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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, IT IS 7:02 PM AND I CALLED THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ORDER.

CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES, HERE.

SO, WE HAVE QUORUM AT THIS TIME.

AND DO WE HAVE ANY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT?

IS THERE ANY OVER THERE?

JUST TO BE SURE?

ANYBODY HERE TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT?

OKAY, THANK YOU.

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

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND PEERED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOST BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE EDER PEERED ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

AND MINUTES, ENTERTAIN TWO APPROVED OCTOBER 3, NINTH, AND 16 TO 2025 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOTION.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE EDER AND SECOND BY STRAW ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

ALL THE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

THERE IS A NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT.

WE DO HAVE THREE PROCLAMATIONS THIS EVENING.

I AM GRATEFUL TO SEE THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE WITH US TODAY TO ENJOY.

SO, FIRST I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE ANNUALLY ON NOVEMBER 20 IN OAK PARK.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED TO.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE EDER.

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING A COMMUNITY GROUNDED IN THE VALUES OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, BELONGING, AND RESPECT FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS OF GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION; AND WHEREAS, NATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE (TDOR) WAS FOUNDED IN 1999 BY TRANSGENDER ADVOCATE GWENDOLYN ANN SMITH TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF RITA HESTER, A TRANSGENDER WOMAN WHO WAS KILLED IN 1998, AND TO MEMORIALIZE ALL TRANSGENDER PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST TO ACTS OF ANTI-TRANSGENDER VIOLENCE; AND WHEREAS, EACH YEAR ON NOVEMBER 20, COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION AND AROUND THE WORLD COME TOGETHER TO REMEMBER, HONOR, AND CELEBRATE THE LIVES OF TRANSGENDER AND GENDER-DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FACED DISCRIMINATION, VIOLENCE, OR MARGINALIZATION SIMPLY FOR LIVING AS THEIR AUTHENTIC SELVES; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK RECOGNIZES THAT TRANSGENDER AND GENDER-DIVERSE PEOPLE ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR RESILIENCE, CREATIVITY, LEADERSHIP, AND CONTRIBUTIONS ACROSS ALL SECTORS OF CIVIC LIFE; AND WHEREAS, WHILE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN ADVANCING EQUALITY AND INCLUSION FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, TRANSGENDER AND GENDER-DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE DISPROPORTIONATE LEVELS OF VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION, AND BARRIERS TO EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, AND EMPLOYMENT; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY, REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING GENDER EQUITY, AND CONTINUES TO PROMOTE POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT ENSURE SAFETY, BELONGING, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS; AND WHEREAS, NATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE CALLS UPON ALL OF US TO HONOR PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES WERE CUT SHORT BY ANTI-TRANSGENDER VIOLENCE, TO CELEBRATE THE STRENGTH OF PEOPLE WHO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR EQUALITY, AND TO RECOMMIT CREATING A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE CAN LIVE FREE FROM FEAR AND WITH FULL DIGNITY AND RESPECT. NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, ALONG WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY

PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 20, 2025, AS NATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN REFLECTION, SOLIDARITY, AND ACTION TO ADVANCE SAFETY, UNDERSTANDING, AND EQUALITY FOR OUR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER-DIVERSE NEIGHBORS. THANK YOU.

SO, I BELIEVE WE HAVE SARAH CORBIN WITH US TODAY.  
AMAZING.

IF YOU WILL TELL US A LITTLE -

>>SARAH CORBIN: INCLUDING THE OAK PARK AREA CHAPTER WE ENVISION A WORLD WHERE DIVERSITY IS NOT JUST ACKNOWLEDGE, BUT CELEBRATED. WE ENVISION A WORLD WHERE EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS RESPECTED, VALUED AND AFFIRMED FOR WHO THEY ARE, INCLUSIVE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION.

THIS DRIVES US TO UNITE LOVING FAMILIES WITH LGBT FAMILIES AND THEIR ALLIES CREATING SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS WHERE EVERYONE CAN THRIVE.

TOGETHER WE EDUCATE OURSELVES AND COMMUNITIES TO BECOME PASSIONATE ADVOCATES ENSURING THAT THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF LGBT INDIVIDUALS ARE RECOGNIZED BY ALL AND ARE GRATEFUL TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FOR ITS DECLARATION AND PUBLIC SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVITY TOWARDS TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS.

THE HEART BREAKING REALITY OF BIGOTRY MUST NOT GO UNCHALLENGED.

THE RIGHT TO EXIST TO LIVES IS FUNDAMENTAL.

SPEAKING FROM THE HEART AS A PARENT, MY HEART GOES OUT TO ALL OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE BECAUSE OF BIGOTRY.

IT FEELS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE LOUDLY AND PUBLICLY HONOR PEOPLE WE HAVE LOST IN ANTI-TRANS VIOLENCE AND HATE AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST VIOLENCE ANYWHERE WE SEE IT.

TODAY, AS SO MANY INCLUDING OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE SEEKING TO ERASE TRANSGENDER PEOPLE, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO WE HAVE LOST AND CONTINUE TO FIGHT.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU AGAIN AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WHO ARE WATCHING OR IN THE AUDIENCE IF YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO A VIGIL ON NOVEMBER 20, THE COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW NEEDS ALL OF THE SUPPORT WE CAN GIVE IT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

SARAH, WE USUALLY TAKE A PHOTO, IS THAT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU?

DOES ANYONE ELSE WANT TO JOIN ME?

OKAY.

I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO PROCLAIM NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 16 THROUGH THE 22ND OF 2025.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: WE NEED A MOTION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE DID THE MOTION I JUST NEED A ALL IN FAVOR.  
ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU AND ONCE WE HAVE THAT SIGNED, SARAH WE WILL GET COPIES, THANK YOU.

A MOTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 16 THROUGH THE 22ND. MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED TO.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY GOOD.

I HAVE ASKED JENNA IF YOU WOULD PLEASE READ THIS ONE OUT LOUD FOR US, THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 16 THROUGH 22ND, 2025.

WHEREAS, FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS AND THE NATIONAL STUDENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS HAVE SPONSORED NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK TO PROMOTE AN END TO HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS; AND WHEREAS, THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROCLAMATION IS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING THE SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VERY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS, AND TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOMELESS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE SERVICES; AND WHEREAS, HOUSING FORWARD, A LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCY, CONTINUES TO OFFER SUPPORT FROM THE ONSET OF A FINANCIAL OR HOUSING CRISIS THROUGH ITS PERMANENT RESOLUTION. THE ORGANIZATION PREVENTS HOMELESSNESS WHENEVER POSSIBLE, RESPONDS TO HOUSING CRISES, AND STABILIZES PEOPLE THROUGH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND HOUSING; AND WHEREAS, IN 2025, HOUSING FORWARD SERVED 2,003 PEOPLE. HOUSING FORWARD PREVENTED HOMELESSNESS FOR 252 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH \$196,000 IN DIRECT ASSISTANCE; HELPED 916 INDIVIDUALS SECURE INDEPENDENT HOUSING; AND PROVIDED 59,238 NIGHTS OF SHELTER FOR 483 EMERGENCY SERVICE CLIENTS; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND HOUSING FORWARD RECOGNIZE THE ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROVIDED BY MORE THAN 320 VOLUNTEERS WHO DONATED OVER 26,780 MEALS, 4,400 HOURS OF SERVICE, AND AN ESTIMATED \$150,000 IN IN-KIND DONATIONS IN 2025—VOLUNTEERS WHOSE COMPASSION AND PRESENCE HELP EASE THE ISOLATION THAT ACCOMPANIES HOMELESSNESS; AND WHEREAS, BEYOND HUNGER, A LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, WORKS TO REDUCE HUNGER BY PROVIDING NUTRITIOUS FOOD, OFFERING NUTRITION EDUCATION, AND CONNECTING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT LONG-TERM FOOD SECURITY; AND WHEREAS, BEYOND HUNGER SUPPLIED 1,620,660 POUNDS OF FOOD TO 15,937 INDIVIDUALS IN 2025, REACHING MORE THAN 67,800 PEOPLE THROUGH MULTIPLE VISITS, INCLUDING 2,416 OAK PARK RESIDENTS. BEYOND HUNGER PROVIDED NUTRITION EDUCATION TO OVER 16,000 INDIVIDUALS,

DELIVERED GROCERIES TO 487 HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS, AND DISTRIBUTED 6,744 SUMMER MEALS TO CHILDREN. NOW THEREFORE, I, JENNA LEVING-JACOBSEN ON BEHALF OF OF VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 17–23, 2025, AS NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO NEED THE SUPPORT OF THEIR NEIGHBORS AND FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT SERVE THEM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

AND SO WE DO HAVE SOME FOLKS FROM BEYOND HUNGER HERE TONIGHT.

COME ON UP.

THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: I AM TERRY MILLER, DIRECTOR AND DEVELOPMENT OF BEYOND HUNGER.

THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK AND HONORING OUR WORK.

AND WITH THIS PROCLAMATION.

THIS MOMENT RELIVES DOES REFLECT OUR MISSION AND ALSO THE INCREDIBLE NEED THAT WE ARE SEEING RIGHT NOW.

AND TYPICALLY AND IN YEARS PAST AT THIS TIME OF YEAR WE ALWAYS SEE A RISE AND NEED WITH THANKSGIVING AND ALL OF THE DECEMBER HOLIDAYS THAT CENTER AROUND THANKSGIVING AND GATHERING FOR A MEAL.

HOWEVER, THIS YEAR, THE SPIKE CAME EARLY.

ON NOVEMBER 1, OUR PANTRY TEAMS SERVED OVER 1200 INDIVIDUALS IN A SINGLE DISTRIBUTION.

THAT IS A RECORD FOR US IN OUR 47 YEAR HISTORY.

MUCH OF THIS INCREASE IS REALLY BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AND THE REDUCED FEDERAL INCOME SUPPORT BENEFITS.

WE ARE RELIEVED AND WE ARE ENCOURAGED AND HOPEFUL THAT THOSE SNAP BENEFITS WILL BE RESTORED BY FRIDAY, BUT THE STRESS OF LOSING THAT KIND OF SUPPORT REALLY WILL TAKE ITS TOLL ON FAMILIES IN THIS AREA AND FOR SOME IT WILL TAKE MONTHS FOR THEM TO RECOVER.

BUT, THROUGH IT ALL - ARE AMAZING COMMUNITY HAS STEPPED UP IN SO MANY WAYS AND WE ARE SO TRULY GRATEFUL.

OUR VOLUNTEERS, DONORS AND PARTNERS HAVE SHOWN UP IN INCREDIBLE WAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT FAMILIES HAVE EVERYTHING THAT THEY NEED.

THANK YOU ALL.

EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM FOR STANDING WITH US.

>>SPEAKER: MY NAME IS TARA DABNEY AND I AM DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR HOUSING FORWARD.

WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

YOU HAVE NOT ONLY HELPED US WITH OUR FANTASTIC INTERIM HOUSING AND RESPITE THAT WE ARE GETTING READY TO REMODEL AND ALSO HELPED US DOUBLE OUR NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT SHELTER BEDS AND WE KNOW THE NEED IS

INCREASING EXPONENTIALLY PARTICULARLY WITH FAMILIES AND WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND TO ALL OF YOU, ALL OF YOU WHO KEEP SHOWING UP EVERY DAY ALL OF THE TIME.

WE ARE TERRIFIED BY WHAT DROPPED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT ON THURSDAY NIGHT THAT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY BY TWO THIRDS DOLLARS FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

WE HAVE 214 UNITS THAT SERVE 253 PEOPLE.

THAT IS TERRIFYING.

A LOT OF THOSE ARE IN OAK PARK.

WE ASK YOU TO CONTINUE WHAT IS GOING ON NATIONALLY AND LOCALLY AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO WORK LOCALLY IN THIS YEAR'S JURISDICTION WITH THIS FABULOUS GROUP OF PEOPLE.

WE NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER.

AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH, AS IT STARTS GETTING COLDER, IT IS GOING TO BE EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING FOR FOLKS THAT WE HAVE TO TALK TO ABOUT IMMEDIATELY LOSING HOUSING.

ONE OF OUR HUGGER GRANTS ENDS IN JANUARY.

THEY ARE NOT EVEN GOING TO MAKE DECISIONS UNTIL MAY.

SO, IT IS TERRIFYING.

WE ARE AT A REALLY SCARY SPOT RIGHT NOW AND I WISH I COULD BE AS POSITIVE AS TERRY IS, BUT WE WANT YOU TO ALL STAY ON BOARD AND KEEP LISTENING AND READING OUR MESSAGING AND WE ARE GRATEFUL LIKE I SAID WE HAVE DOUBLED OUR SHELTER BEDS AND SO LOOK OUT IF YOU CAN PROVIDE MEALS FOR SHELTER, WE NEED EVEN MORE PEOPLE TO BE COOKING THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST.

SO, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING.

WE ARE GRATEFUL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT, DO WE WANT TO GET BACK OVER AND TAKE A PHOTO AGAIN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

THANK YOU, SARAH, TERRY, EVERYONE FOR COMING TO JOIN US THIS EVENING. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOU, HOUSING FORWARD BEYOND HUNGER AND PFLAG, WE LOOK FOR THOSE EVENTS THAT WE CAN JOIN TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP.

SO, HAVE A GREAT EVENING.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025.

>>SPEAKER: MOTION.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND PEERS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I HAVE ASKED ON TRUSTEE WESLEY IF YOU WOULD PLEASE READ THIS PROCLAMATION ALOUD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WHEREAS, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025, IS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, A DAY TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AND ALL THEY DO FOR OUR COMMUNITIES; AND WHEREAS, SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY WAS FOUNDED IN 2010 AND HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, 33.2 MILLION SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE UNITED STATES REPRESENT 99.9% OF ALL U.S. BUSINESSES AND EMPLOY NEARLY HALF OF THE PRIVATE WORKFORCE; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK—HOME TO MORE THAN 1,300 INDEPENDENTLY OWNED BUSINESSES—CELEBRATES THE CREATIVITY, DIVERSITY, AND ECONOMIC VITALITY SMALL BUSINESSES BRING TO OUR LOCAL ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY; AND WHEREAS, OAK PARK'S SMALL BUSINESSES CONTINUE TO ADAPT AND INNOVATE IN THE FACE OF CHANGING CONSUMER SHOPPING HABITS, SUPPORTING LOCAL JOBS, SUSTAINABILITY, AND NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY; AND WHEREAS, RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE ARE ENCOURAGED TO "SHOP, DINE, AND DISCOVER OAK PARK," KEEPING DOLLARS IN THE COMMUNITY AND STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL ECONOMY; AND WHEREAS, THE DOWNTOWN OAK PARK (DTOP) BUSINESS ALLIANCE'S SHOPPER'S REWARD PROGRAM RUNS FROM NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 25, 2025, OFFERING SHOPPERS A \$50 REWARD FOR EVERY \$1,000 SPENT AT PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, KICKED OFF IT'S PICK OAK PARK SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN, HIGHLIGHTING LOCALLY OWNED RETAILERS, RESTAURANTS, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT PICKOAKPARK.COM; AND WHEREAS, SMALL BUSINESS CORRIDORS ACROSS OAK PARK—INCLUDING DOWNTOWN OAK PARK, HEMINGWAY DISTRICT, PLEASANT DISTRICT, SOUTHTOWN, OAK PARK ARTS DISTRICT, AND NORTH AVENUE—INVITE RESIDENTS TO EXPLORE, CONNECT, AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY ENTREPRENEURS YEAR-ROUND. NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORY WESLEY ON BEHALF OF VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, ALONG WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025, AS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND ENCOURAGE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES ON THIS DAY AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE LEADERSHIP AND ALL OF OUR SMALL DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOODS OF OAK PARK, DOWNTOWN OAK PARK, EXPLORE OLD DARK AND BEYOND, PECOS PARK WHO IS IN THE PROCLAMATION - OUR ECONOMIC VITALITY STAFF, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON AND VILLAGE MANAGER STAFF.

I DO CONSIDER SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITIES THE HEART OF OUR VILLAGE.

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE AS MANY LOCAL OAK PARKERS WHO ARE ALSO ENTREPRENEURS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WHO HAVE INVESTED IN WAYS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO OUR DIVERSITY AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AND SO THANK YOU. ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.  
VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THANK YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN, NO REPORT TONIGHT.  
THE CALENDARS ARE FOCUSED ON THE AGENDA IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS FOR  
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, I WILL ANSWER THEM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD?  
THANK YOU.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES, DOES ANYBODY HAVE A  
REPORT OUT?

OKAY.

GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: YES, LAST WEEK WE DISCUSSED AND HAD A PRESENTATION  
WITH THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD.  
WE HAD A PRESENTATION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MORE TO COME?  
OKAY.

SO, THE I GOVERNMENT AS EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF PARK THAT MEET ONCE A  
MONTH AND SO THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT  
ADLER'S BOARD TABLE BEFORE THEY ARE A BRANCH OR AN ARM OF OUR TOWNSHIP  
GOVERNMENT.

TO ENSURE THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK HAVE ACCESS TO A MENTAL HEALTH  
CARE.

AND SO AS USUAL WE HAVE A VACANCY REPORT FOR OUR BOARDS AND  
COMMISSIONS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A VILLAGE BOARD OR  
COMMISSION CAN EMAIL CLERK WATERS AT [CLERK@OAK-PARK.US](mailto:CLERK@OAK-PARK.US).

