AM THINKING THAT WE PROBABLY GET MORE PEOPLE FROM CHICAGO BECAUSE WE ARE NOT MATCHING CHICAGO ON THE BAG TAX.

AND I KIND OF LIKE THAT.

SO - I DON'T KNOW, THIS IS CHALLENGING FOR ME AND WHERE I WANT TO LEAVE IT IS THAT I AM SUPPORTIVE OF MOVING TO THE GENERAL FUND, BUT THE REST OF THIS CURRENTLY I AM NOT SUPPORTIVE AND WOULD HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT SOME MORE.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF BECAUSE PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SAID.

ALSO STILL INTERESTED IN VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES AND DEFINITELY IN MOVING SUSTAINABILITY STUFF SALARIES TO THE GENERAL FUND.

AGREE WITH THE CHALLENGE AROUND THE TAX INCREASE.

I FIND IT COMPELLING TO MATCH CHICAGO 'S INCREASE AT THE SAME TIME IF WE ARE GETTING SHOPPERS FROM AUSTIN ON THE BUS YOU KNOW THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE IMPACTS AND SO I FIND THAT WHEN CHALLENGING, AS WELL. AND THAT THE ONLY THING I FEEL LIKE AND I AM ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN THE LOAN PROGRAM AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING TO LOOK INTO QUICKLY AND SOON BEFORE GOING INTO BUDGET SEASON.

AND THE ONLY QUESTION I HAVE THAT WE HAVE NOT TOUCHED ON IS IN TERMS OF REVENUE WE - THE VILLAGE HAS GOTTEN GRANTS, BUT IT IS NOT LISTED AND THAT MAKES SENSE WE CANNOT COUNT ON THAT MONEY BUT I WOULD LIKE AN UPDATE ON YOUR SENSE OF IF AND WHEN THERE MIGHT BE GRANT MONEY TO USE FOR SHORT AND MIDTERM SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES.

>>LINDSEY: SURE, AS I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE FEDERAL GRANT MONEY HAS DRIED UP FOR THIS SUBJECT MATTER AND WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE ANY GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS AND THAT BEING SAID WE ARE ALWAYS EVALUATING GRANT THAT ARE OPEN AND AVAILABLE. I CANNOT PREDICT WHICH ONES WE WILL RECEIVE OR WHICH ONES WILL BE OPEN IN THE FUTURE, BUT WE DO CONTINUALLY LOOK FOR AND EVALUATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: DO WE HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE OF THE REGIONAL - DOES THAT QUALIFY US FOR THE PROGRAM -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IS -- IT DOES GIVE US ADVOCACY POWER AND SO THOSE RELATIONSHIPS ARE CONSTANTLY BEING DISCUSSED AND THEY ARE AROUND 100,000 TO 500,000 AND SO RIGHT NOW EVEN WITH WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK THE INTENTION IS THAT THE USE WOULD BE REGIONAL.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: I AM JUST TRYING TO GET A SENSE OF THE LANDSCAPE AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS BLEAK IN MANY WAYS. AND FOR THAT REASON I JUST FEEL LIKE ECHOING THE URGENCY THAT I KNOW WE SHARE AND THAT I KNOW WAS GRATEFULLY BROUGHT TO US BY OUR PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

SO, YES I WOULD APPRECIATE CONSTANT UPDATES ON HOW WE CAN SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT URGENCY AND INVESTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA:

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I JUST WANT TO PIGGYBACK ON THE LOAN PROGRAM. ABSOLUTELY I SUPPORT THAT AND IN FACT I WOULD PREFER THAT IT NOT BE LOW INTEREST.

