



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

7:00 PM

Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Village President Vicki Scaman called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Junior Deputy Clerk Aiyana Maliya Wesley called the roll. Village Clerk Christina Waters introduced Junior Deputy Clerk Wesley and presented her with a certificate for her civic engagement.

Present: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

Absent: 1 - Village Trustee Buchanan

III. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Straw, to Approve the Agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

IV. Minutes

- A. [MOT 24-192](#) A Motion to Approve Minutes from the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting and June 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Village Board

It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Wesley, to approve the Minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Patrick Bracco: Lifelong resident. July 4 fireworks were a spectacular show and symbol of unity, joy, and community spirit. Urged the Village Board to bring them back.

President Scaman responded that finding a location will be a challenge, as the Village can no longer host the fireworks at OPRF since they installed turf on their field.

VII. Village Manager Reports

Trustee Robinson inquired about the most recent Board calendars. Manager Jackson said staff will update and share them.

VIII. Village Board Committees & Trustee Liaison Commission Reports

There were no comments.

IX. Citizen Commission Vacancies

- B. [ID 24-360](#) Board & Commission Vacancy Report for July 9, 2024

There were no comments.

X. Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments

- C. [MOT 24-198](#) A Motion to Consent to the Village President's Appointment of:
Building Codes Advisory Commission - Aaron Vanderbilt, Appoint as Member
Civic Information Systems Commission - Thomas Ptacek, Appoint as Member
Historic Preservation Commission - Paul E. Ribera, Appoint as Member
Housing Programs Advisory Committee - Keith Spencer, Appoint as Chair
Housing Programs Advisory Committee - Andrea Krieg, Appoint as Member

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Robinson, that this Motion be approved. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

XIII. Regular Agenda for Items Pursuant to Village Code Chapter 3 Alcoholic Liquor Dealers or Related

- K. [ORD 24-140](#) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 ("Alcoholic Liquor Dealers"), Article 1 ("General Provisions"), Section 3-1-1 ("Definitions"), Article 4 ("Term and Classification"), Section 3-4-2 ("Classification and Number of Liquor Licenses and Fees"), and Article 8 ("List of Licenses for Each License Class"), Section 3-8-1 ("Number of Licenses Permitted to be Issued Per License Class") and Section 3-8-2 ("Licenses by Name and Address Per License") of the Oak Park Village Code for the Issuance of a Class B-7 Residential Care Facility Liquor License to American House Illinois Liquor, LLC DBA American House

Village Attorney Paul Stephanides presented the Item.

It was moved by Trustee Enyia, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Buchanan
- L. [ORD 24-141](#) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 ("Alcoholic Liquor Dealers"), Article 8 ("List of Licenses for Each License Class"), Section 3-8-1 ("Number of Licenses Permitted to be Issued Per License Class") and Section 3-8-2 ("Licenses by Name and Address Per License") of the Oak Park Village Code for the Issuance of a Restaurant Class B-1 Liquor License to Eleven-Thirty

Chicago, Inc., DBA Penny's Oak Park

Attorney Stephanides presented the Item.

It was moved by Trustee Enyia, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 5 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Buchanan

RECUSED: 1 - Village Trustee Parakkat

XI. First Reading

- D. [ORD 24-128](#) **A First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 ("Motor Vehicles and Traffic"), Article 3 ("Parking Meters, Parking Permits, and Municipal Attendant Parking Lots") of the Oak Park Village Code to Establish a \$0.25 per Kilowatt-Hour (kWh) User Fee for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Owned and Operated by the Village of Oak Park Pursuant to the Village Board's Direction at Its May 14, 2024 Meeting**

Development Services Director Emily Egan presented the Item.

Trustee Parakkat asked if it will be reviewed annually in the budget process, which Director Egan confirmed.

Trustee Wesley requested staff to bring it back to the Board annually, which Manager Jackson confirmed. Trustee Wesley said he would like to see the Village project more profit by increasing fees and surcharges.

Trustee Straw said he thinks a market rate cost for electricity is a good direction to go. If we try to extract too much profit, usage of the chargers will dry up. He recommended starting with this and studying to see if usage patterns change.

Trustee Parakkat said he agreed with Trustee Wesley. This is a time when we can test higher prices because the supply is so low in the community.

Trustee Robinson said she is happy with this first reading.

Trustee Wesley said because of the typical EV owner, this tax would be progressive rather than regressive.

President Scaman said she thinks next year is the appropriate time to review it. She suggested skipping the second reading.