AND FOR CITIZEN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS AND CHAIR  
APPOINTMENTS, I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONSENT OF MY APPOINTMENT TO THE  
BOARD AND FIRE POLICE, MR. JAMES GATES AS A MEMBER AND KATE O AS A  
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

MOTION, PLEASE PIERCE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND PEERS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE EDER AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE  
WESLEY PEERED ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.  
I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.  
WE DO HAVE BEFORE I MOVE ON TO CONSENT AGENDA I DO HAVE A PUBLIC  
COMMENT ON ITEM K AS INCLUDED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA.  
AND YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

>>SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS ANNA HARLING AND I LIVE HERE IN OAK PARK ON 28 CARPENTER AND THIS IS NOT A PROCLAMATION AND IT MAKES ME SO PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY AND HEAR ALL OF THE GOOD WORK THAT EVERYONE IS DOING.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT ON BEHALF OF OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR TAKING UP THIS ISSUE.

AND THEIR THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE IMPACT THAT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE TEACHERS AND STAFF.

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO MS. THOMPSON AND MR. JACKSON FOR COMING OUT AND TAKING THE TIME TO WALK THROUGH AND PROBLEM SOLVE WITH ME AND THE SCHOOL.

THIS IS A SMALL PARKING CHANGE, BUT IT WILL IMPACT OUR STAFF IN A VERY POSITIVE WAY.

SO, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

AND YES THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TAKES ON QUITE A BIT AND THEY WORK VERY HARD AND DO A GREAT JOB ON MANY OF OUR COMMISSIONS.

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

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND PEERS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE WESLEY.

CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED.

MOVING TO REGULAR AGENDA.

FIRST ITEM, R, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE STORE PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND ADOPT ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 1144 LAKE STREET AS AN OAK PARK LANDMARK.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE ENYIA AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE STRAW.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: ITEM R AND S ARE RELATED TO EACH OTHER, SO I WILL INTRODUCE CRAIG FALOR TO INTRODUCE THIS ITEM WILL BE SUPPORTED BY VILLAGE PLANNER MIKE BRUCE AND ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER AND SO THEY

WILL COVER BOTH ITEMS, THE PRESENTATION AND YOU CAN TAKE ITEMS R AND S INTERN.

CRAIG.

>>CRAIG FALOR: THANK YOU.

CRAIG FALOR, DEVELOP AN SERVICES DIRECTOR.

SO, AS MANAGER JACKSON INDICATED, THESE TWO ITEMS ARE RELATED, ORDINANCE 25 1625 AND RESOLUTION 25 331.

SO, THE FIRST IS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO LANDMARK 1144 LAKE STREET AS REQUESTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE VILLAGES LANDMARK PROCESS IS VOLUNTARY AND THE VILLAGE WILL NOT LANDMARK PROPERTY WITHOUT A OWNER'S CONSENT.

THE APPLICANT WHO IS HERE TONIGHT HAS INDICATED THAT WITHOUT THE VILLAGE BOARD SUPPORT THE APPLICATION, HE DOES NOT REALLY WISH TO PURSUE THE LAND MARKING OF THIS BUILDING.

SO, I WILL HAVE THAT NOTED.

THE OTHER ITEM UNDER THE RESOLUTION INCLUDES SUPPORT FOR THE INCENTIVE BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND THE CLASS L PROCESS WAS ESTABLISHED BY COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WHICH ESTABLISHES SEVEN CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY.

TWO OF WHICH INCLUDE OUR LOCAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

THE FIRST IS A REVIEW BY THE PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO DETERMINE IF THE PROJECT BUDGET AND PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION.

THE SECOND INTERACTION IS ONCE THE PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED THE LOCAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION WILL REVIEW THE PROJECT TO DETERMINE IF THE STANDARDS HAVE BEEN MET.

SO, WITH THAT I WOULD INTRODUCE MIKE BRUCE TO GIVE YOU A OVERVIEW OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REVIEW AND THEN AFTER MIKE, JOHN M, ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER OF ECONOMIC VITALITY WILL PROVIDE OVERVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT AND THE PROPOSED CLASS L FINANCIAL SIGNIFICANCE.

>>MIKE BRUCE: THANK YOU MR. FALOR.

MIKE BRUCE, VILLAGE PLANNER.

GOOD EVENING VILLAGE BOARD.

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD IN 1994 ENABLES A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND IN THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ADOPT BY ORDINANCE LOCAL LANDMARKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

THE PROPERTY MUST MEET ONE OR MORE OF A CRITERIA AS DESIGNATION AS LISTED IN THE ORDINANCE.

ON JULY 10, 2025, NICHOLAS HARRIS WITH WATER TOWER REALTY FILED A NOMINATION FORM FOR HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1144 LAKE STREET.

ON AUGUST 14, THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD PUBLIC HEARING RECOMMENDING THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES DESIGNATE

THE PROPERTY AS HISTORIC LANDMARK UNDER THE VILLAGE CODE, BECAUSE THE PROPERTY MEETS MULTIPLE LANDMARK DESIGNATION CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THE VILLAGE CODE.

MARSHALL FIELDS AND COMPANY STORE IS ALSO OVER 50 YEARS OLD AND HAS SUFFICIENT INTEGRITY OF LOCATION, DESIGN, MATERIAL, WORKMANSHIP TO MAKE IT WORTHY OF PRESERVATION OR RESTORATION.

THE HBC AND STAFF ASK THAT THE BOARD APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ARTICLE 9, SECTION 7 OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE TO DESIGNATE THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 1144 LAKE STREET AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION 25 - 331, THE CLASS L RESOLUTION AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT, THE APPLICANT AGAIN, NICHOLAS HARRIS IS THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING AND PLANS TO RENOVATE THE MARSHALL FIELDS BUILDING WHICH INCLUDES CONCRETE REPAIR, UPDATING THE HVAC SYSTEM, UPDATING THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, ELEVATOR IMPROVEMENTS AND HISTORIC BUILDUP TO REHAB THE BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSTORE SPIRIT MINIMAL EXTERIOR WORK IS EXPECTED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE BUILDING.

IT WILL NOT DESTROY ANY HISTORIC MATERIAL CHARACTERIZED IN THE PROPERTY WHILE BRINGING AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN RETAILER TO DOWNTOWN OAK PARK. THE VILLAGE BOARD MAY PROVIDE A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ADOPTED RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY STATING THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINDS THE CLASS L INCENTIVE IS NECESSARY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PROPERTY IN TWO SUPPORTS AND CONSENTS TO THE GRANTING OF THE INCENTIVE AND THREE, APPROVES THE LOCAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION, SPECIFYING AT THE PROJECT BUDGET AND PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK EXCEEDS THE STANDARD FOR REHABILITATION.

THE HBC, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THE SCOPE OF WORK MEETS THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW GUIDELINES AND SUPPORTS THE CLASS L APPLICATION. PAUL RIVERA, A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND I ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE HPC PROCESS AND JOHN M WILL DISCUSS THE CLASS L FINANCIAL INCENTIVES.

>>JOHN M: THANK YOU, MIKE.

JOHN M. ECONOMIC VITALITY BID I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH GREG SMITH ON THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE DID WAS WE - SO, WE TOOK A LOOK AT THIS ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PACKAGE AND LOOKING AT COOK COUNTY CLASS 6B AND L AND SEVEN AND UP FOR MOST OF MY CAREER AND WE DETERMINED THAT BAKER TILLY HAD CONDUCTED AN ANALYSIS OF ALL THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS.

AND SO WE WANTED TO DETERMINE THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF THE COOK COUNTY DESIGNATION AND WE REALLY WANTED TO EXAMINE WHAT THE BUDGET IMPACT MIGHT BE.

AND THE PROPERTY IS NOT CURRENTLY GENERATING ANY SALES TAX REVENUE AND HAS NOT BEEN DOING SO FOR MANY YEARS.

OVER 12 YEARS I UNDERSTAND.

AND THE PROPERTY IS NOT GENERATING THE MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX THAT IT COULD BE IF IT WERE OCCUPIED AND IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING VACANCY RELIEF FROM THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR.

AND SO BAKER TILLY PUT TOGETHER A SPREADSHEET OF ALL THE PROPERTY TAXES, AS WELL AS WE ALSO LOOKED AT SALES TAX REVENUE AS WELL AS THE PROPOSED BARNES AND NOBLE MAY BE ABLE TO GENERATE.

AND SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE TABLE BEFORE YOU, THE PROPERTY TAXES BETWEEN 2025 AND 2037 WOULD AMOUNT TO OVER \$842,000.

AND WITH THE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAXES THAT WOULD BE ASSESSED DUE TO THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BUILDING, THEY WOULD INCREASE BY OVER 632 MILLION FOR A TOTAL OF 1.4 MILLION.

SO, WE ALSO LOOKED UP BARNES AND NOBLE SALES TAX REVENUE GENERATION AND IT WAS APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 BASED UPON THEIR ESTIMATES OF THEIR SALES WHICH I THINK ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO BE LOWER THAN THE SALES PRODUCTIVITY COULD BE HIGHER.

BUT, WE USED A CONSERVATIVE NUMBER AS DID BAKER TILLY AND THIS SUBJECT PROPERTY WILL ALSO GENERATE AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 IN PROPERTY TAXES AND WE EXPECT THE ASSESSED VALUE TO INCREASE BY \$5 MILLION FOLLOWING THE REDEVELOPMENT THAT BOTH THE LANDLORD AND BARNES AND NOBLE WILL PUT INTO THE PROPERTY.

ANSWER JUST ASSUMING A 3% APPRECIATION IN THOSE VALUES WE EXPECT TO GROW TO 170,000 BY YEAR 2030 AND 225,000 BY YEAR 2039.

ANSWER IF THE CLASS L IS GRANTED, THE PROPERTY TAXES OF ABOUT \$59,000 WILL INITIALLY BE REDUCED BY APPROXIMATELY 30% AS A RESULT OF THE CLASS L AND A REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 18,000 IN THE FIRST YEAR INITIALLY.

THE LANDLORD INTENDS TO UNDERTAKE APPROXIMATELY 3.5 MILLION IN RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND BARNES AND NOBLE WOULD UNDERTAKE THE BUILDUP WHICH IS ANOTHER 2 MILLION.

SO, THE PROPERTY TAXES RIGHT NOW IN 2023 WHICH IS THE LAST FULL YEAR THAT WE HAVE SEEN IS 192,000 ROUGHLY FOR ONE OF THE PIN NUMBERS AND 198 FOR THE OTHER ONE.

SO, THE CLASS L CLASSIFICATION WOULD REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES BY APPROXIMATELY 18,000 INITIALLY AND BY OVER 550,000 OVER 12 YEARS.

SO, THE PROPERTY TAXES ARE REDUCED BY ABOUT 45,000 AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE NET BENEFIT TO THE VILLAGE, THE ANNUAL NET BENEFIT TO THE VILLAGES ABOUT \$100,000 IN SALES TAXES AND 50,000 IN PROPERTY TAXES AND EVEN IF THE CLASS L IS SUBTRACTED OUT, IT IS 50,000.

AND SO WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT \$100,000 ANNUALLY AND IT WOULD GROW OVER THE 30 YEAR LEASE TERM.

THE CLASS L WILL LIMIT 25,000 FT.<sup>2</sup> OF VACANT SPACE AND ELIMINATE THE PROPERTY AT THE GATEWAY AT HARLEM AND LAKE.

THE ACCUMULATIVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE WITHOUT A CLASS L IS ABOUT \$840,000 IN PROPERTY TAXES, BUT THEIR KEY MOTIVE RAN TO -- THE ACCUMULATIVE

ARE APPROXIMATELY 50,000 ANNUALLY OR 1.4 MILLION OVER THE 12 YEAR LIFE OF THE CLASS L. BARNES AND NOBLE IS EXPECTED TO EMPLOY APPROXIMATELY 60 NEW PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND THERE ARE ALSO MULTIPLE IMPACTS OF ALL OF THESE NEW RETAIL SALES AND PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WAGES AND SALARIES AS WELL AS FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME CONSTRUCTION JOBS THAT WILL BE CREATED AS A RESULT OF THIS REDEVELOPMENT.

THESE NEW REVENUES ARE ALL RECYCLED INTO THE ECONOMY, THE LOCAL ECONOMY THAT IS AND THE OTHER TAXING BODIES WILL BENEFIT THROUGH THE ENHANCED PROPERTY TAXES THROUGH A \$5.5 MILLION INVESTMENT AND THE ELIMINATION OF THIS 25,000 SQUARE-FOOT VACANCY.

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IN THE CLASS L, THE NET IMPACT WILL RETURN TO PRODUCTIVE USE AND THE NET IMPACT AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE OF 12 YEARS IS ABOUT 640,000 AND THE ANTICIPATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE AFTER THE PROPERTY RETURNS TO FULL ASSESSMENT IS 1.4 MILLION.

SO, THE SALES TAX REVENUE IS 1.2 MILLION OVER 12 YEARS OR 100,000 PER YEAR AND THE TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT WITHOUT ACCOUNTING FOR ANY INDIRECT ECONOMIC BENEFITS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

1.2 MILLION IN SALES TAX REVENUES.

1.4 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR TOTAL OF 2.6 MILLION.

AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE MULTIPLIER IMPACT IT COULD BE LIKE 2.2 TIMES INCOME.

SO, IT IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT PLUS THE MULTIPLIERS.

AND SO THE DESIGNATION IN MY OPINION IS NECESSARY TO INVEST IN ONE OF OAK PARK'S LANDMARK BUILDINGS.

AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ALONG WITH OUR TEAM SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, JOHN.

OKAY, ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD?

COMMENTS?

OKAY.

WE CAN GO STRAIGHT TO COMMENTS.

I ACKNOWLEDGED NICK IN THE AUDIENCE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SIGNIFICANT - THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN OUR VILLAGE AND FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING.

OKAY, WE'LL START WITH JIM AND THEN GO TO CORY.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I AM JUST VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE INVESTMENT IN THE VILLAGE AND CLEARLY IT HAS A OVERALL NET POSITIVE IMPACT AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO ALL OF THE BOWS IN OUR VILLAGE CURRENTLY IN TERMS OF THE VITALITY THAT THAT REPRESENTS ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE AND ABOVE ALL THE NUMBERS TO SEE THAT BUILDING OCCUPIED IS VERY MEANINGFUL TO EVERY OAK PARKER.

AND IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN OUR DOWNTOWN AND I THINK THIS IS A GOOD STATEMENT ON EVERYONE'S BEHALF YOU KNOW THE COMMITMENT AND WE STAND BEHIND THAT.  
SO, THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CORY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I AM JUST GOING TO - EXCUSE ME, ECHO WHAT TRUSTEE TAGLIA SAID, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE INVESTMENT.

NICK, LAST TIME I SAW YOU WE WERE TALKING ABOUT DOM AND SO IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU HERE TALKING ABOUT BARNES AND NOBLE AND I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK.

AND YOU KNOW I WILL TAKE THIS TIME TO SAY THAT I CAN FINALLY CONCUR WITH A MOTION ABOUT A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND THAT IS A FIRST IN MY SERVICE.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

AND I WILL LEAVE IT THERE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I ALSO WANT TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE APPROACH BEING TAKEN HERE WITH THE CLASS L CLASSIFICATION, BECAUSE I THINK THAT THIS IS REALLY A WIN-WIN ALL THE WAY AROUND PROVIDING SOME RELIEF TO GO WITH THE REHABILITATION THAT IS GOING INTO THE PROPERTY WHILE ALSO ALLOWING THE INFUSION OF THAT SALES TAX REVENUE THAT IS GOING TO BE SO IMPORTANT.

AND I DO THINK THAT BRINGING THIS SPACE BACK ONLINE IN THIS WAY IS GOING TO HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON ALL OF THE NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES AND I ALSO THINK THAT IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR THE VILLAGE HAVING THIS SPACE EMPTY, BECAUSE THIS IS A GATEWAY TO OUR VILLAGE.

THIS IS HOW SO MANY PEOPLE EXPERIENCE COMING INTO OUR DOWNTOWN AREA AND HAVING IT REVITALIZED IN THIS WAY IS GOING TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT NOT JUST AN ECONOMIC IMPACT, BUT A VISUAL IMPACT AS PEOPLE ARE ENTERING OUR VILLAGE AND SEEING THE VITAL DOWNTOWN AREA THAT WE DO HAVE AND HAVE HAD, BUT IT WILL JUST BE THAT MUCH MORE VISIBLE NOW.

AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT, AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY GOOD.

I DO WANT TO ASK THE OTHER TRUSTEES IF THEY HAVE WORDS TO SHARE BUT I KNOW WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS BUILDING?  
THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THE TIME, MY NAME IS PAUL RIVERA, A MEMBER OF THE HPC COMMISSION.

I'M HAPPY TO CONCUR -- CONCUR WITH TRUSTEE WESLEY AND IT REALLY DOES NOT MATTER - YOU KNOW THE FUTURE OF OUR VILLAGE IS AT STAKE.

AND REPRESENTATION FROM THE PRIVATE FIRM AND ALL OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS PLAN.

IT WAS SUCCESSFUL.