MY THOUGHT HERE IS THAT IT IS LIKELY GOING TO GO TO FOLKS WHO CAN PAY A LITTLE BIT MORE INTEREST TO BE ABLE TO GENERATE A LITTLE BIT MORE REVENUE THAT WAY AND FOLKS ALWAYS HAVE THE OPTION TO NOT GO DO ALONG WITH US, THAT IS A CHOICE THAT THEY WOULD BE MAKING AND THE PROGRAM WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND FOR FOLKS WHO FIND IT COMPELLING, THEY WOULD USE IT AND FOR FOLKS WHO DON'T, THEY WOULD NOT. AND I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: SO, TO THE DEGREE THAT WE CONSIDER SHIFTING STAFF EXPENDITURES TO THE GENERAL FUND AT SOME POINT WE NEED TO ALSO

CONSIDER WHAT THAT WILL DO TO THE LEVEE AND SO IT IS ASSESSED IN TANDEM AND IF WE MOVE SO MUCH IT WILL INCREASE SO MUCH AND THAT IS THE KIND OF ANALYSIS THAT WE NEED AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MAKE THOSE THOUGHTS MORE CONCRETE.

>>SPEAKER: THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE RECOMMENDED TO ADD THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES TO THE OPTIONS ON THE TABLE, BECAUSE AGAIN BACK TO YOUR POINT WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE A VERY STRONG FUND BALANCE, BUT THAT IS AT SOME POINT IF WE KEEP TAPPING INTO THAT, IT IS GOING TO START TO HURT US WHEN WE GO OUT INTO THE BOND MARKET FOR EXAMPLE. AND THAT WAS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED IN THE RATING, THE RECENT RATING. AND IF WE MOVE THAT THE SCENARIO PLANNING WILL BE WHAT THAT IMPACT WILL BE AND I KNOW IN THE MEMO WE INCLUDED A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE, BUT THAT HAS TO BE LUMPED INTO EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT AND THE IDEAS THAT ARE COMING FORWARD.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: ONE THING TO TOUCH ON, I AM OPEN TO ALL OF THE OPTIONS AND I WOULD LOVE FOR STAFF TO COME BACK WITH THAT AND WHAT IT COULD LOOK LIKE AND I CAN FOR SEE A POTENTIAL DOWNSIDE IF WE HIRE -- THE HIGHER THE INTEREST RATE THE LOWER THE INTAKE -- UPTAKE AND SO WHAT IS THE BEST PLAN THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH TO REALLY YOU KNOW WE ARE GOING FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT, RIGHT?

FOR THE DOLLARS AND HOW IT IS ACTUALLY BEING USED BY RESIDENTS. AND YES.

I AM INTERESTED IN ALL OF THOSE OPTIONS.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AGREE.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT AS WELL AND I'M GLAD YOU MENTIONED IT BECAUSE THIS COINCIDES WITH ZONING REFORM.

BECAUSE, AS WE UPGRADE OUR HOUSING SUPPLY AND WE INCREASE THE COST OF IT IF WE ARE NOT ALSO INCREASING THE SUPPLY WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO OFFSET THE COST THAT WE HAVE NOW CREATED, RIGHT?

AND OUR COMMUNITY IS ALREADY HOUSING - THE HOUSING CONSTRAINT AND IF I TAKE 100 VINTAGE BUILDINGS AND MAKE THEM LESS VINTAGE, THEY WILL COST MORE AND IF WE DON'T OFFSET THAT WITH 100 BUILDINGS THAT ARE INCREASING THE SUPPLY WE ARE GOING TO SEE JUST IN GENERAL A INCREASE IN COST OVERALL AND WE JUST HAVE TO BE COGNIZANT OF HOW THE THINGS THAT WE DO THAT INCREASE THE DESIRABILITY OF OUR VILLAGE ALSO INCREASE THE COST OF OUR VILLAGE AND IF WE ARE NOT INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING AND ABILITY, THEN COST GOES UP.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, I'LL TRY TO CLOSE US OUT NOW AND I BELIEVE YOU KNOW THE INTENTION HERE WAS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE WILL OF THE BOARD WAS ON HOW IDENTIFYING NEW REVENUE SOURCES AND SUPPORTING OUR SUSTAINABILITY FUND AND I STARTED OUT BY SAYING AND I SEE THIS AS A CORE SERVICE DEFINITELY MINIMALLY FOR THAT STAFF SALARIES I AM SUPPORTIVE OF

THE GRANTS AND I AM COMFORTABLE WITH THE BAG TAX ALTHOUGH I DO APPRECIATE YOU KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT.

