

RESOLUTION

IN APPRECIATION OF JAMES J. TAGLIA VILLAGE TRUSTEE 2017 – 2023

WHEREAS, James J. Taglia, has served the Village of Oak Park with honor and excellence as a Village Trustee from March 2017 to May 2023; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Taglia, or “Jim” as many refer to him, first served as an elected official on the Oak Park Township Board from November 2010 to March 2017 where Jim championed policies that ensured the success of social service programs for seniors, youth, and access to mental health care; and

WHEREAS, while at Oak Park Township, Jim served on the Community Mental Health Board and was named Elected Official of the Year by the Illinois Townships Association of Senior Citizens Services Conference in 2010; and

WHEREAS, during his six years as Village Trustee, Jim supported social service causes, such as voting for the addition of the Disability Access Commission as a Village advisory board and championing comprehensive regulation of tobacco products by prohibiting the targeting of young people to use tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, Jim brought to the Village Board the ability to bring consensus on difficult topics and leadership on meeting with and listening to residents; and

WHEREAS, Jim supported transit-oriented development to support a thriving downtown Oak Park while also supporting a Flexible Rental Assistance Program with Housing Forward and an Interim Housing Program at the Raymond Showalter House, a partnership with Housing Forward and the Oak Park Housing Authority, as well as the passage of an inclusionary zoning ordinance to support expansion of affordable housing in the Village; and

WHEREAS, Jim took very seriously his responsibility as a public servant for all residents to feel safe and protected in their own community by holding public safety as a top priority, including his strong support of a recent regulation to close overnight gas stations due to incidents of violent crime and he continues to push for stronger relationships with neighboring communities to strengthen crime reduction approaches; and

WHEREAS, as a Village Trustee, Jim balanced his support of community safety, affordable housing, and social service programs with strong fiduciary action; and

WHEREAS, as an ongoing member of the Fire and Police Pension Boards, Jim seeks to ensure responsible pension system contributions and as a member of the Village Board’s Finance Committee, Jim championed direction to hold Village levies to 3% increases, and a 0% levy increase for the most recent 2023 budget, and Jim was also the most consistent advocate for water loss reduction as a major cost to the Village in order to be a more sustainable community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Village President Vicki Scaman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, that the thanks of our grateful community be extended to James J. Taglia for his role as Village Trustee and that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution which will herewith be entered into the official records of the Village of Oak Park.

APPROVED this 1st day of May, 2023.


Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk


Vicki Scaman, Village President