IT MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GETTING THE STATUS AND AS A BUILDING THAT SAT VACANT EVER SINCE I HAVE LIVED HERE, I APPRECIATE THAT SOMEBODY LIKE BARNES AND NOBLE IS GOING IN THERE.

SO, WE ARE ALL MAKING HISTORY HERE TODAY IN PASSING THIS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THE COMMISSION.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

JENNA?

AND THEN I AM SORRY -

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: THANK YOU TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

THERE WAS A LOT OF INFORMATION AND A LOT OF WORK I SAW THAT WENT INTO PREPARING AND EVALUATING AND SO I'M GRATEFUL FOR THAT EFFORT.

I GUESS I WANT TO JUST SORT OF EXPRESS MY SUPPORT AND I ALSO AM THINKING WITH YES, THE INCENTIVE TO THIS PROJECT TO ALSO THINK YOU KNOW THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT WAS VERY CONVINCING AND THE REPORT TO THE PRESENTATION TONIGHT WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE ON TOP OF THE MATERIALS WE RECEIVED AND ALSO I THINK OF INCENTIVIZING AFFIRMATIVELY SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES AS WELL AND MAY BE THINKING INTENTIONALLY ABOUT THOSE AND OTHER BUSINESSES THAT MAY BE IMPACTED, NAMELY OUR NEW INDEPENDENTLY OWNED BOOKSTORES.

SO, THERE IS NEVER ENOUGH BOOKS AND MY FAVORITE PLACE TO SHOP IS BOOKSTORES AND SO I AM DEFINITELY SUPPORTIVE BUT I WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE ARE THINKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN SUPPORT AND INCENTIVIZE INVESTMENTS IN THOSE LOCALLY OWNED SHOPS, AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WONDERFUL, TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: ECHOING A LOT OF WHAT MY FELLOW TRUSTEES SAID AND YOU KNOW REALLY GROWING UP HERE AND GETTING AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE BEEN A PATRON IN THE BUILDING YOU KNOW BACK IN THE DAY.

I WILL NOT SAY HOW LONG.

I REALLY ENJOYED IT AND IT WAS ONE OF THE COOLER PARTS AND WHEN I REALIZED THERE WAS A DOWNTOWN OAK PARK, THAT WAS ONE OF THE PARTS THAT I THOUGHT WAS SO UNIQUE AND COOL TO THE DOWNTOWN ASPECT WAS THAT BUILDING.

AND IF YOU GET A CHANCE TO LOOK OVER SOME OF THE NOTES AND YOU SEE THE INTERIOR AND YOU CAN SEE HOW IT IS CONSTRUCTED, THERE IS JUST SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

IT IS JUST REALLY SPECIAL.

I WAS JUST LOOKING OVER THIS AND FEELING LIKE A KID AGAIN LOOKING AT THE BUILDING AND SEEING JUST THE BEAUTY OF IT.

SO, THERE IS THAT PIECE OF OAK PARK THAT YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER OF YOU KNOW THERE IS SOME BITS OF MAGIC OUT THERE AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT YOU ALL ARE INVESTING TO STILL PRESERVE THE BUILDING.

SO, THAT IS A YAY.

PUTTING ON SOME REVENUE BACK IN OAK PARK.

AND BOOKS IS A YAY.

LIKE WE SAID, ALSO SMALL BUSINESSES, WE DO REALLY CARE ABOUT THOSE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE INVESTED HERE IN OAK PARK.

THE SMALL BOOKSTORES THAT HAVE COME HERE MORE RECENTLY AS WELL AND SO DO NOT FORGET ABOUT THEM.

THIS IS JUST ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE YOUR KID OR FAMILY OUT AND SO THANK YOU AND APPRECIATE IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXCELLENT.

SO, NICK, YOU ARE WELCOME TO SHARE A FEW WORDS, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO. I KNOW THAT YOU WORK VERY HARD TO FIND THE RIGHT TENANT FOR THIS BUILDING.

>>SPEAKER: (AWAY FROM MIC) AND NOW REALLY THE BEST - I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO (NAME) NEXT TO ME (AWAY FROM MIC) UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (AWAY FROM MIC) WE HAVE THE BEST DESIGN (AWAY FROM MIC) ABSOLUTELY THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

AND THAT IS HOW (AWAY FROM MIC) YOU KNOW KEVIN AND EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DON'T THINK WE GOT ALL OF THAT ON THE RECORD, BUT WE CERTAINLY ENJOYED HEARING YOUR PASSION FOR THE BUILDING HERE IN THE ROOM.

SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU.

AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU FURTHER.

ALL IN FAVOR?

SORRY, CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

CONGRATULATIONS.

WE HAVE GOT ONE MORE TO GO!

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND CONSENTING TO APPROVAL OF COOK COUNTY CLASS L CLASSIFICATION FOR THE REHABILITATION AND THE BUILDING LOCATED AT - OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 1144 LAKE CREEK, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS.

>>SPEAKER: MOTIONED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE WESLEY.

ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR SHOULD BE GO STRAIGHT TO THE ROLL?

372 IN ONE NIGHT, I AM ON A ROLL!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING TO SAY THAT, RIGHT?

(LAUGHTER) CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

OKAY, SO WE HAVE ITEM T, A RESOLUTION AND - CONGRATULATIONS - THANK YOU TO MIKE BRUCE AND JOHN AND CRAIG FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK ON YOUR TEAM. ITEM T. ENTERTAIN A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPANSION OF THE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND GRANT GUIDELINES. MOTION, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE EDER AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE STRAW.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: YES.

CRAIG FALOR, DEVELOP AND SERVICES AND NAOMI DIAZ WILL PRESENT ON THIS ITEM, THIS APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD AND WE RECEIVED INPUT ON THE BOARD AND ARE COMING BACK FOR A COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.

>>CRAIG FALOR: THANK YOU, MANAGER JACKSON, CRAIG FALOR, DEVELOP AN SERVICES DIRECTOR.

THIS AGENDA ITEM IS THE OUTCOME OF STAFF PRESENTATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD ONSET TIMBER 30TH WHICH INCLUDES INPUT FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD AND THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WILL EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT RELATED TO INTERIOR MODIFICATIONS, SUSTAINABILITY AND CODE UPGRADES.

THIS WILL BE IN ADDITION TO OUR CURRENT FAÇADE PROGRAM.

SO, I'LL ASK NAOMI DIAZ TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE GRANT PROGRAMS.

>>NAOMI DIAZ: .GOOD EVENING.

SEPTEMBER 20, WE PRESENTED A SERIES OF DIFFERENT GRANTS TO EXPAND THE EXISTING GRANT PROGRAMS.

IN THIS CONSISTED OF CREATING GUIDELINES FOR THE TWO NEW PROPOSED PROGRAMS OF THE CLIMATE READY BUSINESS GRANT AND THE FIRE SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM.

THOSE PROPOSED GUIDELINES ARE ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA ITEM.

THE INTERIOR FAÇADE EXPANSION TO THE OTHER BUSINESS DISTRICTS ARE CURRENTLY EXISTING, IT WOULD JUST BE ALLOWING THE USE OF THOSE EXISTING GUIDELINES TO THE REMAINING DISTRICT.

THE GRANT PROGRAMS ARE STRUCTURED SIMILAR TO THE EXISTING FAÇADE GRANTS HERE THEY ARE 50-50 GRANTS WITH SET MINIMUMS AND MAXIMUMS.

ALL AWARDS ARE REIMBURSED MEANING THAT A BUSINESS MUST SUBMIT FULL RECEIPTS PRIOR TO BEING ISSUED FUNDS.

THE GRANTS ARE LIMITED TO ONE GRANT RECIPIENT HER ADDRESS PER PROGRAM. IN THE FISCAL YEAR.

MEANING THAT WE ARE ALLOWING A MAXIMUM OF TWO GRANTS PER YEAR.

SO, A BUSINESS OR PROPERTY CAN APPLY FOR A FAÇADE GRANT WHETHER IT IS INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR AND THEY CAN ALSO APPLY FOR A FIRE SAFETY GRANT OR A CLIMATE READY GRANT.

THE BENCHMARK REQUIREMENT IS EXQUISITELY STATED IN THE GUIDELINES FOR THE CLIMATE READY GRANT, HOWEVER WE WILL BE CHECKING THE ADDRESS AS PART OF THE REVISED GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS TO CONFIRM THAT ALL PROPERTIES ARE BENCHMARKING AND WE WILL BE WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY FOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION.

OTHER THAN THAT, WE ARE HERE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXCELLENT, THANK YOU.

TRUSTEE EDER?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: FOR THIS WHEN I HAVE MORE TO SAY.

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS BACK AND TAKING OUR INPUT FROM THE MEETING FROM A COUPLE I GUESS IT WAS SEPTEMBER, JUST A LITTLE BIT AGO.

YES, SO I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS.

FIRST OF ALL, WHAT IS THE FUNDING FOR THESE GRANTS COMING FROM?

YOU KNOW WHICH BUCKETS?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: SO, THERE IS A ONE BUCKET OF FUNDING FOR RETAIL REIMBURSEMENT GRANTS IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION UNDER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

SO, THAT IS DIVISION CODE 40 6262.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: AND THE REVENUE SOURCES FROM NOT JUST COME FROM TAXES AND GENERAL FUND OR OTHER OTHER TWO.

>>NAOMI DIAZ: ALL FROM GENERAL FUND DOLLARS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: GREAT, THANK YOU.

I'M ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY AND I'M ASSUMING IT IS COMING FROM THERE, BUT - OKAY, SECOND QUESTION I HAD WAS DO YOU HAVE A SENSE ABOUT WHAT OUTREACH WILL LOOK LIKE IN TERMS OF MARKETING THESE PROGRAMS AND OBVIOUSLY THAT IS ALWAYS A CONSTRAINT OVER HOW MUCH THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL AND HOW PEOPLE WILL KNOW ABOUT IT AND GET ASSISTANCE WITH THAT AND CAN YOU SHARE MORE ABOUT HOW THIS WILL BE FILLED OUT?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: IF APPROVED WE WILL PREPARE A MARKETING PLAN WITHIN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC VITALITY TO LET EXISTING BUSINESSES KNOW AS A PART OF THE RETENTION VISITS THAT THESE GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD AND WE ALSO WILL DO BLASTS IN THE FYI AND THE MANAGER REPORTS AND MEDIA AND OF COURSE FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, THEY ARE VERY MIGHTY IN TERMS OF GETTING THE WORD OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS A PART OF RENEWALS AND SO LICENSE RENEWALS ARE COMING UP IN MARCH AND THAT IS WHEN THE FIRST SET OF NOTICES COME OUT AND WE WILL INCORPORATE THAT AS A PART OF THE RENEWAL PACKET THAT WILL BE GOING OUT TO ALL EXISTING BUSINESSES.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THAT IS GREAT.

I THINK I HAVE ONE REQUEST, NOT A CHANGE TO ANY OF THIS, BUT I WOULD LOVE TO MAYBE AND MAYBE YOU ARE ALREADY PLANNING ON DOING THIS, HAVE SOME KIND OF REGULAR REPORTING ON HOW IT IS GOING AND WHETHER IT IS QUARTERLY OR IS NOT ALREADY INTENDED?

AND IT SOUNDS LIKE SOME OF THIS IS NEW AND I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW HOW IT IS ROLLING OUT AND WHAT BUSINESSES ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT AND WHAT KINDS OF THINGS THEY ARE APPLYING FOR AND HOW ARE THEY USING THE MONEY? CAN YOU SHARE A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO DO?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: ABSOLUTELY.

WE LOVE TO REPORT THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAMS.

MY PLAN WAS TO REPORT WITH MONTHLY UPDATES TO VILLAGE MANAGERS AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF COURSE WITHIN THE UTILIZATION OF ALL FOUR PROGRAMS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, GREAT.

AND WILL YOU BE TRACKING ALL OF THE THINGS I HAD MENTIONED?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: YES, CORRECT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, THAT IS GREAT AND OBVIOUSLY I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS AND VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT A CLIMATE READY IS ALSO A PART OF IT AND INCORPORATED INTO THIS AS WELL.

SO, VERY SUPPORTIVE OF IT.

I AM THANKFUL THAT WE BUNDLED THIS TOGETHER TONIGHT, IT JUST HAPPENED TO BE ON THE SAME NIGHT AS THIS OTHER SWEET DEAL THAT WE JUST MADE FOR A LARGE BUSINESS, BARNES AND NOBLE IS A MULTINATIONAL COMPANY AND LOTS OF MONEY AND WE GAVE THEM A GREAT DEAL AND IT IS A WIN-WIN FOR THE VILLAGE FOR THEM AND FOR US AS WELL, BUT I DO THINK ABOUT YOU KNOW THE SMALL INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES THAT WILL PRODUCE SOME REVENUE FROM BARNES AND NOBLE COMING IN.

AND I KNOW THEY WILL BRING IN THEIR OWN REVENUE, BUT FOLKS MAY GO THERE INSTEAD OF YOU KNOW SOME OF THE INDEPENDENT ONES.

AND A PROGRAM LIKE THIS SEEMS REALLY IMPORTANT AND THAT IS WHY I CARE ABOUT THE WORK OF IT BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE SUPPORTING THE PROGRAMS.

AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL THAT THIS PROGRAM IS ROLLING OUT AND I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT IT IS SUCCESSFUL.

ALL RIGHT, THAT IS IT FOR ME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CORY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: JUST A QUICK POINT OF CLARIFICATION, WE TECHNICALLY GIVE THE INCENTIVE TO THE BUILDING AND NOT TO BARNES AND NOBLE AND SO IF OR WHATEVER REASON AND HOPEFULLY THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN IF BARNES AND NOBLE LEFT AFTER FIVE YEARS, WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT THE SPACE ITSELF IS IMPROVED AND IT ALLOWS US TO RECRUIT A NEW BUSINESS INTO THAT SPACE SO WE DON'T ACTUALLY GIVE BARNES AND NOBLE ANY MONEY, THANKFULLY.

AND THAT IS TYPICALLY HOW THOSE INCENTIVES WORK AND I FULLY SUPPORT THIS AS WELL.

NAOMI, THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JIM?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: JUST A QUICK QUESTION, CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE LIMITS AGAIN?

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I'M CLEAR ON THAT, BECAUSE I DID NOT REALLY PICK IT UP NECESSARILY FROM HERE.

WHAT WERE THE LIMITS BETWEEN THE TWO PROGRAMS?  
THE TWO SETS OF PROGRAMS?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: SO, THEY ARE ALLOWED TO APPLY FOR A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT WHETHER THEY ARE EXTERIOR OR INTERIOR AND THEY'RE BOTH CAPPED AT \$5000 MAXIMUM.

THEY ARE ALSO ALLOWED TO APPLY FOR EITHER CLIMATE READY BUSINESS GRANT OR A FIRE SAFETY GRANT.

SO, IT IS FAÇADE AND THEN EITHER CLIMATE READY FOR FIRE SAFETY.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I APPRECIATE THAT, BECAUSE BEFORE THE WAY IT WAS PRESENTED YOU KNOW ONE PERSON COULD TAKE LIKE 1/4 OF THE YEARS GRANT MONEY AND ONE STORE COULD DO THAT AND I THINK SPREADING IT OUT IS MORE FAIR FOR OTHER PEOPLE THAT WANT TO PARTICIPATE.

AND JUST TO NOTE THAT ONE INDIVIDUAL STORE COULD OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND IT WOULD BE WHAT, \$10,000?

IT IS 5000 FOR THE ONE AND THEN 3500 OR 5000 DEPENDING UPON IF IT IS THE FIRE SAFETY?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: THAT IS CORRECT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THAT IS STILL 18 OF THE ANNUAL AMOUNT THAT RIGHT NOW WE HAVE IN THIS BUDGET ITEM I GUESS TO RESERVE.

IS THERE ANY SORT OF A BALANCE GOING INTO THIS?

ANY UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM PRIOR YEARS OR NO?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: CURRENT YEAR WE ARE EXPECTING TO EXPAND THE FULL AMOUNT AS ALLOCATED TO THE ACCOUNT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I GUESS IT IS BETTER CERTAINLY THAN YOU KNOW 1/4, BUT IT IS A GOOD INCENTIVE AND AS SOMEBODY STARTING A BUSINESS I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT AND RIGHTFULLY SO.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT THIS SEPARATELY WITH INCENTIVES FOR THE BUSINESSES AND ALONG OAK PARK AVENUE WITH THE STREETScape AND I HOPE THAT WE HAVE SOME AND WHEN WE SPOKE OF THAT AND THOSE PLANS, IT WAS GOING TO HAVE SOME SPECIFIC OUTREACH TO THOSE BUSINESSES.

BUT, THE TIMING OF REDOING THE STREET GAPE AND FAÇADES YOU KNOW - ALONG THE 100 AND 200 BLOCK SOUTH OAK PARK AVENUE THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM.

WE WOULD ALSO HAVE SOME UNIQUE CHALLENGES IN IT BEING AN OLDER BUILDING THERE, AS WELL.

I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT WAS PUT INTO THIS AND THEIR RESPONSIVENESS TO THE BOARD DISCUSSION AND HOW YOU BROUGHT IT BACK TO US AND REPRESENTED IT IN A VERY DIGESTIBLE WAY.

SO, THANK YOU.

CLERK WATERS WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

OKAY, THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS.

SO, WE ARE MOVING TO ITEM U WHICH IS I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE HOUSING PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT TOTALING \$450,000 FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE OAK PARK RESIDENT CORPORATION MOTION, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY GOOD, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THIS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD ONE TIME IN RECENT HISTORY AND IT IS COMING BACK -

>>SPEAKER: MAYBE I WILL START WITH THE BACKGROUND CONTEXT, MANAGER JACKSON INDICATED, BACK IN MARCH OF 2023 THE VILLAGE BOARD APPROVED A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OAK PARK RESIDENT CORPORATION FOR \$450,000 IN ORDER TO SUPPORT WHAT WAS CALLED AT THAT TIME A REVISION PROJECT AND THE IDEA BEING THAT MONEY WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE CORPORATION AND THEY WOULD THEN IDENTIFY A COMPANY AND PROJECT HERE IN TOWN WHERE PERHAPS DUE TO FINANCIAL DISTRESS FOR THE CURRENT OWNERS IT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERT THE PROJECT FROM CONDOMINIUMS INTO APARTMENTS.

THAT INITIAL AGREEMENT WAS EXTENDED IN THE SUMMER OF 24 AND EXPIRED IN MARCH 2025 BECAUSE THROUGH THAT TIME THE OAK PARK RESIDENT CORPORATION HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY A PROPERTY THAT WAS INTERESTED IN CONVERTING OR CHANGING FROM A CONDOMINIUM PROJECT INTO APARTMENT COMPLEX.

SINCE THAT TIME, BACK IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR, OCTOBER 2025, THE OAK PARK RESIDENT CORPORATION REACHED OUT TO THE VILLAGE BECAUSE THEY DID FIND AN ASSOCIATION THAT WAS INTERESTED IN THAT PROJECT DUE TO A SIZABLE CAPITAL PROJECT THAT THEY HAD ON THEIR PLATE THAT THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO ADDRESS AND IN THIS CASE IT WAS A LARGER BALCONY REPLACING PROJECT WITH A BALCONY WAS PHYSICALLY BECOMING DETACHED FROM THE BUILDING AND THAT IS A PRICEY ENDEAVOR, ESPECIALLY FOR A SMALL NINE UNIT CONDOMINIUM LOADING AND SO THEY WERE A KEEN TO ENGAGE AND TALK ABOUT THIS AGAIN

THAT THE STAFF THEN RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT THAT YOU CAN SEE BEFORE YOU TONIGHT.

IT WAS REVIEWED BY THE HOUSE OF PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE OCTOBER 15 AND OCTOBER 29 MEETINGS AND WE HAVE KEITH SPENCER, CHAIR OF THE HOUSING PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HERE WITH US TONIGHT IN CASE THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OF THE PROJECT ITSELF OR THE DELIBERATIONS THAT EACH PACK UNDERWENT AS THAT PROCESS.

SO, IF YOU READ THROUGH THE MATERIALS AT ALL YOU WILL SEE AGAIN NINE UNIT CONDOMINIUM PROJECT AND ALL OF THOSE UNITS ARE EXISTING ONE-BEDROOM CONDOMINIUMS THAT HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL PARKING UNITS INCLUDED AS PART OF THE SITE AS WELL AND THE PROPOSAL AS I INDICATED IS TO PROVIDE THAT \$450,000 WHICH THE OAK PARK RESIDENT CORPORATION WITHIN LEVERAGE WITH \$350,000 OF THEIR OWN MONEY AS WELL AS LOANS THEY WOULD BE TAKING OUT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE ALL OF THE UNITS AND BE ABLE TO MAKE THE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS THAT BALCONY ISSUE THAT I MENTIONED BEFORE AND THEN D CONVERT OR CHANGE FROM A CONDOMINIUM INTO APARTMENTS.

FOLKS ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE UNITS RIGHT NOW AND THE FOLKS WHO ARE CURRENTLY OWNERS AND THEN WOULD BE GIVEN AN OPTION TO LEASE FOR THREE, SIX OR 12 MONTHS, THOSE OPTIONS WERE LAID OUT IN THE APPLICATION MATERIALS THAT WERE SUBMITTED BY THE RESIDENT CORPORATION AND THEN OBVIOUSLY IF SOMEONE COULD QUALIFY FOR THE UNITS THEY COULD OF COURSE STAY ON THAT.

BUT, IT DOES GIVE FOLKS WHO ARE IN THE BUILDING RIGHT NOW THEY RIGHT AWAY AS THEY DECIDE HOW TO MOVE FORWARD GIVEN THEY KNOW WHAT WOULD BE ON. THOSE NINE UNITS OUT OF THOSE NINE UNITS, THREE WOULD BE AFFORDABLE TO HOUSEHOLDS MAKING LESS THAN 80% OF MEDIAN INCOME AND ADDITIONAL FOUR WOULD BE AFFORDABLE TO HOUSEHOLDS MAKING LESS THAN 60% OF THE MEDIAN INCOME AND FINALLY TWO WOULD BE AFFORDABLE TOUSLED MAKING LESS THAN 50% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME.

THE VILLAGE WOULD BE SECURING ITS INVESTMENT WITH A NOTE ON THE PROPERTY AS PART OF THE CONVERSATIONS WITH HBAC, THEY AGREED TO A 15 YEAR PERIOD OF AFFORDABILITY WITH \$30,000 AND \$450,000 INVESTMENTS FORGIVEN EVERY YEAR DURING THAT TIME SO AT THE END OF THE TIME IT WOULD BE FULLY FORGIVEN IF FOR SOME REASON THE RESIDENT CORPORATION WERE TO SELL THE BUILDING BETWEEN NOW AND THEN THE VILLAGE WOULD RECOUP ANY OF THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE FOR THE INITIAL AMOUNT THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED. WITH THE BIT FORGIVEN OVER TIME.

AND I THINK THAT IS PROBABLY IT FOR ME.

QUESTIONS?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION WITH US IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WHAT IS THE EXPECTATION REGARDING THE PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS WHO ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN IN THEIR UNITS?

>>SPEAKER: WE DON'T REALLY KNOW.

WE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO SELL AND IT OVER THE THRESHOLD AND BE ABLE TO DO THE CONVERSION, BUT THE SELECTED TIMELINE HAS BEEN REPRESENTED AS A PART OF THAT AND SO THEY ARE AWARE OF THAT, BUT THEY ARE BEING THOROUGH AND YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'VE LIVED THERE FOR A LONG TIME, IT IS A HARD THING TO KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I CERTAINLY AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROJECT AND I THINK THAT IT MAKES A GOOD DEAL OF SENSE AND I GUESS THE ONE THING THAT I AM JUST NOT SURE ON IS SORT OF HOW MANY AFFORDABLE UNITS IT IS TRULY ADDING TO THE ECOSYSTEM WHEN IT IS LIKELY THAT THE EXACT SAME PEOPLE WHO ALREADY WERE LIVING THERE WHO COULD AFFORD TO LIVE THERE ARE CONTINUING TO LIVE THERE.

SO, I GUESS THAT IS ONE THING I AM STRUGGLING WITH A LITTLE BIT IS WHAT KIND OF IMPACT ARE WE EXPECTING THIS TO HAVE ON THE LARGER PICTURE OF HOUSING AFFORDABILITY?

>>SPEAKER: THIS IS VERY MUCH A PRESERVATION DEAL FOR THE BOARD AND WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT ADDING NEW SUPPLIES AND IT WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THERE WAS NINE MORE APARTMENTS LIKE THESE ARE EXISTING UNITS THAT ARE ALREADY A PART OF THE HOUSING STAFF OVERALL AND AS WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE BOARD TABLE BEFORE MANY OF OUR LOWER COST CONDOMINIUMS ARE OFTEN IN SUPPORT OF THESE OPTIONS.

THAT SAID OVERTIME, THIS DOES ALLOW US TO MAKE SURE THOSE ARE LOCKED IN A LOCATION THAT IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF DOWNTOWN OAK PARK AND WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE HEMINGWAY DISTRICT AND SO A VERY LOCATION RICH SPOT AND GOOD ACCESS TO TRANSIT AND IT WOULD BE OWNED BY A LONG-TERM COMMUNITY PARTNER THAT MAINTAINS THESE UNITS FOR A LONG TIME.

AND SO EVEN BEYOND THAT 15 YEAR PERIOD OF TIME SUPPORTING THE RESIDENT CORPORATION AND CONTINUING AFTER THAT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THANK YOU AND THAT IS FAIR AND I APPRECIATE THAT RESPONSE, BECAUSE I THINK THAT THAT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WHAT THE ALTERNATIVE HERE WHERE THERE IS AN EXPENSE THAT THE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION WAS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD YOU KNOW WHAT OTHER ALTERNATIVES MIGHT THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT AND SOME OF THOSE ALTERNATIVES MAY HAVE RESULTED IN A LOSS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

SO, MAINTAINING THAT HOUSING STOCK IS IMPORTANT.  
AND SO I APPRECIATE THAT AND I WILL BE SUPPORTIVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.  
JIM?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THIS AND I WILL SAY THAT IN THINKING ABOUT IT, THE NUMBER OF UNITS BEING GENERATED HERE IN TOTAL COMPARED TO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WE HAVE COMPETITION FOR THE AFFORD -- AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THEY ARE DIFFERENT AND I UNDERSTAND DIFFERENT GOALS AND PERHAPS YOU KNOW THE 801 PROJECT AND I THINK THERE WERE 35 UNITS THERE AND WE PUT IN \$500,000 AND WE MADE THAT HAPPEN AND WITHOUT IT IT WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED AND HERE, THIS IS 450,000 AND BY DEFINITION I THINK IT IS SIX UNITS AND IT IS MAY BE YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THOSE TWO I MEAN OBVIOUSLY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE PURSUING NOW, BUT I DON'T KNOW -

>>SPEAKER: I THINK IN THIS CASE A GOOD WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT AND THE WAY THAT STAFF THINKS ABOUT IT IS WHEN WE PROVIDE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, THEY PROVIDE YEARS DOWN THE ROAD LIKE ALL OF THOSE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS AS PART OF A MUCH LARGER CAPITAL STOCK, THE VILLAGE \$700,000 AS A PART OF A 12 OR \$14 MILLION PROJECT AND SO YES OUR LITTLE LITTLE BIT FORWARD IS IMPORTANT IN BEING ABLE TO MOVE THAT FORWARD. IN THIS CASE OUR PROVISION AMOUNT IS NOT SO FAR OFF, BUT THE TOTAL PROJECT COST IS ALSO FAR LESS AND THEY ARE NOT BRINGING IN AS MANY SOURCES TO THE TABLE. SO, THERE IS SOME ORDER OF MAGNITUDE DIFFERENCE.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I APPRECIATE THAT AND I LIKE TO SEE THE LEVERAGE IF WE CAN APPROACH THIS PROJECT YOU KNOW THOSE ARE MORE IMPACTFUL AND I THINK IN THE FUTURE I MEAN I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT MONEY GO TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFIT. THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CHAIR SPENCER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING? AND I CAN ALSO SAY THAT DAVID POPE HAS JOINED US.

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THE TIME AND WE APPRECIATE ALL OF THE CONSIDERATION FROM THE BOARD. MANY OF THE THINGS THAT YOU GUYS ARE BROUGHT UP WE WERE DISCUSSING AND WE TALKED ABOUT LEVERAGE AND ABOUT THE SIZE AND SCOPE AND THE WAY WE HAVE LOOKED AT THIS IS YOU KNOW DEALING WITH AFFORDABILITY IN THE VILLAGE IS GOING TO REQUIRE A LOT OF TOOLS AND ONE OF THOSE THOUGHTS IS IN MAINTAINING THAT HOUSING THAT IS AFFORDABLE WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND LOOKING AT THE HOUSING STOCK AND SO YES THE 801 AND THE OTHER ONES THAT WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO FUND HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC WHEN WE LOOK AT THAT SCALE AND THE OTHER PART IS LOOKING AT YOU KNOW IT IS THE NEW DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO THE ONES THAT ARE CURRENTLY HERE AND MAKING SURE THAT WE PROVIDE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO FOR SOME HOPEFULLY STAY WITHIN THE PROPERTY AND OTHERS PRODUCING THAT AND ALSO LIKE THE LOCATION OF THOSE PROPERTIES IS ANOTHER CONVERSATION. MAKING SURE THAT IT IS LIKE YOU KNOW THERE ARE SOME THAT ARE GOING TO BE ON ROOSEVELT AND OTHER LOCATIONS AND HAVING THOSE THAT ARE WALKING DISTANCE TO HEMINGWAY AND HAVING ACCESS AND MAKING SURE THAT THOSE

UNITS ARE AFFORDABLE WHERE THERE IS A LOT MORE DENSITY WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO BUILD SOMETHING AT A LARGE SCALE IN THAT SAME FOOTPRINT WHILE PROVIDING THAT OPPORTUNITY.

SO, WE HAD JONATHAN WITH US FOR MANY OF OUR CONVERSATIONS.

AND YES, MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BROUGHT UP AND THROUGH CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND HAVING SPECIAL MEETINGS TO BRING IT BACK UP AND FINISH THE CONVERSATION.

YOU KNOW WE THOUGHT THIS WAS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY AND YES IT WOULD BE SCALE BETWEEN THOSE AND A FEW OTHER THINGS THAT ARE DISCUSSED WITHIN HVAC ARE ALWAYS CONSIDERATIONS OF HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF THE FUNDS IS A CONSTANT CONVERSATION WITH EVERY SINGLE ONE AND THIS WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED ON BY THE COMMISSION WHICH AT TIMES REQUIRES A LITTLE BIT OF EFFORT, BUT YES THIS WAS ONE THAT WE ALL SUPPORTED WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: THANK YOU, THIS IS EASY FOR ME TO SUPPORT, BUT I'M ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN ADD MORE AFFORDABLE USING -- UNITS AND AS CHAIR SPENCER WAS EXPLAINING, THE MAINTAINING OF EXISTING AFFORDABLE STOCK IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALSO NEED TO WEAVE IN AS WE LOOK AT ZONING AND STRENGTHENING OUR IHO AND EXACTLY THIS EFFORT OF MAINTAINING STOCK AND KEEPING PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING YOU KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING HERE, YOU KNOW? AND IF THEY WANT GETTING TO STAY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THAT IS A CONSIDERATION FOR ME AS WELL.

MY QUESTIONS ARE A LITTLE MORE GENERAL.

GOING THROUGH THE ATTACHMENTS MAYBE I MISSED IT, BUT I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THE 15 YEAR TIMELINE.

WHAT IS THAT BASED ON?

IS THAT A STANDARD EXPECTATION OF MAINTAINING LIKE YOU SEE WHERE I AM GOING WITH THIS.

>>SPEAKER: 15 YEARS IS PRETTY TYPICAL, YOU TYPICALLY SEE IT IN 15 OR 30 YEAR INCREMENTS.

SO, THIS IS RELATIVELY STANDARD IN THAT.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: THAT IS HELPFUL, THANK YOU PIERCE. AND THE OTHER PIECE I AM CURIOUS IS THE OVERSIGHT INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NEW AFFORDABLE UNITS ON THE STAFFING IMPACT SECTION IT SAYS THAT STAFF WILL NEED TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT IN THE 15 YEAR AFFORDABILITY TIME.

WHAT IS THAT MONITORING AND REPORTING LOOK LIKE?

>>SPEAKER: ABSOLUTELY.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STANDING UP RIGHT NOW AND SO AS WE FUND PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY PHYSICAL BUILDINGS WITH UNITS, LONG-TERM AFFORDABILITY PERIODS LIKE THIS, STAFF NEEDS TO RIGOROUSLY REACHING OUT TO CONFIRM THAT THOSE UNITS ARE CONTINUING TO MEET OUR

AFFORDABILITY REQUIREMENTS AND THE CONDITIONS AND THE INSURANCE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION AND INCLUDED WITH THE PROPERTY AND THAT LOOKS LIKE REACHING OUT WITH SOME SORT OF FORM OR MAKING USE OF AN EXISTING FORM AND ONE THAT THE DEVELOPER ALREADY PROVIDES FOR THE STATE FOR THE SAME SORT OF COMPLIANCE PURPOSES IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DOCUMENT THAT.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: IS THIS ALREADY HAPPENING FOR EXISTING -

>>SPEAKER: THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE STANDING UP RIGHT NOW AND WORKING TO IMPLEMENT.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: VERY COOL, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CORY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: HUGELY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS.

I LOOK AT THIS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENTLY THAN MAINTAINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

I LOOK AT IT AS CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING BECAUSE THE WAY I READ THIS IS THE HOUSING THAT CURRENTLY EXIST IS NO LONGER AFFORDABLE, RIGHT? BECAUSE THERE IS A LARGE CAPITAL INVESTMENT THAT IS NEEDED AND THE OWNERS OF THE BUILDING DO NOT WANT IT OR CANNOT AFFORD TO DO THAT WHICH MAKES THOSE UNITS NOW NO LONGER AFFORDABLE, RIGHT? AND SO THE WAY I LOOK AT THIS IS ENABLING THOSE UNITS TO GO BACK TO A STATE WHERE THEY WILL BE AFFORDABLE AND AT LEAST AFFORDABLE FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS.

SO, I THINK THAT IS GREAT, BECAUSE OTHERWISE IF THIS BUILDING HITS THE MARKET AND MAYBE IT IS ACQUIRED BY A MARKET RATE DEVELOPER AND ALL OF THOSE UNITS BECOME MARKET RATE.

SO, I THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I LOVE THE INNOVATIVE KIND OF APPROACH TO THIS AND MAINLY AS WELL BECAUSE WE DID FIND A COUPLE OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS YEAR WHICH I AM HUGELY SUPPORTIVE OF AND THEY DO HAVE MORE UNITS, BUT THE PER UNIT AMOUNT IS WAY HIGHER THAN WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT RIGHT HERE, RIGHT?

SO, WHEN I LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS AND HOLD ON A SECOND, I HAVE THE NUMBERS.

THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS IS \$678,000 PER UNIT AND INTERFAITH HOUSING IS \$444,000 PER UNIT AND IF WE LOOK AT ONLY OUR INVESTMENT ON THESE, THESE ARE \$75,000 PER UNIT TO CREATE AFFORDABLE UNITS.

IF WE LOOK AT THE ENTIRETY OF THE BUDGET, THE 1.7 WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE PUTTING IN PLUS WHAT THEY ARE PUTTING IN, WE ARE STILL ONLY UP TO \$290,000 PER UNIT.

SO, THIS IS A GREAT USE OF OUR FUNDS AND IN MY OPINION A GREAT WAY TO SCALE THE USE OF OUR FUNDS BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING MORE PER DOLLAR DOING IT THIS WAY.

I DO AGREE THAT IT IS NICE TO BE ABLE TO GROW HALF \$1 MILLION AND GET A 30 UNIT BUILDING STOOD UP, BUT A 30 UNIT BUILDING STOOD UP AT LIKE \$800,000 PER UNIT, RIGHT?

THAT IS DIFFICULT.

AND IT HIGHLIGHTS AND THE REASON I'M TALKING ABOUT THIS AND I WANT TO UNDERSCORE THE CHALLENGES OF BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

IF I LOOK AT WHAT AL BEYOND COSTS, IT WAS \$253,000 PER UNIT.

LIKE THERE IS A HUGE GOALS THERE.

AND THIS PLAYS OUT ACROSS ALL OF THE AFFORDABLE BUILDING PROJECT WHEN YOU'RE BUILDING FROM THE GROUND UP.

SO, ANY PLACE WHERE WE CAN FIND PLACES LIKE THIS WHERE WE CAN LEVERAGE AND SCALE OUR MONEY ON A PER UNIT BASIS THAT IS GOING TO BE A LOT LOWER THAN WHAT WE CAN DO OTHERWISE, I AM HUGELY SUPPORTIVE OF.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: CHIMING IN ALSO IN SUPPORT OF - THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I ACTUALLY HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH NATIONAL ADVOCATES FOR NOAH WHICH IS WHAT THEY CALL IT, NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

I ALWAYS LOVE THOSE ACRONYMS.

SO, THE HOUSING STUDIES AND THE CHICAGO INVESTMENT CORPORATION HAVE LIKE DONE THE PROJECT THAT I HAVE WORKED ON TO IDENTIFY DIFFERENT KINDS OF NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACROSS THE NATION.

AND IN OAK PARK WE HAVE A CLUSTER OF HOMES WHICH I AM SURE YOU KNOW ABOUT WHICH HAS MODERATE INCOME AND THEY ARE EXISTING AND DECREASING - THERE IS A DECREASING SHARE OF AFFORDABLE UNITS AND IT IS A PART OF AN URBAN CORE OF A SMALLER GROWING METRO AREA AND THE LOWER INCOME AND THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT I THINK DESCRIBE THE AREA THAT WE ARE IN.

AND WHEN I THINK PEOPLE THINKING ABOUT CAPITAL AND AFFORDABLE THEY OFTENTIMES ARE THINKING OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION, BUT THERE IS SO MUCH LOWER CASE AFFORDABLE THAT IS NOT ALWAYS THOUGHT OF AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT IT IS THERE AND THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF PRESERVING EXACTLY THAT.

SO, VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS AND ANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES WE CAN LEVERAGE THESE FUNDS TO DO MORE OF THIS, THE BETTER TO KEEP PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE AND BEING ABLE TO AFFORD AND LIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND BEING ABLE TO KEEP A GREAT ENVIRONMENT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANYONE ELSE?

SO, I WILL PUT DAVID ON THE SPOT FOR JUST A MOMENT.

HELLO DAVID.

I WONDER SINCE YOU HAVE HEARD REALLY THE CONVERSATION, HAS THE MATERIALS - THEY WERE VERY THOROUGH AND ANSWERED A LOT OF QUESTIONS, BUT YOU WERE HEARING FROM THE BOARD THAT GREATER DISCUSSION AROUND HOUSING AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN THAT WE PASSED LAST YEAR FROM THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS AND THE RULE THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND RESIDENTS CORPORATION PLAY INTO THAT AND SOME OF WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD.

>>DAVID POPE: SURE.

WHY DON'T I START FIRST BY COMPLEMENT AND YOU ON RUNNING A MORE EFFICIENT MEETING THAT I MAYBE DID IN GETTING TO THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA SOONER THAN I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE WORK AND THE SUPPORT THAT YOU PROVIDE BROADLY FOR THE VILLAGE.

ALSO THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF HPAC, THEY PUT IN A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT AND IT WAS A VERY HELPFUL AND MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION.

I THINK ON THIS LARGER ISSUE OF HOUSING, HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND HOW IT FITS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE VILLAGE - YOU KNOW THE RESIDENT CORPORATION FOCUSES ON THREE DIFFERENT THINGS, QUALITY, AFFORDABILITY AND DIVERSITY. QUALITY, MAKING SURE THERE IS QUALITY AND MULTIFAMILY HOUSING OF - MAKING SURE THERE IS INTEGRATED AFFORDABILITY AND THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF THIS SPECIFIC PROPOSAL BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE - WE ARE SEEING SOME DECREASES IN WHERE WE HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS ATTRACTIVE IN TERMS OF ADVANCING THAT MISSION IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO BRING MORE AFFORDABLE UNITS CLOSER TO THE DOWNTOWN CORE AREA WHERE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO SEE WITH RESPECT TO THE ECONOMIC DRIVERS AND THE CORE OF OUR DOWNTOWN AND TRANSPORTATION ACCESS AND OTHER THINGS THAT WILL WORK WELL FOR FOLKS WHO ARE AT THE LOWER END OF THE INCOME SPECTRUM.

AND GIVEN THE DEVELOPMENT THAT IS OCCURRING IN DOWNTOWN OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST 25 YEARS YOU KNOW THE LEVEL OF MARKET-BASED DEMAND FOR HOUSING IN THOSE AREAS HAS INCREASED AND THE PRICE HAS INCREASED AND MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH AND CREATE HOUSING IN THOSE AREAS IN THE COMMUNITY.

PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU START LOOKING AT AS TRUSTEE WESLEY WAS MENTIONING THE COST OF NEW CONSTRUCTION IS REALLY YOU KNOW VERY VERY DIFFICULT TO SORT OF MAKE WORK, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS VERY HIGH MARKET DEMAND, BECAUSE THE LAND PRICING ENDS UP BEING VERY EXPENSIVE AND ADDING TO THE COST PER UNIT AT A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT WAY. SO, OUR STRATEGIC APPROACH AS A COMMUNITY TO BEING ABLE TO CREATE AND ADVANCE MORE AFFORDABLE UNITS IN THESE AREAS THAT ARE MAYBE LESS ACCESSIBLE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY IS LIKELY TO BE MORE ACQUISITION BASED THEN IT IS INSTRUCTION BASED TO A LARGE EXTENT AND I THINK WE JUST NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT AND RECOGNIZE THAT THAT IS A LOWER COST PER UNIT WAY OF BEING ABLE TO ACHIEVE AN ADVANCE YOU KNOW THIS SORT OF EFFORT THAT IS REALLY MEANINGFUL IN THE COMMUNITY AND THAT THIRD PILLAR OF DIVERSITY AND THE DIVERSITY OF THE COMMUNITY YOU KNOW OAK PARK IS STATISTICALLY THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND DIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES BASED ON FOUR CRITERIA, ARE YOU IN A DIVERSE METROPOLITAN AREA AND TWO, DOES YOUR MUNICIPALITY LOOK LIKE GENERALLY THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA AND THREE, DOES IT LOOK LIKE THAT ON A BLOCK BY BLOCK BASIS USING A

TOOL THAT SOCIAL SCIENTISTS USE CALLED A DISSIMILARITY INDEX ANALYSIS AND FOUR, DOES IT LOOK LIKE THAT OVER TIME

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AND SO IT IS NOT JUST SIMPLY SORT OF A POINT IN TIME WHEN YOU'RE PASSING THROUGH GROUP X THE GROUP Y AND GROUP Z, IT IS ACTUALLY GROUP Y AND X AND Z ALL THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY AND IN VARIOUS AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

AND IN OAK PARK, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE RUN THE RISK OF IS BOTH FROM AN ECONOMIC AND FROM A RACIAL AND CULTURAL STANDPOINT OF SEEING THE INCREASING MARKET DEMAND IN CERTAIN AREAS AND PRICING CERTAIN GROUPS AND PEOPLE OUT OF THOSE AREAS AND SO THE QUESTION IS CAN WE TAKE STEPS ACTIVELY TO HELP ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER THE CREATION OF NEW AFFORDABLE UNITS IN AND AROUND OUR NEW DOWNTOWN AREA AND AN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, PRESIDENT SCAMAN, WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THE APPROACH AND STRATEGIES THAT WE TAKE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY MAY BE DIFFERENT AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE REALLY NEED TO THINK ACTIVELY ABOUT IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT A ACQUISITION STRATEGY IN AND AROUND OUR DOWNTOWN AREAS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THIS COULD BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO SHARE THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK OF THAT HOUSING STUDY AND THAT THE VILLAGE MANAGER DOES HAVE A TASK FORCE THAT HE HAS COMPILED WITH ZONING DISCUSSIONS AND MORE TO COME.

SO, THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK. IT COMES WITHOUT THANK YOU A LOT OF TIMES AND WE ARE APPRECIATIVE SO, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT, IF THERE IS NO FURTHER COMMENTS, THEN IF WE CAN TAKE THE ROLL I THINK THAT WAS TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN THAT MOTIONED AND TRUSTEE WESLEY WITH A SECOND.

OKAY, VERY GOOD.

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, YES.

OKAY, CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND GREAT JOB WITH THE PRESENTATION.

NEXT WE HAVE OUR TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED TAX YEAR 2025 PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN DETERMINATION OF ESTIMATED LEVY.

I HAVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS HERE.

AM I CALLING FOR THAT MOTION FIRST?

WELCOME TO THE PUBLICAN ON THE 2025 PROPERTY TAX LEVY.

THIS MATTER WAS CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 11, 2025 WHEN THE HEARING WAS OPENED AND CONTINUED TO THIS EVENING.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY GREG SMITH WILL NOW DESCRIBE THE NOTICE THAT WAS PUBLISHED REGARDING THE HEARING.

>>SPEAKER: THIS WAS OPENED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD ON NOVEMBER 11 AND CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION AND THEN NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING AND THE MEANS BY WHICH PERSONS MAY PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS HEARING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

I WILL NOW TURN THE HEARING OVER TO VILLAGE MANAGER KEVIN JACKSON FOR A PRESENTATION ON 2025 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THANK YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN APPEARED I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE DON G TO CONDUCT A PRESENTATION.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING EVERYONE.

DONNA, INTERIM CFO.

THIS IS THE TAX LEVY.

SO, IT WAS UPLOADED AGAIN LATER TODAY AND SO YOU MAY NOT HAVE GOTTEN A CHANCE TO SEE IT.

ORIGINALLY THIS IS THE TAX LEVY WHERE WE SAID IT WOULD BE 4.98%.

THIS WEEKEND, IT WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT ONE OF THE LEVEES, 2015 B, THE ABATEMENT WAS NOT EXECUTED LAST YEAR.

AND SO THE PROPERTY TAX THAT WE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED WAS ABOUT 427,000 AND WE DID NOT RECEIVE.

SO, IN THAT I TALKED TO SPEAR AND COUNSEL AND WE MADE SOME ADJUSTMENTS. SO, AS YOU CAN SEE RIGHT NOW THE CORPORATE LEVY IS AT 3.21% INCREASE AND WHAT WAS DRIVING WAS THE PIGEON LEVY AND THE FIRE PENSION LEVY OATH AT A .3% AND 9.6.

THAT TIME THE DEBT SERVICE LEVY AFTER ABATEMENT WAS LESS THAN 1%.

AND AFTER THAT WE HAVE THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY REQUEST.

SO, THE VILLAGE LEVY AT THAT TIME WAS 4.96 AND THE LIBRARY WAS 5.4 WHICH BROUGHT THE LEVY TO 4.9 A. AND AFTER WE DID ARC ACTIVATIONS AND OUR WORK WITH COUNSEL WE BROUGHT THE LEVY DOWN TO 2.71.

AND HOW WE DID THAT WAS THAT THE CORPORATE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION REMAINS THE SAME.

THE DEBT SERVICE WAS TAKEN THIS YEAR AND SO WE TOOK ALL OF THE LEVY AND ALL OF THE ABATEMENTS THAT WE COULD TAKE I THINK IT IS SEVEN BONDS AND THEN WE TOOK THE ABATEMENT THAT WE DID NOT TAKE THE PRIOR YEAR AND SO THE DEBT SERVICE LEVY BECAUSE OF THE EXTRA ABATEMENT WHICH WAS A NEGATIVE PERCENT BROUGHT THE VILLAGE LEVY DOWN 2.71.

QUESTION SO FAR?

SO, BY DOING THIS NOW AND THEN DOING SOME PARAMETERS AND IT WILL NOT BE MISSED AGAIN AND ALL OF THE LEVEES THAT WE DO - WE HAVE A LARGE SPREADSHEET THAT IS DONE BY SPEAR AND ONCE WE DO THE LEVY, WE THEN - I SEND IT TO SPEAR AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO GREG KOHLER FOR BRINGING IT TO OUR ATTENTION AND SO GREG AND I DID SPEND SOME TIME THIS WEEKEND

WILL, MONDAY, GOING BACK AND FORTH TO MAKE SURE ALL OF OUR NUMBERS TIDIED UP.

AND THEN THE LAST ONE IS THAT YOU HAVE ALL OF THEM, BUT WE HAD TO CHANGE THE DEBT SERVICE AND IT JUST TELLS YOU IN 2023, 2024 AND 2025 AND THE VARIANCES.

AND THE TOTAL VARIANCES BETWEEN ALL THREE TAX YEARS IS 3.21 MILLION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, THANK YOU.

DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS ON THE PRESENTATION?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THERE IS A SECOND SLIDE THOUGH, RIGHT?

THIS IS THE NUMBER, RIGHT?

>>DONNA: YES, THE UPDATED.

I WANTED TO SHOW WHAT IT ORIGINALLY WAS THAT WE ADVERTISED IN THE PAPER AND THEN ONCE WE UPDATED IT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: SHOUT OUT TO GREG!

MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT IS RIGHT.

AND SO WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS THIS SEASON, PROBABLY THE MOST THAT WE HAVE HAD IN MODERN HISTORY AND WE HAVE DONE SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR IN THAT OUR THREE COMMITTEES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD, FINANCE, PERSONNEL AND REIMAGINING GOVERNMENT WHERE I ASSIGN AFTER EVERY ELECTION THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR EACH OF THOSE THREE COMMITTEES.

AND CURRENTLY FINANCE IS TRUSTEE EDER AND TRUSTEE TAGLIA AND TRUSTEE STRAW.

AND ACCORDING TO OUR ORDINANCE I WAS PERMITTED TO ADD THREE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY OF WHICH ONE WAS REQUIRED TO BE AN EXTRA TRUSTEE AND SO FORMER TRUSTEE JOHN HEDGES WHO IS HERE WITH US THIS EVENING JOINED THAT FINANCE COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN ABLE TO ADD VALUABLE CONTEXT HISTORICALLY WITH WHAT SOME OF WHICH HAS BEEN THE APPROACHES THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST AND JUST DRAW OUR ATTENTION AS TRUSTEES TO HOW TO GUIDE US THROUGH HOW TO MAKE OUR DECISIONS.

AND THEN GREG KOHLER WHO WE HAVE MENTIONED WHO HAS REALLY TAKEN A DEEP DIVE INTO OUR HISTORICAL LEVY AND INFORMATION IS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY TO IDENTIFY THE ABATEMENT THAT NEEDED TO BE CORRECTED AT THIS TIME - AND HE ALSO SERVES ON I BELIEVE EVERY FINANCE COMMITTEE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT EXISTS.

SO, HIS EXPERIENCE IS VERY VALUABLE IN THAT WAY AND AS WE CONTINUE TO SEE HOW IT IS THAT WE CAN WORK MORE COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR OTHER ELECTED BODIES.

AND THEN BRIDGE ALAN HAGEMAN WHO ALSO SERVED IN THE COMMISSION AS A VERY RECENTLY.

SO, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING THAT COMMITTEE THROUGHOUT 2026 AS WE UNDERSTAND THAT ON THURSDAY WE HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING ON FACILITIES.

AND SO THE NEED, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN 50 SOMETHING YEARS OR 50 YEARS THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HAS HAD TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS INCLUSIVE OF SUCH A MAJOR FACILITIES DISCUSSION.

SO, HAVING THE ADDITIONAL TRANSPARENCY, BUT VOICES AT A FINANCE COMMITTEE TO LEAD US THROUGH THAT PROCESS AS WELL AS NAVIGATING THE CLIMATE THAT WE ARE LIVING IN TODAY WHETHER POLITICAL OR FINANCIAL, HOWEVER YOU WISH TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

AND WHAT THAT MAY MEAN TO OUR BOARD GOALS AND REVENUE SOURCES.

AND THE NEED TO CONTINUE TO DIVERSIFY OUR REVENUE SOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR BOARD GOALS.

SO, LET ME GO BACK TO MY NOTES IN JUST MAKING SURE THAT I'M FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS HERE.

SO, THANK YOU, DONNA, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

AND I NOTE THAT THE STAFF PRESENTATION INCLUDES A ESTIMATED LEVY AMOUNT WHICH SERVES AS THE VILLAGE FOR DETERMINATION OF THE ESTIMATED LEVY.

DO THE TRUSTEES HAVE ANY COMMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY?

CLERK WATERS, DO WE HAVE - HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX IN ADVANCE?

>>CLERK WATERS: NO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ARE THERE ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE ADDED TO THE RECORD?

IS THERE ANYONE PRESENT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED LEVY?

IS THERE ANYONE PRESENT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED LEVY, IF SO YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AT THE PODIUM NOW.

CHRIS?

NO WORRIES.

>>SPEAKER: I'LL BE BRIEF.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICES HERE TONIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

>>SPEAKER: I KNOW IT IS A LITTLE DIFFICULT IN THESE TIMES TO FOCUS ON BUDGET ISSUES, BUT I KINDA WANT TO LOOK AHEAD TO A TIME WHEN THINGS ARE NOT AS CRAZY AND WHEN FINANCE HAS REALLY BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN THE VILLAGE AGAIN.

I KNOW THAT WE ARE PROPOSING APPROXIMATELY A 5% LEVY INCREASE FOR THIS YEAR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT HAS BEEN MODIFIED.

>>SPEAKER: MY CONCERN IS NOT SO MUCH FOR THIS YEAR AS A ONE-OFF, BUT MORE FOR IF THIS BECOMES A NEW NORMAL.

AND THEN OVER TIME OUT OF 5% -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE NEW LEVY, DONNA - WOULD YOU SHARE?

>>SPEAKER: I GUESS I CAN PROBABLY - I WAS GOING TO SAY 5%.

I GUESS THIS WOULD PROBABLY DOUBLE THE BURDEN, BUT I GUESS IT IS MORE - I GUESS THERE IS REALLY NO LONGER REASON FOR ME TO SPEAK.  
SO -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CHRIS, YOUR COMMENTS ARE STILL - YOU KNOW WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESSING AFFORDABILITY IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WHAT YOU ARE SPEAKING TO IS EXACTLY WHY I HAVE DECIDED TO CREATE THIS MORE INCLUSIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO NAVIGATE THOSE DISCUSSIONS FOR THE FUTURE.  
SO, THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP AND GIVING COMMENT AND I TALKED TO SO MANY PEOPLE ABOUT AFFORDABILITY AND ABOUT THE BUDGET AND ABOUT SPENDING EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING FINANCIAL AND NONE OF THAT EVER MAKES IT TO THIS FORUM. THEY NEVER SHOW UP OR SEND AN EMAIL AND I NEVER DO A PHONE CALL, RIGHT? AND SO IT IS JUST REFRESHING TO SEE SOMEONE ACTUALLY SHOW UP AND ASK US ABOUT THE LEVY TO KEEP US ACCOUNTABLE.  
I APPRECIATE THAT.  
IT DOESN'T MATTER EITHER WAY, THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND OF NO FAULT OF ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY AND GREAT THAT THEY ARE ALERTED TO IT, BECAUSE DONNA, MAYBE YOU WANT TO RE-EXPLAIN WHY IT IS THAT THAT NOTICE WENT OUT.  
WE HAVE TO PUT AN ESTIMATE OUT BEFORE WE ARE REALLY DONE WITH OUR WORK, RIGHT?

>>DONNA: YES, WHAT THE STATE REQUIRES WHEN YOU HAVE A LEVY AT 5% OR MORE THAT YOU ADVERTISE.  
THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HAS ALWAYS DONE A LEVY TAX HEARING EVEN WHEN IT WAS BELOW 5%.  
AND SO THE ORIGINAL LEVY WAS 4.96 AND THEN AFTER WE DID THE CALCULATIONS THEY CAME DOWN TO 2.71.  
BUT, BY DOING IT AND BY ALWAYS DOING A HEARING THAT INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO COME OUT AND SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BUDGET IT THEN MAKES IT MORE TRANSPARENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WILL JUST ASK ONE LAST TIME.  
IS THERE ANYONE PRESENT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED LEVY?  
THANK YOU.

ALL PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO AND I WILL NOT ASK FOR A MOTION AND SECOND TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE STRAW.

CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE AYE FIVE?

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU AND THE MOTION IS PASSED AND THE HEARING IS ADJOURNED.  
THANK YOU.

NOT THE MEETING, JUST THE HEARING.

NOW, ITEM W WE WILL BE REVISITING, IT WILL BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 2. I AM READING 12 AND 12.

DECEMBER 2. WE ARE GOING TO BE ON VACATION BY THEN.

AND THAT BRINGS US TO ITEM X, A REVIEW OF THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: PRESIDENT SCAMAN, BEFORE THE NEXT ITEM, WE WOULD NEED A MOTION TO CONTINUE ITEM W TO 12.2.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONTINUE TO DECEMBER 2.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE WESLEY, CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE WESLEY, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

AND SO NOW ITEM X, REVIEW OF THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY DISCUSS THE WORK OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: A PROPERLY SAID PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

TRUSTEE MEMBERS.

THIS IS THE INITIAL REVIEW BY THE ENTIRE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 26 BUDGET AND AS PRESIDENT SCAMAN SUGGESTED THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL REVIEW BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THEN WE HAD A WRAP-UP SESSION ON 11.6 WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SO THE BUDGET THAT IS BEFORE YOU THAT WILL BE REVIEWED TONIGHT REFLECTS RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SO, WE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT WERE SUGGESTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE BUDGET THAT WE INITIALLY RELEASED I THINK OCTOBER 21.

ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE HERE TONIGHT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OF THE TRUSTEES THAT YOU HAVE ABOUT THE BUDGET AND WE ARE GOING TO DO A BRIEF OVERVIEW AND MARY CAN HANDLE THAT.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBER TRUSTEES AND STAFF AND PUBLIC MEMBERS, MARY, I WILL GIVE YOU A OVERVIEW AND THIS SCREEN IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT YOU JUST SOLVED RELATED TO HOW

THE LEVY IS ACTUALLY CALCULATED AND THE DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF THE LEVY.

SO, I'M GOING TO PROCEED TO THE NEXT SLIDE BECAUSE WE HAVE SPENT SOME TIME ON THIS PARTICULAR ONE.

SO, THE REQUESTED BUDGET FOR 2026 IN TERMS OF OUR SOURCES VS. OUR USES, YOU CAN SEE THE 2026 REQUESTED BUDGET IS \$96 MILLION.

OUR 2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS WHAT WE ARE OPERATING UNDER RIGHT NOW IS 114 MILLION.

WE HAVE HAD A NEGATIVE VARIANCE AND WE HAVE BROUGHT OUR BUDGET DOWN FROM \$18 MILLION OR 16%.

HOW HAVE WE COME TO OUR SOURCES OF REVENUE?

AS YOU CAN SEE HOW OUR REVENUE IS CALCULATED BASED ON 2026 PROPERTY TAXES BASED ON THE LEVY AND OTHER TAXES THAT WE WOULD ACTUALLY ACHIEVE OR RECEIVE WITH DIFFERENT COMPONENTS AND LICENSING PERMITS AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE, GRANT REVENUES, ANY FINES AND YOU WILL SEE THAT THOSE ARE ACTUALLY LISTED COMING TO A TOTAL OF \$46 MILLION FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE.

OUR SOURCES OF REVENUE HAVE GONE DOWN FROM 96 TO 114.

YOU WILL SEE THERE IS A CHANGE OF \$18 MILLION FROM THAT AREA.

AND THIS GIVES GEOGRAPHICAL IN TERMS OF WHERE OUR SOURCES ARE FOR FUNDING.

PROPERTY TAXES AS YOU DO SEE AS THE MAJOR SOURCE OF OUR ACTUAL FUNDING FOR OUR OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OR OTHER TAXES AND COMPONENTS ARE ANOTHER COMPONENT OF IT AND A LARGE PROPORTION ALSO OF ZACH.

IN TERMS OF HOW WE ARE USING OUR FUNDS, OUR FUNDS ARE PRIMARILY USED FOR PERSONAL SERVICES WHICH ARE SALARIES AND YOU CAN SEE THAT IT IS THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF THE OVERALL BUDGET AND GOING INTO FRINGE BENEFITS WHICH ARE THE HEALTH CARE, DENTAL ETC. AND OTHER COSTS THAT WE WOULD HAVE, GENERAL CONTRACTUAL'S, GRANT SUBSIDIES THAT WE MAKE TO THE VILLAGE AND THEIR BUSINESSES TO COME TO THE \$96 MILLION ALSO IN TERMS OF HOW WE ARE PLANNING ON USING THOSE FUNDS.

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE A GRAPH OF HOW OUR FUNDS ARE BEING USED IN PERSONAL SERVICES MAKING UP THE BIGGEST COMPONENT OF OUR OVERALL FUNDS FOR USE. THIS GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OUR PROPERTY TAXES AND OUR TAX RATE IN TERMS OF WHAT IT REPRESENTS IN TERMS OF THE DIFFERENT SPLIT AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CUT UP YOUR DOLLAR AND WHERE IT WOULD BE GOING, THIS GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT HAPPENED SINCE 2019 UP UNTIL 2023 AND AS WE KNOW THE 24 BILLS HAVE JUST ARRIVED AND WE DON'T HAVE ALL OF THE INFORMATION LISTED HERE FOR THAT, BUT THIS GIVES YOU A HISTORICAL IDEA OF HOW THE DOLLAR IS SPENT.

MAY I ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: QUESTIONS?

ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

I GUESS WE ARE PROBABLY - WELL, WE WILL GO THROUGH OUTSIDE OF THIS PRESENTATION YOU KNOW THE HIGHLIGHTED AREAS THAT HAVE CHANGED THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE LET ON SO THAT WE ARE BEING VERY TRANSPARENT, NOT JUST THE COMMUNITY BUT ALSO OUR COLLEAGUES.

JIM, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: GO AHEAD.

THAT LAST POINT WE DO WANT TO DO THAT RIGHT UP FRONT SO WE HAVE TRANSPARENCY ABOUT THE WORK OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE CHANGES THAT WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

>>DONNA: THERE WERE TWO CHANGES WERE COMMITTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND ONE CHANGE THAT WAS RECOMMENDED AND IT WAS THE LIVING ROOM.

\$150,000.

AND THEN THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT \$250,000 GOING TO SUSTAINABILITY. BOTH OF THOSE AMOUNTS WOULD COME FROM THE FUND BALANCE.

ROB SPRAWLING IS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE CHANGES THAT HAPPENED WITHIN THE CIP WHICH IS INCLUDED WITHIN THE BUDGET ITSELF AND THOSE WERE THE MAIN TWO FOR THE ACTUAL OPERATING BUDGET AT THIS TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND THEN THE ORDINANCE FOR THE FIREFIGHTER OVER HIRING -

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THAT IS CORRECT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND ONCE WE ARE THROUGH WITH THIS MAYBE WE CAN JUST REVISIT THAT PRESENTATION FOR THE TRANSPARENCY OF OUR COLLEAGUES. OKAY, THANK YOU.

SO, WE ARE GOING TO - SO, NO QUESTIONS ON THE LIVING ROOM AND SUSTAINABILITY FUND?

OR COMMENTS?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE PRESENTATION.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: CAN WE GO BACK A COUPLE SLIDES?

>>SPEAKER: WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: SIX.

OKAY, YES.

SO, LOOKING AT THIS AND WE ARE SAYING THAT OUR BUDGET FOR 26 IS \$20 MILLION ROUGHLY LESS THAN OUR BUDGET FOR 2025?

>>DONNA: YES, IT IS.

AND LAST YEAR 2025 WE HAD THE STREET SCAPE AND THE BUDGET AND THAT IS THE BULK OF IT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, GOT IT.

OKAY, THAT MAKES SENSE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, JIM HAS A QUESTION.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THE INTERFUND TRANSFER, THE CALCULATION FROM WAY BACK COMING INTO THIS REQUESTED BUDGET FOR 2026, IF THAT WERE NOT THERE, IF WE DID NOT HAVE THAT MONEY, WHAT WITH THE LEVY HAVE LOOKED LIKE?

>>DONNA: OKAY, THAT IS IN LOST REVENUE, THERE IS NO LOST REVENUE.

ALL OF ARPA MONEY HAD TO BE OBLIGATED SPENT AND SO THESE INTERFUND TRANSFERS ARE TRANSFERS GOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS ITSELF.

AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS WILL BE THERE, THEY WERE THERE BEFORE YOU HAD ARPA MONEY AND SO THAT FUND IS ZERO.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: IT IS ZERO AS OF THE BEGINNING -

>>DONNA: DECEMBER 31ST, 2024.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: VERY GOOD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

NOW WE ARE GOING TO CIP, CORRECT?

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS?

OKAY, GREAT.

YES.

SO, THIS IS SPEAKING TO THE CHANGES AND THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN THE CIP.

AND DONNA, ALL OF THE UPDATES ARE ON A WEBSITE, RIGHT?

FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING?

OKAY.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ROB SPRAWLING AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IS HERE WITH ME AS WELL.

SO, THERE WAS A PREPARED FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THROUGH A NUMBER OF MEETINGS EARLIER THROUGHOUT THE FALL. AND WHAT IS PRESENTED HERE IS A COMBINATION OF SOME ADDITIONS AND SUBTRACTIONS THAT WERE MADE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THROUGH RECOMMENDATION.

PRIMARILY FOCUSING AROUND THE ADDITION OF THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TO FARM AND LADDER TRUCK FOR 2026.

SO, THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THAT TRUCK AND SO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE BACK IN OCTOBER AND VERIFIED DURING THE 11.4 MEETING MADE A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS AND DEFERRALS TO THE 2026 BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR THE \$2.25 MILLION ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THAT VEHICLE AND THOSE COME FROM A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT FUNDS INCLUDING BOTH THE FLEET FUND AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND AND THE REMAINING CAPITAL FUND.

I DON'T KNOW IF THE BOARD WAS TO HEAR ALL OF THOSE SPECIFICS OR JUST UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS A CHANGE AND THEN I WAS NOT AT THE MEETING LAST THURSDAY BUT BILL McKENNA IS HERE AND CAN SPEAK TO SOME OF THOSE THINGS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND THOSE ON OCTOBER 7 THERE WAS A DOCUMENT THAT WAS SHARED THAT HIGHLIGHTS ALL OF IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ALL OF THE LINE ITEMS IN THAT FLEET AND THIS SECTION THAT WAS MENTIONED. THEY ARE ALL THERE.

>>ROB SPRAWLING: THEY ARE ALL A PART OF THE AIC FOR THE CIP ITEM ON NOVEMBER 4.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.  
THANK YOU, BILL?

>>BILL McKENNA: SO, AT THE LAST FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE DID MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO ESSENTIALLY DEFER THE CONTRACTION PROJECT FROM 26 TWO MAKING IT 26 AND 27 EXPENDITURES AND SO THERE WAS A RECOMMENDED DEFERRAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$1.7 MILLION TO SPREAD THAT PROJECT OUT OVER TWO YEARS AS PART OF YOU KNOW THE LAST MEETING OF THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CAN YOU SPEAK TO HOW THE ELEMENTS OF THE VISION ZERO AND OTHERS REMAIN IN THE BUDGET AND WHAT THE - WHAT THE CUT LOOKS LIKE FOR THE EXPERIENCE OF THE RESIDENCE?

>>BILL McKENNA: IT INCLUDES A NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN THE 2026 BUDGET THAT ARE REALLY ADDRESSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VISION ZERO PLAN AND THE BIKE PLAN AND SO WITH THE VISION ZERO PLAN THERE IS TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND STANDALONE PROJECTS AND THE DESIGN OF PROJECTS AND LOCATION AND THERE IS A LINE ITEM IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ON CHICAGO AVENUE AND THERE IS ALSO A LINE ITEM IN TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENT AND TRAFFIC CALMING BY POLICY THAT TYPICALLY GET DONE BY THE STREET RESURFACING PROJECT AND THERE IS ALSO LINE ITEMS FOR STARTING TO IMPLEMENT TRAFFIC CALMING BY SCHOOLS AND PART AND THEN WITH VISION ZERO THERE IS ALSO A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFETY AT DIFFERENT INTERSECTIONS AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO START LOOKING AT OUR TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO IMPROVE SAFETY THERE AND SO WE HAVE BEEN DOING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL STUDY THIS YEAR IF WE ARE LOOKING AT TIMING OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE TRAFFIC SIGNALS SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS AND MORE CONVENIENT FOR PEDESTRIANS AND SO LOOKING AT IMPLEMENTING PEDESTRIAN RECALLS TO HAVE PUSHBUTTONS TO GET A WALK SIGNAL AND THEN IMPLEMENT THING A LEADING PEDESTRIAN INTERVAL THAT IS WHERE PEDESTRIANS GET A WALK SIGNAL IN ADVANCE OF THE OPPOSING AGREEMENT THAT ALLOWS PEDESTRIANS TO GET OUT INTO THE CROSSWALK AND THEY ARE MORE PROMINENT AND VISIBLE TO VEHICLES, ESPECIALLY BURNING VEHICLES AND SO IT IS A DOCUMENTED SAFETY IMPROVEMENT.

WE ARE WRAPPING UP THAT STUDY AND WHERE WE WANT TO IMPLEMENT THAT. IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN AND LAMENT THE RECALL PRETTY MUCH UNIVERSALLY THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE EXCEPT FOR A COUPLE SIGNALS THAT WILL GET TRIGGERED WHEN THERE IS LIKE A VEHICLE THERE.

AND SIMILARLY IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN IMPLEMENT UNIVERSALLY THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE.

WE HAVE A LINE ITEM TO UPDATE THOSE TIMING PLANS AND THE INTERVALS NEED SOME ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO MAKE THEM RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE WANT TO HAVE THE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS TO BE AUDIBLE.

SO, PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS CAN HEAR THE PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL GIVEN THE INDICATION THAT IT IS SAFE TO PROCEED OUT INTO THE CROSSWALK.

SO, NOT ALL OF OUR SIGNALS HAVE THAT AND SO WE WOULD BE UPGRADING OUR TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND THEY HAVE THE ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS SO THAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT THE LPI.

WE HAVE OTHER SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AND TYPE X VISION ZERO AND THE BIKE PLAN FOR UPGRADING OUR DETECTION AT SIGNALS AND ALSO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE SIGNALS SO THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY THEN BETTER CONTROL THEM AS WELFARE THERE IS OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND WE HAVE A LINE ITEM FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BIKE PLAN UPDATE THAT WAS APPROVED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THAT IS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON AUGUSTA AND HARVARD AND THEN THE BOULEVARD NETWORK THAT WE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

ROB, WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD MORE?

>>ROB SPRAWLING: IMPORTANT TO NOTE JUST ONE MORE CHANGE THAT OCCURRED DURING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PROCESS AS IT RELATES TO THE CAPITAL PLAN.

SO, THERE WERE SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OUT YEARS WHERE PROJECTS WERE KIND OF OPTIONAL PROJECTS AND WERE REMOVED AS PART OF WHAT YOU ARE SEEING BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE BUT THERE WAS A COMMITMENT BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REVISIT THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THIS PLAN IN EARLY 2026 TO KIND OF REEVALUATE THE OUT YEARS OF THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN WITH A LENS TOWARDS THE FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE VILLAGE AND KIND OF PUT TOGETHER A NEW CAPITAL PLAN THERE.

SO, I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT THOSE PROJECTS ARE NOT JUST GONE OR THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED, IT IS JUST THAT THEY ARE A PART OF A LATER EVALUATION PROCESS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I APPRECIATE THAT.

ANYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDED TO THAT.

I CERTAINLY COULD BUT I DON'T TO SAY ANYTHING MORE THAN I NEED TO.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: I THINK WE HAVE CAPTURED IT.

JUST AS A REMINDER, WE STILL HAVE THE STRATEGIC LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING UNDERWAY.

I THINK THE PLAN REFLECTS A COMMITMENT TO FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH THAT PROCESS AND HAVING SOME SERIOUS POLICY DISCUSSION ABOUT THE LONG-TERM FINANCES OF THE VILLAGE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE VILLAGE BOARD GOALS AND SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING CONTEMPLATED FROM A CAPITAL STANDPOINT I.E.

YOU KNOW THE VILLAGE POLICE STATION AND VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION AND SOME OF THE OTHER PLANS THAT WE RECENTLY ADOPTED, THE BIKE PLAN VISION ZERO THAT COMES WITH SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL COST IMPLICATIONS.

AND SO I THINK THE PLAN IS BEING RECOMMENDED AT THIS ONE IN TIME AND RESPECTS THE BOARD COMMITMENT TO THE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE BOARD NEXT SPRING TO FINISH THAT PROCESS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: REALLY MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE IN A GOOD POSITION AND AT A GOOD RATE.  
FAVORABLE RATE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I DO WANT TO ADDRESS BRIEFLY THE BIKE BOULEVARD PLAN AND THE DEFERRAL THERE.

AND I THINK THAT THE BEST WAY TO UNDERSTAND THAT IS YOU KNOW WE ARE TAKING ON A LOT OF NEW COMMITMENTS WITH REGARD TO CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE TO GET SOME OF THOSE NEW INITIATIVES UNDERWAY WHILE CONTINUING TO A PROPERLY DEDICATE RESOURCES TO COMPLETING THE BIKE BOULEVARD PROJECT.

THE BIKE BOULEVARD PROJECT WE HAVE BUILT OUT ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF IT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS AND THIS APPROACH STILL COMMITS TO COMPLETING THE BUILDOUT OF THE BIKE BOULEVARD PROJECT OVER THE COURSE WITH THIS DEFERRAL.

AND SO I THINK THAT THIS IS A REASONABLE WAY TO BALANCE ALL OF THESE DEMANDS AND PRIORITIZE SOME OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES NECESSARY TO MOVE ONTO THE NEXT CAPS AND SOME OF THE VISION ZERO SAFETY ITEMS WHILE CONTINUING TO BUILD OUT THE BIKE BOULEVARD NETWORK IN A WAY THAT IS SORT OF RESPECTFUL OF THE NETWORK AND UNDERSTANDING THAT IT OPERATES BEST WHEN WE CONTINUE CONNECTING THOSE ELEMENTS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY PUT INTO PLACE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, SO PIGGYBACKING OFF OF THAT.  
A COUPLE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIKE DEFERMENT.  
SO, THE INITIAL BUDGET, DID IT INCLUDE THE 1.5+1.7 TO BE EXECUTED NEXT YEAR?  
AND WAS THAT AT THE 4.98% LEVY?

>>SPEAKER: THE LEVY - THE ORIGINAL CAPITAL PLAN THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SHOWED \$3.2 MILLION EXPENDITURE IN 2026 FOR COMPLETING THE BIKE BOULEVARD NETWORK.  
SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE GONE OUT TO BID FOR A PORTION OF THAT WORK FOR INSTALLING RFPS AT THE CROSSINGS OF THE BOULEVARD NETWORK AT ALL OF THE MAJOR INTERSECTIONS AND SO THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF CHANGE BETWEEN WHEN WE INITIALLY MET WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND WHERE WE ARE AT NOW.

SO, THE BUDGET THAT IS IN FRONT OF YOU AT THIS POINT HAS A EXPENDITURE OF ROUGHLY LIKE 800,000 IN 2026, BUT A LARGER EXPENDITURE IN 2025 TO DO ALL OF THOSE RFPS AND WE ANTICIPATE HAVING A CONTRACT TO THE VILLAGE BOARD AT THE FIRST MEETING IN DECEMBER TO PURCHASE ALL OF THOSE AND IN AGGREGATE, THOSE ARE THE \$1.5 MILLION PROJECTS ONCE WE GET THE BIDS BACK, THAT IS WHERE WE WANT TO GET BUILT IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO REALIZE THE COOK COUNTY GRANT THAT WE RECEIVED AND DECODE COUNTY GRANT

FUNDS A PORTION OF THE PROJECT UP TO \$250,000 AND WE NEED THAT PROJECT TO BE ABOUT 1,000,000 AND A HALF DOLLARS TO NOT LOSE GRANT FUNDS. AND THEN ANOTHER REMAINDER OF THE BOULEVARD NETWORK WOULD BE BUILT OUT IN 2027.

AND SO IT IS ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS AND SO THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY.

>>DONNA: SO, AS WE DID LAST YEAR YOU WILL HAVE THE ORIGINAL BUDGET WHERE WE SHOW BY LINE ITEM WHAT WAS REMOVED AFTER YOUR DISCUSSION TONIGHT AND AFTER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS AND WHAT WAS REMOVED OR ADDED AND THEN WE WILL COME BACK WITH ANOTHER NUMBER.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, AWESOME, THANK YOU.  
THAT HELPS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SORRY -

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, SO TO BE CLEAR, WHAT ARE WE DEFERRING - LET ME ASK THIS - WHAT ARE WE BUILDING IN 2026 AS IT RELATES TO THIS PROJECT? IN THE COURSE -

>>SPEAKER: IN ADDITION TO THE FLASHY BEACONS?  
WE WOULD BE LOOKING TO DO A LOT OF THE MARKET SCRAPING ON THE REMAINDER OF THE NETWORK.  
WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE NETWORK IN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE DEFERRALS AND THERE WAS A PORTION OF THE BOULEVARD THAT WAS ADDED AS A PART OF THE BIKE PLAN UPDATE THIS SUMMER.  
SO, THERE WAS A NEW PORTION ADDED AT THE FAR WEST SIDE OF THE VILLAGE GENERALLY RUNNING ALONG TO THE DOWNTOWN.  
THAT WAS REALLY INTENDED TO GET PEOPLE TO DOWNTOWN AND TRANSIT AND LESS ABOUT SCHOOLS AND PARKS AND CONNECTIVITY FOR SOME OF THE YOUNGER USERS.

WE FIGURE THAT WOULD BE A GOOD PORTION TO DEFER TO 2027 AND IT IS A NEWER PORTION AND IT HAS GOT SOME OF THOSE OTHER USERS ON IT.

SO, WE'LL TRY TO STRIKE OUT AND YOU DON'T SIGN UP THE BULK OF THE REMAINING NETWORK, THAT IS PROBABLY WHAT YOU'LL SEE PUSHED OUT, THE 2027 AND THEN ONCE WE KIND OF FIGURE OUT ONCE WE CAN BUILD WITH THE FUNDS THAT WE ARE SHOWING WE ARE GOING TO MEET WITH THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND HAVE THEM REVIEW THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2026. IF THERE IS REAL GAPS IN THAT NETWORK THAT WE THINK ARE CREATING ISSUES WE WOULD MEET AGAIN WITH THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MAYBE FILL IN THOSE GAPS, BUT WILL USE THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2026 WITHIN 2027 SO WE CAN ALL BE ON THE SAME PAGE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT, OKAY.  
APPRECIATE THAT.  
THAT IS HELPFUL.

SO, THE UPDATED LEVY AND THIS ONE IS FOR YOU AGAIN, DONNA.  
SO, THE LEVY THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT NOW IS ROUGHLY THE SAME, BUT IT HAS  
THE PROJECT SPLIT IN HALF?

>>DONNA: THE OPERATING LEVY IS 3.21.

THAT DID NOT CHANGE.

IT IS ONLY THE DEBT SERVICE THAT CHANGE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT.

SO, WE ARE SAYING 1.7 MILLION FOR NEXT YEAR.

WHAT DID WE SPEND IT ON?

BECAUSE, THE LEVY DID NOT CHANGE FROM THE INITIAL TO NOW -

>>DONNA: I CANNOT SAY EXACTLY WHAT WE SPENT IT ON UNTIL I SEE ALL OF THE  
DIFFERENT CHANGES.

AND THEN I WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW YOU WHAT IT IS AS OF DECEMBER 2 OR BEFORE  
DECEMBER 2.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT, THAT IS HELPFUL.

MY PERSPECTIVE ON THIS DEPENDS ON WHAT WE ARE SPENDING \$1.7 MILLION ON  
NEXT YEAR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WERE THERE THINGS ADDED BETWEEN NOW AND THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE?

SO, THERE IS RECONCILING THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I'M CONFUSED HOW WE HAVE THE SAME LEVY, BUT WE  
SPLIT THE PROJECT IN HALF AND MOVE 1.7 MILLION TO A DIFFERENT YEAR WITH NO -

>>DONNA: SO, TONIGHT IF THERE ARE NO ADDITIONS, WHERE WE HAVE A  
TRANSFER FOR CIP FROM THE FUND BALANCE THAT WILL REDUCE THE TRANSFER  
BY 1.7.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THIS WAS A FUND BALANCE PAID PROJECT.  
OKAY, MAKES SENSE.

OKAY, I WILL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT AS WELL.

AND HOW MUCH DO WE HAVE IN THE FUND BALANCE?

OR HOW MUCH WILL WE PROJECT AS EVERYTHING - WOULD BE ANTICIPATE HAVING  
IN THE FUND BALANCE AT THE START OF NEXT YEAR?

>>DONNA: AT THE START OF NEXT YEAR I BELIEVE IT WAS LIKE 42 OR 43, 43  
MILLION?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AND IS ANY OF THAT EARMARKED FOR LARGER PROJECTS I  
KNOW WE WERE TALKING ABOUT STREET SKATE.

>>DONNA: WE ONLY HAVE 1 MILLION IN WORK.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AND THEN ROUGHLY 42 MILLION IN FUND BALANCE.  
AND THEN WHAT IS OUR MINIMAL THAT WE NEED TO KEEP A RESERVE?  
WHAT IS THE RESERVE?

>>DONNA: THE RESERVE POLICY IS ABOUT 15% OR SOMEWHERE IN THERE.  
BUT, RIGHT NOW IF YOU WANT TO TAKE ANY MONEY OUT OF THE FUND BALANCE  
YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE ANYTHING - YOU SHOULD LEAVE ABOUT 20 MILLION IN THERE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT.

>>DONNA: AND WHAT I'VE BEEN TELLING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE MORE WE HAVE FOR BONDS THE MORE HAVE -- THE MORE WE HAVE IN THE FUND BALANCE SPIRIT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR LATER.  
I THINK THAT ANSWERS ALL OF MY QUESTIONS.  
I AM NOT YET SURE WHERE I STAND ON THIS ONE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.  
ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?  
PLEASE.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: JUST A QUICK ONE.  
I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT THIS VERY RECENTLY, BUT ANYMORE UPDATES ON WHAT WE CAN EXPECT WITH THE Q3 REVENUE NUMBERS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES?

>>DONNA: WE ARE REVIEWING THE REPORT NOW AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO - IT WILL BE EMAILED OUT THE BOARD ON MONDAY.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: DOES IT LOOK LIKE WE ARE GOING TO MEET THE GOAL IN TERMS OF APPROACHING THIS YEAR WHAT WE SAID WAS GOING TO BE -

>>NAOMI DIAZ: THREE SO FAR, YES.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: OKAY, GREAT.  
GLAD TO HEAR THAT.  
REVENUES ARE STRONG?

>>DONNA: YES.  
YOU KNOW REMEMBER EVEN WHEN YOU SEE QUARTER FOUR WE ARE BOOKING RECEIVABLES BECAUSE WE STILL GET REVENUE THROUGH MARCH FOR THIS YEAR.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: GOT IT.  
THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AT THIS TIME?  
OKAY, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.  
IS THERE - REVIEW THE TIMELINE?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: PRESIDENT SCAMAN, WE HAD ONE ADDITIONAL CHANGE THAT THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO ADVANCE A OVER HIGHER ORDINANCE FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION TO HIRE SIX ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS, ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER KIRA TCHANG AND EXPLAIN THAT IN RESPONSE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>KIRA TCHANG: GOOD EVENING.  
KIRA TCHANG.

SO, AS MENTIONED, AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE LAST THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, STAFF SUGGESTION AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ULTIMATELY RECOMMENDED THAT THE VILLAGE USE A OVER HIGHER PROGRAM IN ORDER TO MEET ITS INTENDED PUBLIC SAFETY GOALS WHILE ALSO ALLOWING FOR BOTH GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING OUR FINANCIALS AND SO I JUST WANTED TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT A OVER HIGHER IS AND HOW THAT WORKS AND THEN SOME OF THE BENEFITS IN APPROACHING IT IN THIS WAY AND AND OVER HIGHER IS A PROGRAM THAT IS COMMONLY FOUND IN PUBLIC SAFETY ENVIRONMENTS WHERE

THERE ARE BOTH STAFFING LEVELS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE BUDGET AND ALSO THAT THERE ARE MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE 24 SEVEN PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES.

AND SO THE VILLAGE OVER THE PAST EIGHT OR NINE YEARS HAS WITH SOME REGULARITY ADOPTED OVER HIGHER ORDINANCES WITH THE INTENT OF BEING ABLE TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY AND STAFFING LEVELS ARE MET WITHOUT NEEDING TO ADD ADDITIONAL POSITIONS PERMANENTLY TO THE BUDGET. THESE OVER HIGHER POSITIONS ARE TYPICALLY FUNDED THROUGH SALARY SAVINGS IN THE CASE OF PLANNED RETIREMENT OR ATTRITION OR VACANCIES DUE TO ABSENCES OR OVERTIME SAVINGS BECAUSE THE COST OF CALLING A EMPLOYEE BACK IS TYPICALLY ONE AND AND A HALF TIMES THE REGULAR WAGE AND SO AT SOME POINT IT CAN BECOME LESS EXPENSIVE TO HIRE A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE IN LIEU OF CONTINUAL USE OF THAT OVERTIME.

SO, IN THE CASE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE BOARD CAN SET A GOAL TO HIRE SIX FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS AND THESE WOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH A COMBINATION OF SALARY SAVINGS AND OVERTIME SAVINGS.

AND SO THE BENEFIT OF THIS IS THAT IT AVOIDS INCREASING THE LEVY PREMATURELY OR UNNECESSARILY AND IT CREATES A PILOT ENVIRONMENT WHERE IN REAL TIME THE VILLAGE AND ASSESS THE IMPACT THE SERVICE DELIVERY. AND IF SO HOW ARE THE ADDED FIREFIGHTERS ENHANCING SAFETY AND SECURITY ACROSS THE VILLAGE.

THE VILLAGE CAN SEE REAL-TIME IMPACT TO OVERTIME SAVINGS AND SO THE GOAL IS CERTAINLY TO ADD THESE FIREFIGHTERS TO BE INTERESTED IN REDUCING INJURY RATES AND RECALL OF OUR FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS WHO ARE CURRENTLY BEING TAXED IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF CALLS THAT THEY ARE RESPONDING TO.

BUT, MAYBE MOST IMPORTANTLY THE VILLAGE CAN HAVE SOME TIME TO IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCES INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE NEWLY PASSED ILLINOIS TRANSIT BILL WHICH HAS COME OUT, BUT THERE IS NOT A LOT OF DETAILED ANALYSIS OF WHAT EXACTLY THAT IMPACT WOULD BE TO THE VILLAGE.

AND WE WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO INCLUDE THOSE PROJECTIONS IN A FISCAL YEAR 26 BUDGET, BUT GIVEN THE TIMING OF THAT, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO.

THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVE REVENUE IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORTH BOTH BY BAKER TILLY AND ALSO IN DISCUSSIONS AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN TERMS OF FEES AND OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE BASED ON THE VILLAGES EQUITY AND INCORPORATING THOSE, AS WELL.

SO, THE INTENT WITH THIS WOULD BE TO HAVE A OVER HIGHER OF THOSE SIX FIREFIGHTERS AND WE WOULD BEGIN FILLING THOSE AS SOON AS WE ARE ABLE TO IN FISCAL YEAR 26 AND THEN THE BOARD AT ANY POINT WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE FURTHER DECISIONS ABOUT THE PERMANENCY OF THOSE POSITIONS, BUT YOU WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS THROUGH THAT OVER HIGHER PROGRAM, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ADDITION TO THE SERVICE LEVEL AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ADDITION TO THE OVERTIME EXPENSE IN THE VILLAGE AND

ALSO SEE THAT ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE PROJECTIONS AS THEY COME TO US EITHER FROM SPRINGFIELD OR THROUGH OUR OWN PROGRAMMING THAT THE VILLAGE MAY CHOOSE TO ADOPT.

SO, I AM HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS?

CHIBIKUE.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: NOT REALLY A QUESTION, JUST APPRECIATIVE OF THE THOUGHT PROCESS GOING INTO IT.

YOU KNOW I THINK INITIALLY HAVING THE STUDY AND THE FIREMEN STUDY AND ALSO BEING ABLE TO HAVE A SOLUTION THAT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS WHERE WE ARE AT NOW IN LOOKING AT THE FUTURE I THINK THAT IT IS THE BEST THAT WE CAN REALLY HOPE FOR AND I THINK THAT IS A GREAT SOLUTION COMING FORWARD AND GIVING US TIME TO SEE WITHOUT NECESSARILY GOING INTO THAT LEVY AND LIKE YOU SAID UNNECESSARILY ADDING A SHIFT PREMATURELY. AND SO I THINK THAT IS A GREAT USE AND UTILIZATION OF THESE FUNDS.

SO, I APPRECIATE THAT AND I THINK IT IS A GOOD WAY TO LOOK AT THAT MOVING FORWARD.

SO, I THINK THAT YOU ALL DID A GREAT JOB.

I APPRECIATE IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, I'LL JUST ADD AND ANYONE IS FREE TO JUMP IN THAT AGAIN, I APPRECIATE WHAT HAS BEEN SAID IN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THE WORK THAT STAFF HAS DONE TO IDENTIFY THIS PATH FOR US AND CHIEF, IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SHARE, YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME.

BUT, ALSO THAT OUR GOAL HERE IS TO PROPERLY SUPPORT ALL STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS AND MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO FEEL LIKE THEY CAN DO THEIR JOB SAFELY AND THAT WE ARE MEETING THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE RESIDENCE FOR SERVICE AND NOT JUST IN FIRE, BUT IN ALL DEPARTMENTS AND RECOGNIZING THE STRAIN THAT CAN FALL, PARTICULARLY ON OUR PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL, FIRE AND POLICE.

AND SO THIS DOES SEEM TO BE A GOOD APPROACH.

SOME OF THE CAUTIONARY COMMENTS THAT I HEARD FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS OVERHEAD PROCESS IS ADDING AND NOT SUPPLEMENTING THROUGH WHAT MAY TURN OUT TO BE RETIREMENT OR OTHER YOU KNOW OUR GOAL IS TO MEET THAT OVER HIGHER AMOUNT AND BE ABLE TO HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO ASSESS THE VALUE.

PLEASE, CHIEF.

>>SPEAKER: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN THIS DEPARTMENT AND ALL PUBLIC SAFETY THIS YEAR AND IN GOING FORWARD, BECAUSE IT MEANS A LOT ALL OF US AND AS WE CONTINUE TO MAKE OAK PARK A MORE SAFE AND HAPPY PLACE IT IS APPRECIATED.

SO, THANK YOU ALL.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, TRUSTEE -

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT I APPRECIATE THE COLLABORATIVE APPROACH THAT WE ARE REACHING HERE. I THINK THAT STAFF 'S INITIATIVE IN BRINGING FORWARD THIS PROPOSAL REFLECTING SORT OF THE DEMAND THAT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY BOTH OF THE STAFFING STUDIES THAT WE SAW AND IT IS REALLY GOING TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW INCREASED STAFFING WILL IMPACT THIS PERSISTENT OVERTIME ISSUE THAT WE HAVE HAD.

AND I KNOW THAT WE ARE UNDERTAKING A NUMBER OF OTHER INITIATIVES THAT SHOULD HELP ADDRESS THE PERSISTENT OVERTIME AND I THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE PERSISTENTLY HIDE OVERTIME YOU KNOW WE AS A VILLAGE GENERALLY ARE DISCUSSING IT AS A BUDGETARY IMPACT AND WE HAVE BEGUN TO MORE AND MORE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE REAL IMPACT IT HAS ON PEOPLE'S LIVES, BECAUSE IN SOME CASES IT IS NOT JUST A 48-HOUR SHIFT BUT EXTENDING INTO A 72 HOUR SHIFT AND THAT HAS A BIG IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND CAN HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF INJURY. AND SO I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL SEE THE DECREASES IN OVERTIME BOTH FROM THE SHORT-TERM WHERE WE HAVE MORE STAFFING AND FROM THE LONG-TERM AS REDUCTIONS IN OVERTIME LEAD TO REDUCTION IN THE EXHAUSTION THAT CAN LEAD TO INJURY.

SO, I AM HOPEFUL THAT THIS IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER INITIATIVES THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS PUTTING FORWARD AND I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THESE INITIATIVES YOU KNOW I AM HOPING THAT ALL OF THESE THINGS TOGETHER IS GOING TO CREATE A REAL SURGE FORWARD IN QUALITY OF LIFE AND A REAL REDUCTION IN OVERTIME OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT YEAR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JIM?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT I APPRECIATE THE APPROACH RECOMMENDED BY STAFF AND I THINK IT ALLOWS SOME FLEXIBILITY AND BALANCE AS WE ALL WORKED TO BUILD A SAFER AND BETTER WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND ALSO HOPEFULLY PRODUCING OVERTIME AND IDENTIFYING NEW REVENUE SOURCES AND ADDITIONAL SOURCES BOTH TEMPORARY AND OTHERWISE IN THE FUTURE AND ALLOWS US SOME TIME TO ASSIMILATE THAT AND UNDERSTAND WHERE THOSE SOURCES WOULD COME FROM AND SO OVERALL I THINK IT IS A VERY GOOD APPROACH AND THINK YOU WILL FOR YOUR EFFORTS ON THAT TO MOVE THIS FORWARD, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXCELLENT.

SO, THAT IS OUR REVIEW OF THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU KNOW TONIGHT IS NOT THE VOTE AND TONIGHT IS ACTUALLY THE FIRST TIME THE FULL BOARD IS PRESENT FOR ALL OF THE DIALOGUE RELATED TO HOW WE GOT HERE RIGHT NOW AND SO EVERYONE DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROCESS AND CONTINUE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND THEN WE WILL BE COMING BACK ON DECEMBER 2 AND THEN THAT WILL BE THE PUBLIC HEARING -

>>MANAGER JACKSON: AND ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO WEIGH IN ON THE BUDGET.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND THEN WE WILL BE APPROVING THE BUDGET ON DECEMBER 9. SO, THERE ARE TWO ALTHOUGH YOU KNOW IT IS OUR GOAL AS IT IS EVERY YEAR OR WHAT APPEARS ON THE BOARD AGENDA ON DECEMBER 9 TO BE REFLECTIVE OF WHERE THE BOARD STANDS.

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

AND THEN WE HAVE CALLED TO BOARD AND CLERK.

CLERK WATERS, ANY COMMENTS FOR THIS EVENING?  
FROM THE COMMUNITY?

>>CLERK WATERS: YES.

SO, I JUST WANT TO BEGIN WITH DEEP GRATITUDE OF COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER HARA STAMPS AND MARY GARDNER, THE FIRST DISTRICT WOMEN'S COMMISSIONER FOR COLLABORATING WITH THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK. THROUGH THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WE COLLECT DONATIONS AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS INCLUDING VILLAGE HALL FOUR.

ACTION DAY 2025.

AND AT ITS CORE, PERIOD ACTION IS ABOUT BREAKING STIGMA AND INVITES COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS AND LEADERS TO TALK OPENLY ABOUT MENSTRUAL CYCLES.

THOSE DONATIONS WE TOOK OVER TO OAK PARK RIVER FORCE HIGH SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7. IT REALLY WAS A MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH STUDENTS ABOUT ENDING PERIOD POVERTY AND REMOVING THE STIGMA AROUND CONVERSATIONS MENSTRUAL CYCLES AND THEY REMINDED ME WHY THIS WORK MATTERS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO JOIN THEM TOMORROW MORNING.

I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE DAVID E ON HOSTING HIS SECOND YOUTH POP-UP SHOP LAST FRIDAY.

DAVID CONTINUES TO CREATE REAL SPACE FOR YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS TO SIGN. AS THE FOUNDER OF A VERSATILE CLOTHING LINE, HE ENCOURAGES ALL OF US TO STRIVE TO BE UNIQUE AND HE IS DOING EXACTLY THAT BY LIFTING UP YOUNG CREATORS.

ARTISTS, DESIGNERS AND INNOVATORS THROUGH HIS EVENTS.

HIS WORK IS PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF OAK BARK AND AUSTIN AREA LEADERS.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO SUPPORT OR LEARN MORE, THE YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR POP-UP SHOP YOUTH LED BRANDS, PERFORMANCES, GUEST SPEAKERS AND INTRODUCED THE YOUTH ENTRE NOUS NETWORK ALSO KNOWN AS YEN.

A NONPROFIT FOCUSED ON MENTAL WELLNESS SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

AND LASTLY I JUST WANTED TO EXTEND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS WILL COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT TOMORROW NIGHT COMMUNITY FRIENDS GIVING EVENT.

THROUGH IN-KIND DONATIONS, MONETARY SPONSORSHIP AND PROVIDING SERVICES.

THOSE SPONSORSHIPS ARE BILLED CHICAGO, THE CHAMBER OF MOTHER, CHICAGO CHAPTER, QATAR COLEMAN WHO IS A NURSE PRACTITIONER WITH LITTLE STEPS PEDIATRIC.

YOU ARE PROVIDING FIRST STEPS FOR OUR TEENS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CHILDCARE OF OUR YOUNGEST FRIENDS.

PCC OFTEN WELLNESS CENTER FOR ITS OUTSTANDING COLLABORATION AND MS. TIFFANY WHO IS THE REGIONAL COUNCIL MANAGER OF REGENT IBB FROM BIRTH TO FIVE AND COMMISSIONER STAMPS FOR COLLABORATING AND SUPPORTING AND JESSICA AND JENNIFER FROM WESTSIDE UNITED.

EACH HAS CONTRIBUTED TIME, CARE OR RESOURCES TO ENSURE FAMILIES FEEL WELCOMED, SUPPORTED AND CELEBRATED.

THE FRIENDS GIVING GATHERING WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AND IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS TO SHARE A MEAL, CONNECT AND BE IN COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

AND I JUST WANTED TO ALSO SAY THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE, UPLIFT AND CONNECT WITH OUR RESIDENTS.

AND OUR NEIGHBORS.

THESE PARTNERSHIPS STRENGTHEN US AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE SHARED COMMITMENT TO OUR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND OUR FUTURE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: PATH.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I DON'T THINK WE WILL MEET AGAIN BEFORE THANKSGIVING. HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE WILL STILL TAKE THE HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I WOULD LIKE TO BRIEFLY REFLECT ON TWO OF THE PROCLAMATIONS THAT WE HEARD TONIGHT RECOGNIZING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AS WELL AS THE TRANSGENDER VISIBILITY AND HOW THEY ARE INTERCONNECTED.

SO, I JUST NOTED THAT THIRD OF TRANSGENDER VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE ALSO EXPERIENCE HOUSING INSECURITY OR HOMELESSNESS.

THE MAJORITY OF THOSE VICTIMS WERE KILLED WITH A GUN.

ACCORDING TO EVERY TOWN RESEARCH ANALYSIS OF TRANSGENDER HOMICIDE TRACKER OF THE VICTIMS WHOSE HOUSING STATUS WAS KNOWN, 33% WERE HOMELESS OR HOUSING AND SECURE.

OF THOSE THAT WERE KNOWN TO BE HOMELESS OR HOUSING AND SECURE, 79% OF THOSE HOMICIDES WERE GUN HOMICIDES.

THE DISPARITIES COMPOUND WHEN WE THINK ABOUT RACIAL DISPARITIES AS 65% OF TRANSGENDER VICTIMS OF GUN HOMICIDE WERE BLACK, TRANS WOMEN THAT IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC POPULATION OF GUN HOMICIDE VICTIMS.

SO, I APPRECIATE THAT WE TAKE THE TIME IN OUR MEETINGS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND REFLECT OUR OWN VALUES AND TO REFLECT ON HOW IT IS ALL INTERCONNECTED IS SOMETHING TO ALSO KEEP IN MIND.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I WILL BE BRIEF - ISN'T IT WEIRD HOW ALL OF A SUDDEN LIKE ICE IS NOT ON OUR MINDS?  
IT IS ON SUMMER MINDS, SURE, BUT IT FEELS LIKE IT JUST - A LOT OF PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THEY JUST MOVED ON LIKE THEY LEFT AND YOU KNOW THINGS HAVE WOUND IT DOWN.

AND IT WAS A CRAZY TIME THAT WE WERE HAVING IN CHICAGOLAND AND STILL ARE AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE TO REFLECT ON WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO US AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND HOW FOLKS HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR CHICAGOANS AND OAK PARKERS HAVE DONE TO RESIST THIS INVASION OF OUR COMMUNITIES FROM FEDERAL OFFICERS.

SO, THEY WILL BE BACK VERY LIKELY IN THE SPRING IS WHAT THEY SAY AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND FOLKS TO STAY VIGILANT AND YOU HAVE PROBABLY MADE A LOT OF NEW CONNECTIONS, I SURE DID DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME.

IT WAS VERY STRESSFUL.

BUT, TRY TO MAINTAIN THOSE CONNECTIONS, BECAUSE THERE IS JUST A LOT OF STRENGTH THAT WE HAVE SHOWN AS A COMMUNITY IN BEING ABLE TO BAND TOGETHER AND FOLKS ARE JUST RUNNING TOWARDS VIOLENCE AND RUNNING TOWARDS YOU KNOW THE THINGS THAT THEY ARE SEEING AND BLOWING WHISTLES AND DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO PROTECT THEIR NEIGHBORS FROM BEING ABDUCTED.

SO IT IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK A LOT OF FOLKS REALLY YOU KNOW SHOWED THE BEST PARTS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

SO, I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT AND IT WAS ALSO VERY DRAMATIC FOR A LOT OF FOLKS, BUT JUST THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR BEING A PART OF THAT AND BE PREPARED.

BECAUSE, I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS OVER.

SO, I WILL LEAVE IT THERE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

OKAY.

AND YES, WE WILL SEE EACH OTHER ON THURSDAY, BUT HAPPY THANKSGIVING FOR ANYONE WHO IS LISTENING.

ALSO NOTING THAT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, THE OAK PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL MARK THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGIC MURDER OF DETECTIVE ALAN REDDINS BY HOLDING A CEREMONY AT THE COURTYARD AND ATTENDEES ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE AS THE SERVICE WILL START PROBABLY AT 10 AM.

THIS WAS THE FIRST DEATH OF A SWORN OFFICER IN THE PLEASE DEPARTMENT SINCE 1938.

THANK YOU.

I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.