I JUST THINK INITIALLY A PART OF THAT WAS TO INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO BRING THEIR OWN AND MAYBE WE ARE JUST STILL LOOKING AT HOW IT IS THAT WE CAN PROVIDE FREE AND REUSABLE BAGS IN MORE PLACES AND I YOU KNOW IT IS INTERESTING TO HEAR A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ON SOME OF THE LIMITATIONS ON GAS, TAX AND OTHER THINGS AND I AM INTERESTED IN CONTINUING TO LOOK AT THE VEHICLE STICKER AND ALSO REALLY APPRECIATE WHAT TRUSTEE TAGLIA IS TALKING ABOUT AS FAR AS I THINK THERE IS STILL A LOT OF VEHICLES IN OAK PARK THAT DO NOT HAVE A VEHICLE STICKER TO BE ABLE TO HAVE EVIDENCE OF THAT FOR THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON MY BLOCK WHO ARE STILL GETTING TICKETS - AND I JUST LOOK AT IF YOUR VEHICLE IS REGISTERED YOU WOULD NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS.

SO - WE ARE ALL GOING TO START TO GET MONITORED HERE.

NO, I THINK YOU ARE EXTREMELY TRUSTWORTHY IN THAT WAY, JENNA!

AND IN MENTIONING THIS WE DID HAVE A \$3 MILLION GRANT THAT WE WILL NOT SEE FUNDED BECAUSE OF THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION CHANGES ON RENEWABLE ENERGY AND LOW INCOME HOMES AND THAT IS REALLY A AWFUL HIT, BUT THE PARTNERSHIPS, WE ARE STILL MOVING FORWARD AND WITH THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH C FOR AS A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

AND SO I WAS JUST APPOINTED AND VOTED INTO THE USA BOARD AND I DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT WHAT I'M GOING TO LEARN THEIR, BUT THEY DO HAVE A MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT FUND.

AND I AM JUST READING IT AND IT SAYS LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR SUSTAINABILITY USA IS PARTNERING WITH THE COALITION FOR GREEN CAPITAL TO OFFER MARKET BUILDING FUNDING AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO HELP COMMUNITIES, CITIES, COUNTIES AND TRIBES AND THEIR PARTNERS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PLANS THAT CAN ACCELERATE EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCING OF CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS.

I KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THOSE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND I AM ALWAYS LOOKING - BECAUSE OAK PARK IS A LITTLE BIT AHEAD OF THE CURVE HERE.

AND WE ARE GOING TO END UP IDENTIFYING OUR NEW REVENUE SOURCES AND PUSHING FOR THOSE REVENUE SOURCES TO BE AVAILABLE FOR MORE COMMUNITIES THAT HOPEFULLY FOLLOW SUIT.

AND SO IT FEELS LIKE THIS IS - LIKE THERE ARE STILL OTHER PEOPLE OUT THERE LOOKING AND THINKING LIKE WE ARE FOR NO RESOURCES.

SO, TO BE CONTINUED I GUESS.

AND YOU KNOW I AM JUST INTERESTED IN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE BEING A INTEGRAL PART OF TAKING WHAT WE HAVE SAID TODAY AND ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES A LITTLE BIT MORE.

AND THEN BEING ABLE TO BRING BACK TO THE VILLAGE BOARD WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE AND AS YOU SAID, UNDERSTAND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

BUT, YOU KNOW I DO - I DO BELIEVE THAT THE GENERAL FUND RIGHT NOW IS - I AM COMFORTABLE.

OKAY?

BUT, WE HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS IN SILOS AND WE WILL NOT CONTINUE AND WE KNOW THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE OTHER AS JIM SAYS, HE IS KEEPING A RUNNING LIST AND I DO NOT DOUBT IT.

OTHER VERY WORTHY PROJECT THAT WE DON'T HAVE A FUNDING SOURCE RIGHT NOW OF WHICH WE KNOW WE WILL BE TAPPING INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND AFFORDABILITY CONTINUES TO BE MAJOR, AS WELL.

