



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

7:00 PM

Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Village President Vicki Scaman called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Junior Deputy Village Clerk Asia Paulenas Sierra called the Roll.

Trustee Enyia joined the meeting via remote participation per Village protocols.

Present: 6 - Village President Scaman, Eder, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Leving Jacobson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Taglia
Absent: 1 - Village Trustee Wesley

III. Agenda Approval

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

AYES: 5 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Leving Jacobson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Wesley

IV. Minutes

A. [MOT 25-196](#) A Motion to Approve Minutes from the June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Village Board.

Village Clerk Christina Waters introduced Junior Deputy Clerk Sierra and presented her with a certificate.

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

AYES: 5 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Leving Jacobson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Wesley

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Paul Rubio: Spoke of his three years at Percy Julian Junior High School and the enormous impact on shaping and defining him into the person he is today.

Manolo Avalos: His bicycle got stuck in the turnstile at the Green Line CTA Austin station because there is no accessible door. President Scaman said CTA will re-do the Austin entrance and make it accessible in 2026.

VI. Appointments

B. [MOT 25-195](#) Motion to Concur with the Village President's Appointment of Derek Eder to fill the Vacancy of Former Village Trustee Susan Buchanan

President Scaman thanked former trustee Susan Buchanan for her service to Oak Park. She introduced Derek Eder.

Clerk Waters performed the official swearing in of Village Trustee Derek Eder. Trustee Eder expressed his gratitude to Susan Buchanan, the Oak Park Climate Action Network, President Scaman, and his fellow Trustees and shared his background.

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

AYES: 5 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Leving Jacobson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Wesley

VII. Proclamation

C. [MOT 25-197](#) A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Recognizing Juneteenth Annually on the 19th of June.

Trustee Enyia read the Proclamation into the record. President Scaman thanked the committee and staff for the activities last weekend and announced that Village Hall will be closed on Juneteenth. She presented Jeffrey Hines of the Juneteenth committee with the framed proclamation. Committee member Hines expressed his gratitude.

It was moved by Leving Jacobson, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Motion be approved. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

VIII. Village Manager Reports

D. [ID 25-400](#) Review of the Tentative Village Board Meeting Calendars for June, July, and August 2025.

Village Manager Kevin Jackson presented the updated Board calendars.

E. [ID 25-407](#) **A Report on Pedestrian (Field) Stop Data from the First Quarter of 2025.**

Police Chief Shatonya Johnson presented the Item.

IX. Village Board Committees

There were no reports.

X. Citizen Commission Vacancies

F. [ID 25-409](#) **Board and Commission Vacancy Report for June 17, 2025**

There were no reports.

XI. First Reading

G. [ORD 25-117](#) **A First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (“Building”), Article 2 (“Existing Building Code”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2024 International Existing Building Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission.**

Development Services Director Craig Failor provided an introduction and HR Green Consultant and soon-to-be Village Chief Building Official Sean Lintow presented all nine Items.

Trustee Taglia requested an explanation of the four risk categories, which Consultant Lintow provided.

Trustee Eder inquired about the timeline for the energy code. Consultant Lintow said the ICC has been published. Director Failor said staff analyzed the stretch code and found that its components are very similar to what we currently have so staff decided to hold off on the stretch code to see how this adoption works for the electrification energy codes.

President Scaman inquired about community engagement. Director Failor said it has been before the Building Codes Advisory Commission (BCAC) and staff will go back to them one more time before bringing it back to the Village Board. Community engagement will probably come after adoption. She said she has received questions from residents about the sprinkler system threshold and the challenges of it being cost prohibitive for some. Director Failor said it has been on the books at 50% since 2015. An ADU is considered a new unit and does not fall underneath the 50% threshold. Generally putting in a sprinkler system lowers one's property insurance.

Trustee Straw noted it is not just the cost of the sprinkler system in the new

construction. It is the cost of trenching the whole length from the street to the new coach house. Imposing costs like that will have a significant impact on the development of new housing units. BCAC Chair Mike Lenz said the Fire Marshal attended the BCAC meeting in March and they crafted the language and kept it at 50% which the commission all supported at that time, as well as the former and current fire chiefs. If the Village Board wants to increase it, they can do that. Trustee Eder requested data on how many sprinkler systems are going in and their costs. Manager Jackson said staff will look at these questions and do the analysis and bring the data back to the Village Board.

- H. [ORD 25-118](#) **A First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (“Buildings”), Article 3 (“Electric Code”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2024 International Code Council National Electric Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission**
- I. [ORD 25-119](#) **A First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (“Buildings”), Article 5 (“Fire Code”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2024 International Code Council Fire Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission**
- J. [ORD 25-120](#) **A First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (“Buildings”), Article 15 (“Pool Code”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2024 International Code Council Swimming Pool and Spa Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission**
- K. [ORD 25-124](#) **A First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (“Buildings”), Article 1 (“Building Code”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2024 International Code Council Building Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission**
- L. [ORD 25-126](#) **A First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (“Building”), Article 16 (“Energy Code”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2024 International Code Council Energy Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission**
- M. [ORD 25-127](#) **A First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (“Building”), Article 11 (“Fuel Gas Code”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 1014 International Code Council Fuel and Gas Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission**
- N. [ORD 25-129](#) **A First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (“Buildings”), Article 6 (“Residential Code”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2024 International Code Council Residential Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission**
- O. [ORD 25-130](#) **A First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (“Buildings”), Article 4 (“Mechanical Code”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the**