Trustee Straw motioned to waive the second reading of the ordinance, Trustee Robinson seconded.

Trustee Robinson motioned to adopt the ordinance this evening, seconded by Trustee Straw.

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Robinson, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 4 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Straw

NAYS: 2 - Village Trustee Parakkat, and Village Trustee Wesley

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Buchanan

XII. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Buchanan

E. [MOT 24-193](#) A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$7,139,065.48 from June 3, 2024, through June 28, 2024
This Motion was adopted.

F. [RES 24-244](#) A Resolution Approving a Parking Lot Temporary License Agreement with Careful Peach Boutique for a One-Day Bastille Day Event on July 13, 2024
This Resolution was adopted.

G. [ORD 24-130](#) Concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals' Recommendation and Adopt an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit to Attach Wireless Telecommunications Antennas at 715 Lake Street
This Ordinance was adopted.

H. [ORD 24-131](#) Concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals' Recommendation and Adopt an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit to Attach Wireless Telecommunications Antennas at 408 South Oak Park Avenue
This Ordinance was adopted.

- I. [ORD 24-133](#) An Ordinance Granting an Extension of the Waiver and Suspension of the Right of Way Obstruction Permit Fee and Parking Obstruction Fee for the Planned Development Located at 839 Madison Street

This Ordinance was adopted.

- J. [RES 24-257](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement in Workers' Compensation Case Number 2023 WC 17151

This Resolution was adopted.

XIV. Regular Agenda

- M. [ORD 24-139](#) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 ("Public Health"), Article 7 ("Garbage, Weeds and Littering"), Section 20-7-2 ("Storage and Collection of Garbage, Refuse, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials for Residential Buildings Containing Five Units or Less; Storage and Collection of Yard Waste for All Buildings") of the Oak Park Village Code to Provide a One-Time Leaf Collection Program Credit

Public Works Director Rob Sproule presented the Item.

Trustee Straw said he will vote no because a flat return of funds to all single-family homeowners is regressive. He would rather the \$300K go toward diminishing the impact on the vulnerable population and address it programmatically as opposed to a one-time give-back. Director Sproule clarified this is not the only financial incentive. The Village plans to buy materials for interactions seeking compliance and plans to roll out a senior assistance program.

Trustee Robinson said she appreciates this across-the-board financial relief for the initial burden of transition and asked if it is possible to provide it earlier. Director Sproule said he can talk to the Finance Department as billing is on a quarterly cycle. She inquired about volunteer options. Director Sproule said the volunteer portal, contract, and leaf bag purchase can be administered by the Village Manager's Office. She said she supports this item.

Trustee Parakkat asked if it is possible to use the environmental services fund toward creating more EV infrastructure or the Climate Ready Oak Park plan. Director Sproule said historically enterprise funds are self-serving, with the primary intent to raise funds to provide direct services. Manager Jackson said the environmental services fund is an enterprise fund dedicated for refuse and recycling services.

Trustees Parakkat and Enyia agreed with Trustee Straw.

Trustee Wesley agreed with Trustee Straw and asked if this money could

be used to re-pave an alley. Director Sproule said he did not think the funds could be used for that purpose. Trustee Wesley asked if this funding can be moved. Interim CFO Donna Gayden said it is illegal to move enterprise funds to the general operating fund.

Trustee Enyia asked if the funds could be used for compost bins. Director Sproule said those are part of the Village's compostable program. This rebate proposal is in place of the significant volume of bags the Village was going to purchase for giveaway.

Trustee Robinson said not everyone wants or has the space for an extra bin and we shouldn't micromanage how people spend this rebate.

Trustee Wesley said the bins would reduce the number of bags needed. Director Sproule said the rebate would create an opportunity for people to buy a bin if they want to. A bin can only be used once a week so additional bags may be needed.

Trustee Straw suggested a three-month free incentive if residents sign up for a compost bin service. Director Sproule said the Village still provides three-months free. Trustee Straw suggested increasing it to six months.

President Scaman suggested bringing this Item back to the Board with additional analysis based on tonight's feedback.

Trustee Robinson said it is unfortunate the Board cannot agree that residents should get a rebate without any solid alternative.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Wesley, that this Ordinance be approved. The motion failed. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 3 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 3 - Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, and Village Trustee Straw

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Buchanan

XV. Call to Board and Clerk

President Scaman thanked everyone who worked on the July 4th parade.

XVI. Adjourn

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, to Adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M., Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

**Respectfully submitted,
Deputy Clerk Hansen**