AND SO WE WILL DO THE BEST WE CAN AND I THINK THAT WE WILL GET THERE.

OKAY?

THANK YOU.

ALWAYS FOR YOUR ADVOCACY IN KEEPING US ON OUR TOES.

IT IS A PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE SEEN A LOT OF BENEFIT FROM OPCAN.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON, ANYTHING ELSE?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: NO, WE JUST LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THESE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WE WILL CERTAINLY BE COMING BACK WITH SOME MORE INFORMATION ON THE VEHICLE LICENSE TAX AND ALTERNATIVES FOR THE LOAN PROGRAM AND I JUST WANTED TO MESSAGE THOSE TWO THINGS AS WELL AS THE COMMENTS THAT YOU WOULD BE PROVIDING.

I THINK IT WAS A GREAT AND GOOD START AND LOOKING FORWARD TO FUTURE CONVERSATIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THOSE LATE FEES WOULD ADD UP, BUT THEY MAY IN THE FIRST YEAR.

(CHUCKLE) ALL RIGHT, GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: WHEN DOES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MEET?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I BELIEVE WE WILL BE HEARING MORE ABOUT THAT VERY SOON, RIGHT?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: YES, SENDING INFORMATION OUT MAYBE THIS WEEK. KEVIN AND I JUST LOOKED AT THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND WE DO HAVE SOME IDEAS THAT WE WANT TO INTRODUCE ABOUT MEETING CADENCE GIVEN ALL OF THE OTHER ITEMS THAT WE NEED TO WORK THROUGH IN 2026 AND SO WE ARE LOOKING AT STARTING A SERIES OF MEETINGS IN MAY.

AND SO EARLY MAY.

AND THERE WILL BE SOME BREAKS IN BETWEEN, BUT WE ARE LOOKING AT A PRETTY ASSERTIVE SCHEDULE ALL THE WAY THROUGH BUDGET PROCESS AND TO CONCLUDE BUDGET PROCESS.

AND SO ON THE ORDER OF POTENTIALLY TWICE A MONTH MAYBE.

DEPENDING ON WHAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WANTS TO DO.

>>SPEAKER: FREE SANDWICHES!

(LAUGHTER).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

VERY GOOD.

AND I KNOW THAT WE WANT TO CONVENE THE REIMAGINING GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ALSO AND FOR THE PUBLIC WE ONLY HAVE ONE MEETING IN APRIL AND SO MAYBE THAT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET SOME OF THE SCHEDULES STRAIGHT ON SOME OF THOSE BOARD INITIATIVES.

OKAY.

CALL TO BOARD AND CLERK OR CLERK WATERS, DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SHARE WITH US?

YOU HAVE SOME SERIOUS NUMBERS FOR EARLY VOTING, RIGHT?

>>CLERK WATERS: CAN EVERYONE HEAR ME OKAY?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PERFECTLY.

>>CLERK WATERS: TO THAT POINT PRESIDENT SCAMAN, I DO WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE YESTERDAY'S ELECTION A SUCCESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

FIRST AND FOREMOST OF COURSE THE CLERK OFFICE TEAM, EDWARD AND KIA WHO GOT THROUGH THEIR VERY FIRST ELECTION CYCLE IN OUR OFFICE.

I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE COOK COUNTY OFFICE FOR THEIR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND GUIDANCE.

I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEIR INCREDIBLE ELECTION JUDGES WHO SERVE NOT ONLY DURING THE EARLY VOTING, BUT ALSO ON ELECTION DAY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

THEIR DEDICATION AND LONG HOURS ENSURE THAT EVERY VOTER WAS WELCOMED AND SUPPORTED.

I AM ALSO PROUD TO SHOW THAT THE EARLY VOTING ALONE BROUGHT IN OVER 4500 VOTES CAST AT VILLAGE HALL.

A STRONG REFLECTION REALLY OF THE ENGAGEMENT AND COMMITMENT OF OUR RESIDENTS.

AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANK YOU SUE CARLTON, ELLIE AND ANNIE IN OUR WELCOME CENTER.