**2024 International Code Council Mechanical Code as Recommended by
the Building Code Advisory Commission**

XII. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 5 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Leving Jacobson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Wesley

- P.** [MOT 25-161](#) **A Motion to Approve the January 2025 Monthly Treasurer’s Report for All Funds**
This Motion was approved.
- Q.** [MOT 25-170](#) **A Motion to Approve the February 2025 Monthly Treasurer’s Report for All Funds**
This Motion was approved.
- R.** [MOT 25-185](#) **A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$6,320,962.26 from May 2, through May 29, 2025**
This Motion was approved.
- S.** [RES 25-222](#) **A Resolution to Approve the Community Relations Commission Work Plan for 2025**
This Resolution was adopted.

XIII. Regular Agenda

- T.** [ID 25-392](#) **A Study Session On An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 (“Housing”), Article 2 (“Residential Rental License”) And Amending Chapter 12 (“Housing”), Article 6 (“Residential Tenant And Landlord Ordinance”), Section 4 (“Rental Agreements”) And Amending Chapter 12 (“Housing”), Article 6 (“Residential Tenant And Landlord Ordinance”), Section 11 (“Security Deposits”) And Amending Chapter 13 (“Human Rights”), Article 5 (“Unlawful Management Practices”), Section 1 (“Unlawful Management Practices; Regulations”)**

Henry Fulkerson: Oak Park is mentioned unfavorably in the National Fair Housing Alliance report. He asked the Village to reveal the names of the other five owners of these properties.

Assistant Village Manager/Neighborhood Services Director Jonathan

Burch presented the Item.

Trustee Straw inquired about the inspection process. Director Burch said the Village inspects 1/3 of the units. Changes are being made now in CityView to truly randomize it. They also do inspections based on receiving community complaints. Staff can review the language about requiring security deposits. Trustee Straw said he wants to make sure the Village is taking seriously providing paths for individuals to pursue claims against folks who are violating tenants' rights, especially for repeat offenders.

Trustee Leving Jacobson noted a concern about how the barriers to participation to the process might overlap with the barriers identified by the original study to the fair practices. She inquired about data from the tenant workshops and the current study with HOPE. Director Burch said staff were not planning to bring that back at the same time because it is part of the ongoing contract with HOPE but it can be if desired. HOPE provides the Village with a report every six months so we continue to change the content related to that. She inquired about fair housing enforcement. Director Burch said the Village HOPE is continually testing and they can take separate legal action.

Trustee Eder said he would like to learn more about the current mechanisms for a tenant to file a complaint. Manager Jackson noted the Village hired a new Chief DEI Officer and will do a comprehensive review of our human rights ordinance. Trustee Eder asked how the actual residency is defined. Director Burch said it would be based off of what they used to physically register with the Village. Trustee Eder inquired about the training. Director Burch said the Village is moving to a system where it will be on the renewal anniversary rather than all at the end of the year so the trainings will be smaller with more engagement.

Trustee Taglia inquired about the demographic survey every four years. Director Burch said it would result in more frequent and granular information than what is provided through the current process. The trustees were in consensus that they would be interested in getting the information more frequently.

Trustee Straw said he would like to see the organizations that may be able to help with fair housing issues be posted and maintained. He requested more specificity around when information has to be provided to the tenant in the eviction process and whether the property owner or agent is the best messenger for such information or whether the Village's ECHO team might be better.

XIV. Call to Board and Clerk

Clerk Waters said recently her minor daughter was physically and unjustly

handled by a security guard at a supermarket. Tomorrow the city of Chicago will vote on a curfew targeting youth. She asks all to pause and reflect what's driving how they feel about the curfew. Let Oak Park be a community that chooses reflection over reaction and justice over comfort.

Trustee Straw welcomed Trustee Eder to the Village Board. The Juneteenth flag raising was incredibly powerful.

Trustee Taglia thanked Susan Buchanan for her service to the Village and community and offered his support to Trustee Eder.

Trustee Leving Jacobson expressed gratitude to Susan Buchanan and congratulated Trustee Eder. She attended the Juneteenth flag raising and it is a call to action for those of us that still have all of this work to do.

Trustee Eder said he is grateful to be a part of it and looks forward to serving with his colleagues. The energy efficiency grant program is open.

Trustee Enyia thanked Susan Buchanan for all of her hard work on the Board and in the community. Juneteenth makes us realize where we come from and how far we still have to go to achieve what true equity means here in the U.S. He expressed his gratitude to the Juneteenth committee, staff, volunteers, and speakers.

President Scaman said she is grateful for a very powerful Village Board where we respect the skill sets we bring to collectively move forward.

XV. Adjourn

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Leving Jacobson, that this be approved. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 P.M., Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

**Respectfully submitted,
Deputy Clerk Hansen**