I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING ALONGSIDE THEM YESTERDAY AND THEIR PATIENCE AND CARE MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE.

TOGETHER WE HELP THE VOTERS FIND THEIR POLLING PLACES AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT GRACE HI REGISTRATION AND GUIDED RESIDENTS WITH MAIL AND BALANCE SO THEIR VOICES COULD BE HEARD.

AND YOU WOULD REALLY BE SURPRISED OR NOT AT THE AMOUNT OF RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE WHO COME INTO VILLAGE HALL ON ELECTION DAY.

AND IT WAS A REALLY GOOD SHOW OF SOLIDARITY AND CARE TO WORK ALONGSIDE CARLTON, ELLIE AND ANNIE IN THE WELCOME CENTER YESTERDAY.

AFTER BEING CONTACTED BY OAK PARK AND RIVERPORT HIGH SCHOOL OUR OFFICE. OUR SIGNAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, BECAUSE WHILE THEY ARE TYPICALLY A POLLING PLACE, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO SO DURING THE CONSTRUCTION TIME AND SO THE SIGNAGE WORKED AND RESIDENTS HAD A QR CODE TO GUIDE THEM TO THEIR POLLING LOCATION AND I KNOW IT WORK BECAUSE I ALSO RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS AND TEXT MESSAGES RESIDENTS WHO WERE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

AND PREFERRED JUST HAVING DIRECT CONTACT AND A PHONE NUMBER TO ASK QUESTIONS.

SO, THAT WAS FANTASTIC AND I APPRECIATE THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR REACHING OUT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR HELPING COURTNEY AND PROVIDE DEDICATED TRANSPORTATION TO OUR SENIORS AT HERITAGE HOUSE IN MILLS TOWER ALSO ENSURING THAT THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE AND OVERALL I JUST WANT TO SAY ELECTIONS ARE A COMMUNITY EFFORT AND YESTERDAY WAS JUST A REALLY BEAUTIFUL AND TRUE EXAMPLE OF THAT. THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, BRIAN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: MAN THIS JOB IS HARD!

IT IS REALLY ALL I CAN SAY - IT IS TRYING TO BALANCE THE NEEDS AND YOU KNOW REVENUE IS DIFFICULT.

ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE WORTHY AND ALL OF THESE THINGS SHOULD BE FUNDED, BUT AT THIS LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, EVERYTHING IS PROGRESSIVE AND EVERY TIME WE RAISE MONEY WE ARE IMPACTING FOLKS WHO HAVE THE LEAST AND THE MOST AND THAT IS DIFFICULT AND TRYING TO FIGURE THAT OUT AND ACHIEVE THE GOALS THAT WE HAVE AT THE SAME TIME IS AN EXERCISE IN I DON'T KNOW - SOMETIMES I FEELS -- WE NEVER HAVE ENOUGH AND WHATEVER WE RAISE I FEEL LIKE IS ALWAYS HURTING SOMEONE.

SO, THE SUSTAINABILITY ISSUE TODAY IS JUST REALLY DIFFICULT TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE FUND IT WITHOUT DRAINING OR CREATING A BIGGER DRAIN ON THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT THE LEAST.

ASIDE FROM THAT I JUST ALSO WANT TO SAY EVERYTHING IS HOUSING, RIGHT? I WILL PROBABLY EVENTUALLY GET MEMED ABOUT THIS, BUT IT IS THE TRUTH, WHATEVER WE DO SOMETHING, TYPICALLY YOU CAN THINK ABOUT HOW THIS WILL AFFECT HOUSING AND THEN YOU THINK ABOUT HOW HOUSING WILL AFFECT THE VILLAGE BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT IT DOES.

HOUSING IS WHAT DETERMINES WHO LIVES HERE AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE DETERMINE HOW OUR VILLAGE IS AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED HERE HAVE BUILT THIS PLACE AND THE PEOPLE WHO WILL LIVE HERE WILL PICK UP THAT TORCH AND CARRY IT FORWARD, RIGHT?

AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE OF OAK PARK WILL BE WE THINK ABOUT THE PRESENT OF WHO WE ACTUALLY WANT TO LIVE HERE, BECAUSE IF WE WANT THIS VILLAGE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THE VALUE THAT IT DOES, THEN WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE ABLE TO MOVE HERE AND LIVE HERE SHARE THOSE TYPES OF VALUES THAT WE HAVE NOW AND HAVE HAD HISTORICALLY.

AND THAT IS ALSO DIFFICULT, BECAUSE YES, IT IS A GREAT THING TO INCREASE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OLIVER HOUSING UNITS, BUT THE UNDENIABLE FACT OF THAT IS THAT IT WILL INCREASE THE VALUE OF THOSE HOUSING UNITS WHICH WILL INCREASE THE PRICE OF HOUSING IN OUR VILLAGE WHICH DECREASES AFFORDABILITY.

AND LIKE I SAID THESE THINGS ARE JUST DIFFICULT.
AND SOMETIMES IT WEIGHS ON ME.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: JUST A MESSAGE TO FAKE JULIAN, TODAY IS HER BIRTHDAY.
SHE PROBABLY WOULD NOT WANT ME TO SAY THIS, BUT I THINK SHE IS 83 TODAY.
AND I WISH HER WELL AND I KNOW FROM THE WHOLE BOARD, EVERYONE AGREES
THAT SHE IS A GREAT ASSET AND OF COURSE DOCTOR JULIAN 'S DAUGHTER
REPRESENTS A GREAT LEGACY FOR OAK PARK AND SO HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
I AM SORRY THAT I DID NOT GET THROUGH TO YOU TODAY, BUT WE WILL CALL AGAIN
TOMORROW AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN TALK.
THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: THANK YOU FOR LETTING US KNOW, HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO FAITH AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO CLERK WATERS AND THE
TEAM AND THE WELCOME CENTER FOR COORDINATING EARLY VOTING AND
ELECTION DAY.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATE!
AND YES, I APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION TODAY ON SUSTAINABILITY.
AGAIN, THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR ME AND PROBABLY THE MOST
IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR ME AND I APPRECIATE THE OPEN-MINDEDNESS AND THE
CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATION THAT WE HAD HERE TONIGHT AND ALSO THANK YOU
TO MY OPACAN, AMY, LAURA, MAC, YES, WE LOOK FORWARD TO KEEP GOING!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND I DO APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU PUT INTO YOUR
MEMO AND THAT YOU GAVE IT TO US WITH LOTS OF TIME IN ADVANCE SO WE CAN
DIGEST THE INFORMATION AND WE DID NOT COME UP WITH ALL OF THE ANSWERS
TONIGHT WHICH IS KINDA CHALLENGING TO FEEL BECAUSE USUALLY WE ARE LUCKY
THAT TYPICALLY WHEN WE LEAVE THESE MEETINGS IN THE EVENING WE FEEL LIKE
WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING AND IT FEELS LIKE WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF
QUESTIONS, BUT WE WILL FIGURE IT OUT, BECAUSE WE HAVE GOT A BOARD THAT IS
REALLY OTHERWISE VERY ALIGNED IN OUR GOALS AND WHAT WE WANT TO
ACCOMPLISH AND YOU KNOW WE SET A GOAL TO TRY TO ACHIEVE IT.
AND YOU KNOW COREY, WITH WHAT YOU ARE SAYING I WILL SAY THAT THAT IS WHY I
AM PROUD TO BE WORKING AT A REGIONAL LEVEL BECAUSE WE HAVE TO BUST OUT
OF OUR BUBBLE.

AND THANK YOU AND I AM SURE THERE IS OR AND WEIGHT, THE GIRL SCOUTS,
JENNA, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE GIRL SCOUTS -

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: YES, THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL AFTERNOON.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH JENNA AND I WERE AT A
PANEL WITH SOME OTHER LOCAL LEADERS AND IT WAS JUST REALLY GREAT AND
INSPIRATIONAL.

SO, THANK YOU.

I DON'T KNOW THAT I LOOKED AT THE PICTURES, BUT - I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO
ADJOURN.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED TO.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HAVE A GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY!