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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CHRISTINA, ARE YOU WITH US?  
CHRISTINA, ARE YOU ON AUDIO OR VIDEO?

>>CLERK WATERS: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES, GREAT, OKAY, THANK YOU.

SO, WE ARE RECONVENING THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL US BACK TO ORDER, PLEASE.

CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE?

CHRISTINA, YOU CAN TAKE THE ROLE.

CHRISTINA, WE CANNOT HEAR YOU.

OH, VERY GOOD.

OKAY, CHRISTINA, YOU CAN TAKE THE ROLE WHEN YOU ARE READY.

WE CAN HEAR YOU NOW.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.

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

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOST ABOUT TRUSTEE WESLEY, SECOND BY TRUSTEE TAGLIA, ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOVING FORWARD TO NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS.  
NOLAN KRUGER?

WELCOME.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY.

>>PUBLIC SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS NOLAN AND I AM A JUNIOR AT OPRF AND YESTERDAY I WALKED OUT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO LEARN THAT ICE HAD BEEN IN OAK PARK.

THERE WAS A WHOLE LOT OF FEAR FROM EVERYONE AROUND ME AS EVERYONE WAS SPREADING THE WORD AND I ACTUALLY THOUGHT THEY WERE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND LATER I LEARNED THAT THEY NEVER ACTUALLY HAD COME PAST MADISON STREET, BUT I AM REMINDED OF THE FEAR THAT I FELT AND I DON'T THINK IT IS RIGHT FOR KIDS TO FEEL THAT WAY, ESPECIALLY AROUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUCH AS PRF.

MY INTENTION TODAY IS TO READ A SIMPLE LETTER THAT I WROTE TO THE JUDGE FOR PAUL IVORY'S BASE I DON'T KNOW - I'M SURE MOST OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR.

I DID NOT INTEND FOR THE LETTER TO HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF IMPACT, I JUST WANTED THE JUDGE TO UNDERSTAND ALL ON MORE OF A HUMAN LEVEL BECAUSE PAUL IS A HELPER AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND I HAVE HAD INTERACTIONS WITH HIM BEFORE AND HE IS NOT A CRIMINAL AND THAT IS WHAT MY LETTER WAS ABOUT.

AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO READ IT FOR YOU ALL.

AS IT IS.

I LEARNED RECENTLY ABOUT PAUL IVORY'S ARREST AND IT MADE ME FEEL REALLY SCARED FOR OAK PARK.

I AM A JUNIOR AT PRF AND I SEE PAUL EVERY DAY AT LUNCH AND I OFTEN INTERACT WITH THEM WHEN I COME TO ORDER FOOD.

HE IS A KIND PERSON AND NOT CRIMINAL, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE WORKS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL AND HAS REALLY PASSED MANY BACKGROUND CHECKS, EVEN TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE SCHOOL.

I SEE HIM AT THE END OF THE DAY WHEN HE WORKS AS A HALL MONITOR FOR THE MAIN SCHOOL ENTRANCE.

HE IS ALWAYS ATTENTIVE AND HARD-WORKING NO MATTER WHAT.

HIS ABSENCE FROM OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEGATIVELY AFFECTS ME AND THE STUDENTS AND PEOPLE HE INTERACTS WITH DAILY.

HIS ARREST FEELS SCARILY PERSONAL BECAUSE THE ISSUES THIS NATION IS FACING AS A WHOLE ARE NOT IMPACTING MY SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND MY FRIEND PAUL HAS BECOME A VICTIM OF THE INCREASINGLY OVERTHROWING NATURE OF ICE LAW ENFORCEMENT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

PLEASE FREE HIM.

THANK YOU.

THAT WAS MY LETTER.

AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER ACTING QUICKLY TO PROTECT THE RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, NOLAN.

IT IS AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU WITH US AND I WAS THERE IN FEDERAL COURT WHEN YOUR LETTER WAS NOTED BY THE JUDGE AND IT REALLY DID MAKE AN IMPACT. AND I DO NOT BELIEVE WE HAVE ANY OTHER NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT, ANY OTHER NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING?

OKAY, EXCELLENT, THANK YOU.  
WE DO HAVE THREE PROCLAMATIONS AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE FIRST,  
ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR UNITED AGAINST HATE  
WEEK OCTOBER 19-25 OF 2025, MOTION, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

AND MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE AND I ASK IF YOU  
WOULD PLEASE READ THIS OUT LOUD FOR US PLEASE?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YES.

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, IL IS A COMMUNITY THAT RESPECTS  
DIVERSITY AND AFFIRMS OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY AND BELONGING FOR ALL  
RESIDENTS; AND WHEREAS, HATE PRESENTS A THREAT TO COMMUNITIES  
EVERYWHERE AND CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE OF FEAR AND DIVISION; AND  
WHEREAS, REPORTED HATE CRIMES HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY ACROSS THE  
UNITED STATES; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, IL IS DEDICATED TO  
PREVENTING AND OPPOSING HATE AND INTOLERANCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES; AND  
WHEREAS, EDUCATION, COMPASSION, CRITICAL THINKING, AND COOPERATION ARE  
KEY TO UNLOCKING UNDERSTANDING AND EMBRACING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN  
PEOPLE; AND WHEREAS, WE SEEK TO JOIN OTHER COMMUNITIES AND CITIES  
ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN THIS ANNUAL UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK AS AN  
IMPORTANT STEP IN BRIDGING DIVISIONS WHILE STRENGTHENING AND HEALING  
OUR COMMUNITIES. NOW, THEREFORE, I, DEREK EDER ON THE HALF OF PRESIDENT  
VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 19 - 25, 2025 AS UNITED AGAINST HATE  
WEEK 2025 IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, IL AND URGE ALL MEMBERS OF OUR  
COMMUNITY TO TAKE AN ACTIVE STAND AGAINST HATE BY PARTICIPATING IN  
EVENTS, CONVERSATIONS, AND ACTIONS THAT BUILD SAFE, INCLUSIVE, AND  
RESPECTFUL NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WONDERFUL AND SECOND I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO  
APPROVE OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH IN THE  
VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOTION.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND-TIER.

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

AND I ASK TRUSTEE ENYIA IF YOU WOULD PLEASE READ THIS OUT LOUD AS THE  
LIAISON TO THE OAK PARK ARTS COUNCIL, THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH OCTOBER 2025.  
WHEREAS, THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES REMAIN THE EMBODIMENT OF ALL THINGS BEAUTIFUL, MEANINGFUL, AND INSPIRING IN THE WORLD, THE ENDURING RECORD OF HUMAN IMAGINATION AND ACHIEVEMENT; AND WHEREAS, THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES ENRICH EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, STRENGTHENING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, FUELING OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, DRIVING CULTURAL TOURISM, AND EXERTING A PROFOUND POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE EDUCATION AND GROWTH OF OUR CHILDREN; AND WHEREAS, OAK PARK IS HOME TO A RICH CULTURAL LANDSCAPE, FROM WORLD-RENNED ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC LANDMARKS TO VIBRANT LOCAL THEATER, VISUAL ARTS, MUSIC, DANCE, AND LITERARY COMMUNITIES THAT REFLECT OUR VILLAGE'S CREATIVITY AND DIVERSITY; AND WHEREAS, THE NONPROFIT ARTS AND CULTURAL SECTOR ALSO STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY BY GENERATING \$36.1 BILLION IN ANNUAL SPENDING AND SUPPORTING MORE THAN 216,227 FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT JOBS, WHILE IN OAK PARK, ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, FESTIVALS, AND EVENTS HELP SUSTAIN LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ATTRACT VISITORS; AND WHEREAS, EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THE ARTS HELP TO FOSTER DISCIPLINE, CREATIVITY, IMAGINATION, SELF-EXPRESSION, AND PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS WHILE ALSO HELPING TO DEVELOP A HEIGHTENED APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY AND CROSSCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING; AND WHEREAS, THE HUMANITIES-THROUGH HISTORY, LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY, AND ALL FORMS OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION-HELP US INTERPRET THE PAST, EXAMINE OUR SHARED VALUES, AND CONSIDER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN, A MISSION DEEPLY REFLECTED IN OAK PARK'S COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, INCLUSIVITY, AND DIALOGUE ACROSS CULTURES; AND WHEREAS, THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES PLAY A UNIQUE AND INTRINSICALLY VALUABLE ROLE IN THE LIVES OF OUR FAMILIES, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND OUR VILLAGE, INSPIRING CREATIVITY, DIALOGUE, AND CONNECTION; AND WHEREAS, OCTOBER HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH BY THOUSANDS OF ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITIES, AND STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES. NOW, THEREFORE, I, ON BEHALF OF VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, TOGETHER WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, AND CALL UPON ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CELEBRATE, SUPPORT, AND PROMOTE THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES IN OUR NATION, AND TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN UPLIFTING THE ARTS AND CULTURE WITHIN OUR VILLAGE. DATED THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.  
AND CAMILLE WILSON WHITE, WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN US?  
CAMILLE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OAK PARK AREA ARTS COUNCIL.  
THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US THIS EVENING.  
AND FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.  
I DON'T KNOW, DO YOU HAVE ANY - THERE WAS A VIDEO THAT YOU WANTED TO SHARE, WASN'T THERE?  
ALL RIGHT, THEN WE'LL JUST TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU.

>>PUBLIC SPEAKER: WELL, THANK YOU AND THE ONLY THING I WANT TO SAY IS TO DO ART.

WE HAVE SO MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS VILLAGE AND THIS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR, THE CONCERTS ARE GOING ON, GET OUT AND ENJOY.

GO TO THE LATE THEATER, SEE A MOVIE IN A MOVIE HOUSE AND HAVE POPCORN. IT IS FREE, THE SECOND BUCKET - AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

HAVE A GOOD EVENING EVERYONE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU!

ALL RIGHT, MUCH APPRECIATED.

ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE.

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL BREAST-CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND PAIR IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON AND I HEARD TRUSTEE WESLEY'S VOICE AS A SECOND.

THANK YOU.

NATIONAL BREAST-CANCER AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2025.

WHEREAS, OCTOBER IS NATIONAL.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH; AND WHEREAS, BREAST CANCER AFFECTS 2.3 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE; AND WHEREAS, AN ESTIMATED 360,000 PEOPLE WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH.

BREAST CANCER IN 2024; AND WHEREAS, MEDICAL RESEARCH HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN DISCOVERING NEW PREVENTION AND EARLY-DETECTION MEASURES TO DIAGNOSE.

BREAST CANCER IN ITS EARLIEST STAGES; AND WHEREAS, BREAST CANCER, WHEN CAUGHT IN ITS EARLIEST, LOCALIZED STAGES, HAS A 5- YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATE OF 99%; AND WHEREAS, ROUTINE SCREENING TESTS, SUCH AS YEARLY MAMMOGRAMS, ARE RECOMMENDED FOR EARLY DETECTION OF.

BREAST CANCER BEFORE SYMPTOMS OCCUR; AND WHEREAS, DURING THIS MONTH, WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WE HAVE LOST, PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THOSE LIVING WITH.

BREAST CANCER, AND STRIVE TO SAFEGUARD THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS. NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK DATED THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

MOVING FORWARD TO THE VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THANK YOU, NO REPORT TONIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES.

ANY UPDATES AT THIS TIME?

WE DO AS USUAL AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE THE ONGOING CURRENT VACANCY REPORT.

ANYBODY INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A COMMISSION CAN REACH OUT TO THE VILLAGE CLERK OFFICE AT CLERK@OAK-PARK.US.

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

MOTION, PLEASE PARENTS.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE WESLEY WHO DOES NOT LIKE HIS MICROPHONE THIS EVENING.

SECOND.

(LAUGHTER).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

SORRY, I NEED A ROLL CALL FOR THESE ACTUAL ITEMS.

CLERK WATERS, COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE?

GO AHEAD.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

AND ONTO OUR REGULAR AGENDA.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ADOPT AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO DEVELOP A TV CHARGING STATION SITE AT 6104 ROOSEVELT ROAD.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

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

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: WE HAVE CRAIG FALOR, SERVICE DIRECTOR.

>>CRAIG FALOR: THANK YOU VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

CRAIG FALOR.

THIS IS A CASE FOR GRANTING SPECIAL USE FOR EV CARTING STATION.

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSED ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION AT 6104 ROOSEVELT ROAD AND STAFF WHERE POSSIBLE AS WELL AS AT THE LOCATION SUCH AS THIS ONE THAT

RECOGNIZES THE VILLAGE GOALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARE IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE PLAN OF READY OAK PARK PLAN.

HOWEVER, IN THIS INSTANCE THE PROPOSED USE WOULD ONLY BE TEMPORARY. AS IS INDICATED IN THE AGENDA ITEM.

YOU MAY RECALL SUPPORTING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY REPLACE THE EV CHARGING STATION.

STAFF FEEL THAT THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ELEMENT OF THE SITE WOULD NOT BE THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF RESOURCES, NOR ECONOMICALLY PRUDENT.

WHEN WE SPOKE WITH THE COOK COUNTY LAND BANK WHO HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPOSED DEVELOPER, THE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE APPLICANT INCLUDE THE ENTITLEMENT PROCESS BEFORE DISCUSSION ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY.

WHILE THE EV INITIATIVE IS DESIRABLE, THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF THE USE IS NOT.

THE PROPOSED LONG-TERM AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WILL ALSO SUPPORT VILLAGE GOALS.

IN ADDITION, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPER IS AMENABLE TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE EV CHARGER.

MIKE BRUCE, VILLAGE PLANNER AND GLENN BREWER, REPRESENTATIVE ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROCESS.

THE APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MAY HAVE.

AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, VERY GOOD.

DO WE WANT TO START WITH QUESTIONS OR SHALL I SUMMARIZE FURTHER?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I WILL ASK A FEW QUESTIONS.

YES, FIRST OF ALL, LOVE EV CHARGER, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE IF THIS PROCEEDS THEY WILL JUST GET RIPPED UP AND DISCARDED?

>>CRAIG FALOR: CORRECT, THEY WILL BE REMOVED AND THE IDEA IS THE CURRENT DEVELOPER IF APPROVED THEY WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO THE COOK COUNTY LAND BANK TO INSTALL THE EV CHARGER STATION, BUT THEN THE IDEA IS TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER AND THOSE WILL BE REMOVED.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: IS THERE ANY FEASIBLE WAY TO KEEP THEM AND HAVE THEM USED IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT OR IS THAT UNFEASIBLE?

>>CRAIG FALOR: WELL, MY UNDERSTANDING IS IF THE DEVELOPER WERE TO USE THE PROPERTY, THEY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO SCRAPE THE SITE IN ORDER TO GET THE FOUNDATION FOR BUILDING AS IT WILL BE A MUCH LINE TO LINE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A PARKING AREA THAT WOULD BE ALL ASPHALT.

SO, THEY WOULD HAVE TO - IF THEY WANTED TO SAVE THEM, THEY WOULD HAVE TO REMOVE THEM AND THEN PUT THEM BACK IN.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: IS NOT DIFFICULT THING TO DO?

I KNOW A LOT OF THEM AND I DON'T KNOW LIKE HOW DEEP UNDERGROUND A EV CHARGER GOES, BUT IS A HARD TO UNINSTALL?

>>CRAIG FALOR: I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS DIFFICULT TO DO THAT, BUT IT IS TIME-CONSUMING AND THERE ARE NO CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS TO HOLD THE UNIT IN PLACE AND ALL THE ELECTRICAL THAT GOES UNDERGROUND THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO RELOCATE AS WELL.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: AND THIS IS LIKE - I FIND THIS ENTIRE THING KIND OF CONFUSING BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE TO LET THEM TRY TO DO THIS SO THAT THE LAND BANK AND HAVE THEIR OBLIGATIONS MET AND IN SEEING BY THE LAND BANK AND BY BLOCKING IT WE WOULD JUST SHORT-CIRCUIT THE ENTIRE PROCESS.

>>CRAIG FALOR: THEY ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO PUT IN THE STRUCTURE AND YOU KNOW EMILY IS REPRESENTING THE OWNERSHIP AND MAYBE SHE CAN EXPAND ON THAT LITTLE BIT MORE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR A LITTLE BIT MORE, YES.

>>EMILY: I CAN TRY MY BEST.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WILL, FIRST OF MY NAME IS EMILY HOFFMAN AND I'M WITH COOK ENGINEERING GROUP AND WE ARE THE CONSULTING CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE PROJECT WOULD AND WE ARE REPRESENTING YVES HUGHES WHO IS THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE CONTRACT WITH THE LAND BANK REQUIRES THAT HE INSTALL THESE EV CHARGING STATIONS TO FULFILL HIS AND OF THE CONTRACT BEFORE HE CAN DO ANYTHING ELSE WITH THE PROPERTY.

SO, IF HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO INSTALL THEN I AM NOT SURE WHAT THE REPERCUSSIONS WOULD BE WITH THE LAND BANK.

I KNOW RIGHT NOW HE HAS REQUESTED A NUMBER OF EXTENSIONS FROM THEM BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN SOME DEVELOPMENTS I GUESS AS THE PROJECT HAS PROGRESSED THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS FACTORS THAT HAVE CHANGED THINGS AND HAVE KIND OF DRAWN THE PROCESS OUT A LITTLE BIT LONGER THAN EXPECTED AND RIGHT NOW HE IS ON AN EXTENSION FROM THE LAND BANK UNTIL I THINK DECEMBER TO TRY TO GET THESE INSTALLED.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: HAVE WE HEARD FROM THE LAND BANK ABOUT ANY OF THEIR -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I REACHED OUT BUT I DID NOT GET RESPONSE, HAVE YOU BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE LAND BANK?

>>CRAIG FALOR: YES.

AS I INDICATED THEY WANTED TO SEE THIS PLACE THROUGH THE ENTITLEMENT PROCESS AND THEY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE FURTHER CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE PROPERTY DEPENDING ON THE DISPOSITION AND THAT IS ALL THEY REALLY COMMITTED TO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: UNDERSTOOD, UNDERSTOOD.

I HAVE A REMINDER HERE THAT I DID NOT START PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE MR. DONOVAN LOOKING BACK AT MY EMAILS, MR. DONOVAN YOU HAVE BEEN RUSHING -- WATCHING THIS PROPERTY SINCE 2022 AT LEAST.

OKAY, WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME THAT WE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER.

AND I DO HAVE ONE MORE HANDOUT.

I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO THE WHOLE HISTORY OF EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN FROM ME SINCE THE BOARD APPROVED THE \$700,000 AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT FOR THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS AND THIS THERE SEEMS TO BE NO AWARENESS OF THIS OTHER THING GOING ON AT THAT TIME.

AND SO RATHER THAN REHASHING THE PAST BECAUSE I GAVE YOU A LOT OF PAPERS, I HAVE A PAGE FROM THE FINDINGS OF FACT OR JUST ONE HIDING FROM THE FINDINGS OF FACT BY THE DBA THAT SAYS THE APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT THE PROPOSAL WILL BE COMPLETED IN A TIMELY MANNER AND SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE VILLAGE BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS. I AM FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT THE PETITIONER GAVE THE SAME ASSURANCES TO THE COOK COUNTY LAND BANK 3 AND A HALF YEARS AGO.

AND WHERE IS IT NOW?

IT IS STILL AN EMPTY LOT THEY ASK FOR EXTENSION, BUT THAT DID NOT HAPPEN UNTIL THIS YEAR.

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETED A YEAR AND AND A HALF AND TWO YEARS LATER, THE ONLY THING THAT HAPPENED IS THAT HE TRIED TO FLIP THE PROPERTY TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS FOR \$450,000 AND I THINK THAT IS WRONG.

NOW, WHAT I DID ON PAGE 2 I FILED A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST AND I WAS DENIED SOME THINGS BECAUSE THIS IS A LEGAL MATTER I WAS TOLD AND ALSO A REAL ESTATE MATTER AND I DID RECEIVE SOME COPIES OF EMAILS AND I WANTED TO GO OVER THOSE WITH YOU.

AND YOU START FROM THE BOTTOM UP.

AND SO WE LOOK AT BILL McKENNA BECAUSE FEBRUARY 4 WHEN THIS FIRST CAME UP HE SAID WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AND WHAT IS THIS ABOUT THE EV LAW AND SO HE DID NOT KNOW.

AND HIS RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM JONATHAN BIRCH WAS OKAY, THAT IS ANOTHER CONVERSATION WE HAD AT ANOTHER TIME.

THAT DOES NOT QUITE SOUND RIGHT.

NOW, YOU GO TO ANOTHER EMAIL AND THIS ONE IS FROM FEBRUARY 18 AND IT IS FROM A RESPONSE TO A PREVIOUS ONE AND THIS ONE IS FROM THE COOK COUNTY LAND BANK SAYING THE DEVELOPER IS SEEKING AN EXTENSION AND PLANS TO FINISH THE PROJECT SO THEY DO NOT LOSE THEIR INVESTMENT ONCE THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED THEY CAN SELL THE PROPERTY.

IT IS NOT THE VILLAGE REQUIREMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS GUY RECOUP HIS INVESTMENT.

IT IS A REAL ESTATE SPECULATION, IT DID NOT GO WELL, IT SHOULD BE CLOSED. BUT, THE LAST EMAIL IS FEBRUARY 21 AND THIS IS FROM MR.

>>ADAM SMITH: RESPONDING TO A QUESTION FROM A REPRESENTATIVE, THE COMMUNITY BUILDER ARE THERE ANY COMMERCIAL OR OTHER IRRELEVANCE FOR

THE FAR SOUTH SIDE OF THE CITY ON OR NEAR ROOSEVELT ROAD AND HIS RESPONSE ABOVE THAT IS THE ONLY ONE THAT IS POINTED OUT IS THE CAR WASH. NOTHING ABOUT THE EV CHARGING STATION AND THE CONTROVERSY THAT AROSE BECAUSE OF THE \$700,000 AND THE 450,000 AND SO I'LL JUST GO TO THE LAST THING THAT WAS IN THERE WHICH IS A COPY OF THE LETTER IN AUGUST WHERE I BRING THIS UP AGAIN AND YOU WILL SEE THAT IT IS \$450,000 AND \$700,000 TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

AT \$450,000 THAT IS 65% OF THE GRANT GIVEN BY THE VILLAGE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

I THINK THERE IS BETTER WAYS TO SPEND THAT MONEY THAN TO SPEND 65% OR MORE BECAUSE NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE THE ACQUISITION YOU HAVE THE DEMOLITION OR A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE THEN TO SQUASH THIS DEAL WHERE IT IS, REJECT AND DENIED THE RECOMMENDATION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND I HOPE THAT YOU GET THAT AND ALL THE OTHER STUFF THAT YOU HAVE GOTTEN FROM ME.

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND PLEASE REACH OUT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MR. DONOVAN, IS IT OUT OF LINE TO ASK YOU WHAT YOU DID FOR A LIVING BEFORE YOU RETIRED?

>>SPEAKER: I WAS IN HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOP NETWORK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

WE ALSO HAVE A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD HERE, GLENN. I DID SPEAK WITH THEM EARLIER AND HE DID AFFIRM FOR ME THAT WAS THE CHAIR OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THAT THEY HAVE A SEVEN AND ZERO VOTING FAVOR OF THIS WAS WHETHER IT MET THE GUIDELINES FOR QUALIFYING FOR VARIANCE FROM THE ZONING.

AND SO IS THERE ANY OTHER CONTEXT THAT YOU CAN SHARE WITH US AND IS NOT THAT IS FINE, ALSO.

>>SPEAKER: YES, JUST TO SAY THIS AND WHAT YOU CITED ANDY SPECIAL PERMIT USE AND THAT IS WHAT WE TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT THAT WE HAD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND JUSTIN TO DEMONSTRATE I DO KEEP YOUR EMAILS MR. DONOVAN, YOU DID SHARE THESE WITH ME IN 2022 WHICH WAS THE PUBLIC MEETING REPORT FOR THE SITE AS WELL AS THE AGENDA STATING EXACTLY WHAT YOU SHARED WITH US.

SO, THE QUESTION REALLY SEEMS TO BE IF WE WERE TO DENIED THIS FOR THE GREATER USE OF WHICH THE BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THEN DOES THAT SLOW THE PROCESS DOWN AT ALL? WE DON'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS THIS EVENING AS TO WHAT EXACTLY HOW THE COMMUNITY LAND BANK WOULD PROCEED OR DO WE?

NO.

OKAY.

WELL, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT AND WE WILL JUST HAVE TO HEAR FROM THE BOARD ON THIS THAT IT WOULD SOMEWHAT FORCE THE COMMUNITY LAND BANK TO WORK WITH HOW THE LAND CAN BE BEST USED.

HOWEVER NOBODY IS GOING TO GIVE US A GUARANTEE OF THAT THIS EVENING. OKAY, PLEASE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THIS QUESTION IS FOR YOU MS. HOFFMAN, AM I CORRECT THAT THE CHARGERS WOULD BE LEVEL II CHARGERS?

>>EMILY HOFFMAN: I CANNOT CONFIRM THAT, I DO NOT KNOW WHAT CHARGES HE HAS PROPOSED HERE THAT WAS COORDINATED WITH YVES AND THE ELECTRICIAN.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: YOU KNOW THE AMPERAGE OF THE SERVICE IS?

>>EMILY HOFFMAN: I AM NOT SURE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OKAY.

I AM GOING TO BE VOTING NOT TO CONFIRM THE DECISION TO DO THE ZONING VARIANCE ON MADISON WE HAVE LEVEL III CHARGING, NOBODY IS CLAMORING FOR ADDITIONAL RELATIVELY SLOW CHARGERS LOCATED NOT FAR FROM MUCH FASTER COMMERCIAL CHARGERS.

THIS IS CLEARLY AND BASED ON THE EXCELLENT WORK OF MR. DONOVAN, THIS IS SIMPLY A LOW-COST ATTEMPT TO RETAIN A LAND INVESTMENT THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE LAND NEVER ACTUALLY ATTEMPTED IN THE 18 MONTHS THAT HE WAS ALLOWED UNDER THE TERMS OF HIS DEED TO ACTUALLY PURSUE THE PUBLIC GOOD THAT HE PROMISED IN EXCHANGE FOR PURCHASING THE PROPERTY. I DO NOT FEEL A GREAT NEED TO ALLOW HIM TO MAKE A SMALL INVESTMENT TO RECOUP A \$300,000 GAIN BY SELLING TO A NOT-FOR-PROFIT DEVELOPER THAT IS NOT IN ANY WAY BENEFICIAL TO THE VILLAGE, THESE EV CHARGERS, I AM A MASSIVE PROONENT OF MORE EV CHARGING IN THE VILLAGE, BUT THIS IS NOT IT.

NOBODY WOULD HAVE ANY REASON TO GO AND PLUG IN THEIR CARS AT THIS LOCATION, THIS IS NOT EV CHARGING ORIENTED OR SOME OTHER ECONOMIC DRIVER WHERE THE PEOPLE WOULD GO AND LOGIN AND HOP OVER NEXT DOOR TO CAMP BOW WOW TO HANG OUT WITH THE DOGS, I DON'T THINK THAT IS A SERVICE THAT CAMP BOW WOW OFFERS AND I LOVE CAMP BOW WOW, THEY ARE AWESOME, I JUST GOT MY DOG FROM THERE NOT LONG BEFORE THIS MEETING, GIVE THEM A SHOUT OUT.

BUT, THIS IS NOT A USEFUL DEVELOPMENT.

THIS IS JUST A SMALL INVESTMENT TO RECOUP \$300,000 IN LAND PROSPECTING. AND HAD THE APPLICANT ACTUALLY FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH THE TERMS OF HIS DEED IN A TIMELY MANNER, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE THING, HE DID NOT AND I HAVE NO INTEREST IN HELPING HIM RECOUP THAT.

I WOULD HOPE THAT THE LAND BANK WOULD SEE THAT SHE DID NOT ACTUALLY ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE TERMS OF THE DEED THAT THEY WOULD GET THE LAND BACK AND SELL IT AT THAT SAME COST TO COMMUNITY BUILDERS TO ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING WONDERFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT WE APPROVED. I THINK THAT IS A FAR BETTER PATH FORWARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IF I MAY INSERT BEFORE I SEEK OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENT, ALSO YOU SAID RECOUP AND YOU KNOW HE PAID \$115,000 FOR THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY AND SO HE WOULD BE MAKING.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: MASSIVE PROFIT, YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT ACTUALLY WAS ASKED OF US TO HELP SUPPLEMENT THE COST OF PURCHASING THAT LAND IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HOWEVER WITH THE GOOD WORK OF OUR STAFF THEY WOULD BE PUSHING BACK ON THAT IF WE WERE TO APPROVE THIS FOR POTENTIALLY WHAT WOULD BE MORE FAIR TO THE TAXPAYER, AT LEAST IN THE AGREEMENT. AND SO I AM WITH BRIAN ON THIS.

I CANNOT APPROVE THIS THIS EVENING.

I AM FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT THE LAND BANK WILL WORK WITH US AND THAT IS JUST MY EDUCATED ASSUMPTION HERE AND I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO THE REST OF YOU.

GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I AM STILL TRYING TO GET MY HEAD AROUND THIS, BUT I AM A LITTLE CONFLICTED, BECAUSE IT DOES SEEM LIKE THE OWNER IS GAMING THE SYSTEM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DO WANT TO SAY - YVES HUGHES WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE OAK PARK AREA ARTS COUNCIL IN THE VILLAGE FOR MANY YEARS AND HE DID DO GOOD THINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND HE IS A GOOD GUY.

I JUST WANT TO HAVE THE ADDITIONAL CONTACT, PLEASE.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: AND I WILL SAY THAT THIS IS A PRIVATE PIECE OF PROPERTY AND I DON'T THINK ANYTHING IS DONE ILLEGALLY HERE.

I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY HINT OR SUGGESTION THAT THIS IS IMPROPER OR ILLEGAL AND MY CONCERN IS THAT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS WOULD FOLLOW THROUGH OR END UP IN THAT PATH, BECAUSE AT SOME POINT IF THEY GET IT IN THE LAND BANK GETS IT OUT AND THEY SELL IT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO FAVOR - I DON'T THINK THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS AS A OPEN PROCESS I WOULD ASSUME.

AND SO I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.

AND I DO NOT THINK THAT IT IS OUR ROLE REALLY TO CALL OUT PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT - AND THE MORALITY IS A SEPARATE ISSUE, BUT TO CALL OUT PEOPLE THAT ARE DOING THINGS THAT ARE ILLEGAL AND NOT APPROPRIATE AND SAYING THAT THEY SHOULDN'T PROFIT YOU KNOW LIKE WE DON'T SET THE LAW IN THAT WAY, BUT I DO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT IT.

I JUST WANTED TO ASK MR. BREWER AND I HEARD MENTIONED THAT THE CPA, IT WAS A UNANIMOUS DECISION, BUT ALSO NARROWLY - WHAT DID NOT REFERENCE, EXACTLY?

>>GLENN BREWER: IT REFERENCED THE ACTUAL APPLICATION AND THE INFORMATION PRESENTED TO US.

WE CONSIDERED THE LAND BANK INFORMATION TO BE OUTSIDE OUR PURVIEW. AND ACTUALLY YOUR LANE.

SO, WE DECIDED ON OUR PARTICULAR LANE WHICH WAS THE REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE AND THE VARIANCES.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: OKAY.

VERY GOOD.

SO, AGAIN I DO THINK THAT IT IS A PRIVATE PIECE OF PROPERTY AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT GO OUT OF THE REALM OF AN AFFORDABLE DEVELOPMENT AND I HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING ILLEGAL ABOUT THIS.

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE REST OF THE BOARD AND WHAT THEY THINK, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY ASSURANCE THAT IT WOULD END UP AS AFFORDABLE BUILDING.

AND THAT IS OF CONCERN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK THAT IS VERY UNLIKELY AND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS ALSO A GREAT MISSION OF THE LAND BANK.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I DON'T THINK I HAVE THAT MUCH TO ADD OTHER THAN TO ECHO THE PRIORITY OF GETTING THIS PROPERTY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS FOR THE PROJECT THAT WAS APPROVED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

SO, UNLESS THERE IS A WAY FORWARD THAT IS MORE CLEAR THAN WHAT PRESIDENT SCAMAN HAS DESCRIBED I AM NOT SURE THAT I CAN AGREE WITH THE DECISION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND I WILL JUST ADD THE LITTLE BIT THAT I HAVE TO SHARE.

I DID GO THROUGH THE PROCESS SEVERAL YEARS AGO OF TRYING TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY THROUGH COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AND IT WAS NOT FOR ME, IT WAS FOR A PROJECT - BUT, IT WAS NOT SUPER COMPETITIVE.

IT WAS NOT LIKE THE HIGHEST BIDDER DYNAMIC KIND OF REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION.

SO, WITH THAT LITTLE BIT OF EXPERIENCE I WILL SAY THAT I HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE THAT THERE IS REASONABLENESS AND POTENTIAL TO GO THROUGH IT THE WAY IT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AND I WILL AGREE THAT THIS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY CONFUSING AND KINDA FRUSTRATING THAT IT IS NOT A CLEAR CHOICE BEFORE US.

BUT, DEFINITELY LEANING TOWARDS THIS AGREE WITH THE ZONING BOARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CORY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THIS SUCKS, IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN PAUSE THIS BILL BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY LAND BANK SO THIS CAN JUST GET DISPOSED OF WITHOUT COMING BACK TO US?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK PART OF THE PROBLEM AND I WILL LET CRAIG INTERRUPT ME IS THAT THE LAND BANK DOES NOT WANT TO INTERRUPT A PROCESS IN A DEAL THAT ALREADY EXISTS.

OUR ACTION TONIGHT WOULD CHANGE THAT, IF WE DECIDED TO NOT APPROVE THE ZONING REQUEST BEFORE US, THEN THAT INTERRUPTS THE PROCESS OF THE COMMUNITY LAND BANK AND THEN TAKE A DIFFERENT PATH FORWARD WHICH WE WOULD HOPE FOR AND I WOULD PRESUME THAT THE WILL OF THE COMMUNITY

SINCE MUNICIPALITIES HAVE THE FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL WITH THE LAND BANK YOU KNOW AT THE OUTSET WOULD MATTER.

CRAIG?

>>CRAIG FALOR: THAT IS CORRECT.

THEY WANTED THE PROCESS TO BE THROUGH THE VILLAGE BOARD AND THEY WANTED THE VILLAGE BOARD TO MAKE A DECISION AND THEY ARE AWARE OF TCB AND THE INTERESTS OF THE PROPERTY.

IT IS NOT LIKE IT IS NOT KNOWN TO THEM.

SO, I DO NOT KNOW HOW THAT FUNCTION DEPENDING ON WHAT THE BOARD DECIDES WHAT THEY SPECIFICALLY SAID WE WANT TO SEE THE ENTITLEMENT PROCESS COMPLETE AND THEN WE WILL HAVE A CONVERSATION.

SO I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT WILL DO TO THE CONVERSATION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IF I MAY ADD JUST A TINY BIT MORE, BECAUSE IT IS AND I AM INFERRING IN ALL FAIRNESS I AM INFERRING, BUT YOU KNOW IT IS YVES DID PURCHASE THE PROPERTY BEFORE AND SO HE IS YOU KNOW - THEY ARE LETTING HIM GO THROUGH HIS PROCESS.

AND YOU KNOW THE LAND BANK WOULD NOT WANT TO PRESUME WHAT WE ONE OF THE PROPERTY BEFORE WE DO SOMETHING LIKE IS POTENTIALLY BEFORE US TONIGHT.

BUT, DIFFERENT THAN THE ZBA, THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE GUIDELINES BEFORE THEM AND DOES THE APPLICANT QUALIFY AND THE ANSWER IS YES.

WE AS THE VILLAGE BOARD GET TO CONSIDER THE OVERALL BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND WE HAVE ALREADY PREVIOUSLY STATED WHICH GIVES US ALSO I THINK SOME LEGAL STANDING HERE IS THAT OUR PREFERENCE IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, GO AHEAD -

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I MEAN WE ARE ON RECORD AS INDICATING OUR PREFERENCE SINCE WE DECIDED TO GIVE COMMUNITY BUILDERS MONEY TO ACQUIRE THIS PROPERTY.

SO, I THINK OUR INTEREST IN IT AND OUR ULTIMATE HOPE OF DISPOSITION IS WELL DOCUMENTED.

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS WHERE AND I AM KIND OF WITH JENNA ON THIS. I DO NOT WANT A DECISION HERE TO DELAY GETTING THE PROPERTY TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS TO BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY BUILD THIS DEVELOPMENT. AND I ALSO DON'T WANT THEM TO BASICALLY BE AT THE MERCY OF PAYING 3X WHEN ULTIMATELY BASED ON MY READING OF THE MATERIAL HAVE FALLEN ALONG YOU KNOW OVERTIME AND THIS PROPERTY - THIS ENTITLEMENT OR THIS ENCUMBRANCE ON THE PROPERTY HAS EXISTED SINCE THE ACQUISITION OF IT AND THE OWNER HAS DELAYED IMPLEMENTING THAT ENCUMBRANCE ALL THE WAY UP UNTIL IT BECAME PROFITABLE FOR THEM TO DO SO WHICH KIND OF PISSES ME OFF A LITTLE BIT JUST TO BE HONEST.

SO, THIS ONE IS - YES, I'M GOING TO VOTE NO.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: JUST CURIOUS, DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHY DIDN'T THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS INITIALLY YEARS AGO - DID THEY JUST SUBSEQUENTLY HAVE AN INTEREST OR WHY DIDN'T THEY - WHY DID THEY BUY IT?

ANYBODY KNOW WHY THEY DIDN'T BUY MAC.

>>CRAIG FALOR: THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN IT WHEN IT WAS FOR SALE AND THEY DIDN'T REALLY APPROACH US UNTIL AFTER YVES HAD ALREADY KIND OF APPROACHED US TO DEVELOP A PARKING LOT THERE.

SO, I DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY ENTER THE PICTURE OR WHETHER THEY EVEN KNEW THE PROPERTY WAS FOR SALE.

I DON'T KNOW IF SOMEBODY REACHED OUT TO THEM ABOUT THE PROPERTY AFTER THE FACT, BUT I'M HAPPY TO GET BACK ON THAT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I JUST THINK SOMEBODY WHO WAS SMART ENOUGH I GUESS YOU COULD SAY AND USE THAT WORD TO SEE VALUE IN THE PROPERTY AND PURCHASED IT, I JUST FEEL LIKE YOU KNOW AND THEY ARE NOT - I AM NOT CRAZY ABOUT IT, BECAUSE I DO THINK IT IS GAMING THE SYSTEM TO SOME DEGREE, BUT I DON'T THINK I FEEL COMFORTABLE BEING AN ARBITER OF HOW CAPITALISM SHOULD WORK.

I MEAN IT IS A FREE ENTERPRISE AND THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO TRANSACT THIS THE WAY THEY SEE FIT AS LONG AS IT IS WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK.

SO, I THINK I AM WITH CORY AND I DO NOT THINK I COULD SUPPORT THAT. I WOULD SUPPORT THAT, SORRY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU WOULD SUPPORT THAT AS IT IS WHICH IS THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT CORY WAS SAYING.

YES, CORY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ARE WE SURE THAT HE IS GOING TO BUILD THE CHARGING STATIONS AND THEN THEY ARE GOING TO DEMO THE CHARGING STATION LIKE OUR WE CREATING ANY WASTE -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE ENGINEER IS HERE TELLING US EXACTLY THAT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I WANTED TO BE 100% SURE THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN BEFORE I VOTE.

>>EMILY HOFFMAN: I JUST WANT TO GIVE CLARIFICATION TO THAT SOME OF THE DELAYS WERE OUT OF YVES CONTROL.

WHEN WE CAME ON BOARD ON THE PROJECT, HE HAD ALREADY HAD A CONTRACTOR LINED UP THAT MY UNDERSTANDING PASSED AWAY AND HAD REACHED OUT TO US AND WE HAD PREVIOUSLY DONE PLANS FOR A DECENT SIZED PARKING LOT ON THE PROPERTY THAT WE WERE WORKING THROUGH PERMITTING. SO, THERE WAS NOT NOTHING DONE -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THREE YEARS.

>>EMILY HOFFMAN: I UNDERSTAND.

BUT, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE YOU ALL AWARE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN THINGS GOING ON IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THAT HE HAS MADE SOME ATTEMPTS TO GET THINGS GOING.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WHAT YEAR DID HE ACQUIRE IT?

>>EMILY HOFFMAN: I AM NOT SURE WHAT YEAR -

>>SPEAKER: MARCH 2022.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, THAT IS POST COVID.

ALL RIGHT.

>>EMILY HOFFMAN: BUT, I CAN SAY THAT HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH A ELECTRICIAN AND HAS THE ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY FOR THE STATION AND SO HE IS MAKING PROGRESS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NOW THAT HE CAN MAKE \$250,000 OR MORE.

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>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: SO, THE INTENTION OVERALL IS THAT HE IS GOING TO INSTALL THIS EV STATION WHICH WILL ALLOW HIM TO MAKE HIS REQUIREMENT TO THE LAND BANK AND THEN ONCE HE HAS THE TITLE FREE AND CLEAR HE WOULD GIVE THAT BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDER THAT WILL THEN SCRAPE IT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO BUILD A BUILDING WHERE THE WILL NOT HAVE EV CHARTERS?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT IS CORRECT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THIS IS SERIOUSLY BEFORE US?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: FOR ME IT IS NOT SO MUCH YOU KNOW CAPITALISM, I AGREE WITH JIM, THEY HAVE EVERY RIGHT, OKAY?

BUT, THE WASTE OF DOING THIS AND THEN -

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: IS LIKE VOTING FOR SOMEBODY TO COME IN AND PUT A GAS STATION ONLY TO COME IN AND KNOCK IT DOWN THE NEXT DAY LIKE THAT IS TO REGULUS -- THAT IS RIDICULOUS AND I'M NOT VOTING FOR THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND I WONDER IF HIS MOTIVATION TO HAVE THE ELECTRICIAN AND EVERYTHING LINED UP NOW IS NOT BECAUSE THERE IS A POTENTIAL REASON TO FINISH -

>>EMILY HOFFMAN: I CAN SAY THAT WE RECEIVED PLANS FOR THE ELECTRICAL SERVICES AND THINGS QUITE A WHILE AGO AND SO THAT IS HOW WE WERE ABLE TO PUT THEM ON OUR PLAN.

AND SO IT HAS NOT BEEN IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE APPROVED THE PROJECT, THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT WHEN?

JANUARY?

IS THAT ABOUT WHEN YOU GOT THE CALL?

>>EMILY HOFFMAN: THERE WAS SOME PERMITTING WITH THE VILLAGE AT THAT POINT -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: APPRECIATE YOU, THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ONE LAST THING, SO THE EV STATION ON UNIMPROVED LAND, PARKING LOT ON UNIMPROVED LAND OR CARWASH, BASICALLY - I MEAN THE REASON FOLKS BUY LAND AND DO THESE THINGS IS BECAUSE THEY ARE QUICK AND THEY ARE CHEAPER TO DEMOLISH.

BUT, THIS HAS BEEN THREE YEARS.

SO, IF YOU WANTED A EV STATION ON THIS LAND IT WOULD BE ONE ON THIS LAND AND IF YOU WANTED A PARKING LOT, THERE WOULD BE A PARKING LOT.

IT DOES NOT TAKE THREE YEARS TO DO THESE THINGS.

THAT IS THE VERY NATURE OF WHY THEY EXIST.

PEOPLE PURCHASE LAND AND THEY THINK IT WILL APPRECIATE AND THEY PUT A PARKING LOT THERE AND THEN MAKE A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY TO PAY THE

PROPERTY TAXES WHILE THE LAND APPRECIATES AND THEN THEY FLIP IT TO A DEVELOPER WHO THEN BUILDS SOMETHING BIGGER AND THEY TAKE THE PROPHET, RIGHT?

AND IN THIS CASE THIS IS WHAT HE COULD HAVE DID AND THIS WHOLE DISCUSSION WOULD NOT EVEN BE HAPPENING, BECAUSE WE WOULD'VE HAD A PARKING LOT THAT WE ALL WOULD HAVE HATED BUT WE WOULD'VE HAD IT AND WE WOULD'VE HAD IT FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THEN THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS WOULD HAVE PURCHASED THE PARKING LOT AND THEN THEY WOULD HAVE THEN TORE OUT THE PARKING LOT WHICH WILL BE CHEAPER THAN TEARING OUT THE EV STATION AND THEN BUILD A DEVELOP EAR LIKE THIS IS THE WAY THESE THINGS WORK.

AND I'M SAYING THAT FOR FOLKS WHO MAY NOT KNOW THIS.

SO, THIS WHOLE THING IS UNCONVENTIONAL AND QUITE FRANKLY IS BS AND I JUST WANT THAT ON THE RECORD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THE LAND BANK WORKING TO SELL PROPERTY IS SO THAT IT IS NO LONGER BLIGHTED.

MY DAUGHTER WORK AT THE CAMP BOW WOW WHEN SHE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND SHE IS NOW A TEACHER AND IT WAS A VACANT LOT THEN AND SO IT WAS HIGHLY UNSUCCESSFUL.

SO, GAINING ACCESS TO THAT LAND FOR THAT COST, I DO NOT THINK WAS JUST, GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: IDEAL TO CLARIFY, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE BUYING A PROPERTY FROM A LAND BANK, FULFILLING SOME SPECIFIC THING LIKE PUTTING THE EV STATION AND THEN HOLDING IT UNTIL AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP IT COMES ALONG.

AND IF THAT IS WHAT HAD HAPPENED, THEN WE WOULDN'T BE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION.

SO, FOR ME IT IS THAT YOU KNOW IT IS NOT THAT - THAT THIS IS LIKE GOING BY ALL OF THE RULES AND IT IS FINE AND YOU KNOW THERE WAS SOMETHING ON THE DEED THAT SAID IT HAD TO BE DONE WITHIN 18 MONTHS AND WE ARE SITTING HERE 3 AND A HALF YEARS LATER AND WE DIDN'T GET ANY BENEFIT FROM THE LAND BANK SALE AND THIS MINIMAL INVESTMENT IN THE PROPERTY IS GOING TO GO TO WASTE.

SO, IT IS THE MODEST SUSTAINABILITY GAIN OF A SHORT COUPLE MONTHS OF EV CHARGING STATIONS IS A MASSIVE SUSTAINABILITY LOSS, BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO BE RIPPING UP THE CONCRETE THAT IS THEY BROKEN UP CONCRETE THAT IS THERE NOW AND PUTTING IN NEW ASPHALT LANDSCAPING AND EV CHARTERS AND THEN RIPPING ALL OF THAT UP TO DO NEW CONSTRUCTION.

AND PUTTING IN ASPHALT AND THEN RIPPING UP ASPHALT IS JUST A TERRIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL THING.

THERE IS NO ACTUAL SUSTAINABILITY GAINS.

IT IS A SUBSTANTIAL SUSTAINABILITY LOSS TO DO THIS AND THEN UNDO IT QUICKLY. SO, I WANT TO BE CLEAR, THIS IS NOT LIKE AN OPPOSITION TO CAPITALISM AND BUYING UNDEVELOPED LAND TO LATER SELL IT TO A DEVELOPER IF YOU ACTUALLY FULFILL THE TERMS OF THAT.

TO ME THAT IS THE ISSUE AND I CANNOT APPROVE THE ZONING APPLICATION WHEN I KNOW THAT THE PURPOSE OF THAT ZONING APPLICATION IS TO CREATE INCREDIBLE WASTE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I CAN KEEP TALKING, BECAUSE THE THING SAID IN THIS ORIGINAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND I'M JUST READING, HE SAID THAT THE STATION WILL FULFILL A FUTURE COMMUNITY NEED WHILE CREATING A MORE SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AS 50% OF ALL CARS IN THE US WILL BE ELECTRIC VEHICLES BY 2030 AND SINCE ELECTRIC VEHICLES TAKE HOURS TO CHARGE, HE PLANS TO OFFER RESTAURANTS AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT FOR DRIVERS WHILE THEY WAIT. DO WE HAVE MORE TO SAY OR CAN WE VOTE?

(CHUCKLE).

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I AM READY TO SAY NO.

I WAS NOT VERY CLEAR BEFORE, I GOT SOME CLARITY AFTER THIS CONVERSATION, SO I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY FILLING ME IN AND GIVING THE HISTORY. IT SEEMS LIKE A WASTE OF RESOURCES AND WASTE OF TIME TO ALLOW THIS TO PROCEED.

SO, I'M GOING TO VOTE TO DENY IT AND HOPEFULLY THAT WILL ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF GETTING THIS TO BE HEADED OFF TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS.

THAT IS WHERE I'M GOING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GREG, ANYTHING ELSE?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: TRUSTEE STRAW AND EDER APPROVED AND SECOND THE MOTION THAT THEY WITHDRAW THEIR MOTION AND THEN HAVE A DIFFERENT MOTION TO DENY THE APPLICATION.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO MAKE IT A MOTION TO DENY?

OR IS IT - WHAT IS THE PROPER VERB THERE?

REJECT THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION AND ADOPT THE ORDINANCE -

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: AND DENY THE APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OKAY, SO I WOULD OFFER A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO REJECT THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION AND DENY THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I CAN SECOND THAT.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THE MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD IS AS GESTATED TO A VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WOULD BE A VOTE TO DENY THE APPROVAL.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YES IS TO DENY.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, SO TRUSTEE ENYIA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING BEFORE WE GO TO VOTE?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU SO MUCH MR. DONOVAN.

I MEAN I HAVE TRUSTED THIS GUY FOR MANY YEARS.

I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK ON THIS, BUT ALSO THE COMMISSION WORK YOU KNOW IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS NOT GOING AGAINST (AWAY FROM MIC) AND THE

COMMISSION UNDERSTANDS, BUT I DID NOT THINK IT WOULD TAKE THIS LONG TO GET TO IT, JUST I FEEL LIKE WE ALL KNOW WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS AND ON MULTIPLE LEVELS IT WOULD BE ONE THING IF IT WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS, BUT IT IS MULTIPLE THINGS AND SO I DON'T THINK IT IS TAKING ME TOO LONG TO FIGURE OUT THIS IS A BAD PROJECT AND SOMETHING THAT I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WANTS TO SEE ON SO MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SUSTAINABILITY AND I HAVE NO PROBLEM AS WELL AS ANYBODY ELSE AND TO DO THIS IN WAYS THAT WORKS WITHIN THE LAW.

AND HE HAS ALSO FIGURED A WAY TO DRAG HIS FEET AND NOT FULFILL HIS OBLIGATIONS THROUGH THAT PROCESS AND I JUST THINK THE CLIMATE ISSUES AND SUSTAINABLE ISSUES ARE A HUGE FACTOR AND AFTER YOUR READING THAT MADE ME MORE MAD THAT HE MADE THOSE CLAIMS OF THINGS THAT HE WOULD ADD TO THE SPACE AND NEVER ACTUALLY COMPLETED ANY OF THOSE THINGS. SO, YES IT IS A NO FOR ME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JIM.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THERE WAS A DISCUSSION PREVIOUSLY HERE ABOUT PAIRING DOWN VILLAGE HALL AND THE BOARD AT THE TIME WAS OKAY WITH THAT AND GAVE CONSENT AND GAVE THE DIRECTION TO STAFF AND YOU KNOW TALK ABOUT A WASTE IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT - I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT ONE ASPHALT PARKING LOT I AM WORRIED ABOUT THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE AND I'M NOT TRYING TO MAKE A POINT TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT, I AM JUST SUGGESTING THAT I DON'T THINK THOSE DISCUSSIONS HAPPEN THEN, BUT WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT THIS PARKING LOT AND THE CHARTERS WHICH I MEAN IT IS NOT IDEAL.

I HAVE SAID THAT BEFORE.

AND WE ALSO HAVE MANY DEVELOPERS WHO DELAY A LOT OF THINGS IN THIS VILLAGE FROM SOUTH BOULEVARD THAT ONE DEVELOPMENT THAT IS JUST EAST OF OAK PARK AVENUE.

THAT GUY HAS BEEN IN THERE HALF A DOZEN TIMES AND WE HAVE NEVER SAID WELL, WE ARE DONE WITH IT.

WE HAVE ENTERTAINED DELAYS AND I'M NOT SUGGESTING THIS IS THE SAME, BUT THERE ARE OTHER SITUATIONS THAT WE CAN CONSIDER, BUT I AM OKAY WITH MOVING AHEAD.

OKAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE RESPECT THE VARYING OPINIONS ON THIS.

I MEAN MY VOTE IS LARGEMLY BECAUSE THERE IS BETTER USE FOR THIS LAND. AND IT IS ONE THAT THE BOARD HAS VOTED ON BEFORE AND APPROVED AND THAT IS THAT FOR ME.

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IN ALL DUE RESPECT, OUR CONSIDERATION WITH VILLAGE HALL WAS ALSO WHAT WAS GOING TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY THE GREATEST FOR THE LONGEST TIME INTO THE FUTURE FOR THE GREATEST COST.

AND THEN THE PREVIOUS BOARD DID A EXCELLENT JOB OF CHANGING HOW IT IS THAT WE WORK WITH DEVELOPERS WHO TAKE TOO LONG ON PROJECTS AND NOW

YOU SEE A FEE STRUCTURE WHEN THAT HAPPENS THAT DID NOT EXIST BEFORE AND YOU SEE A NEW DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT AS WE LET IT SIT FOR 30 DAYS AND LET THAT CONTRACT DIES SO WE CAN RENEGOTIATE IN THE STRONGEST WAY POSSIBLE AND NOW WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY DELAYS SINCE THAT HAPPENED. SO, THE PREVIOUS BOARD DID NOT JUST LET - YOU KNOW WE RESPONDED WITH A CHANGE IN POLICY THAT NOW CHANGES HOW DEVELOPMENT HAPPENS AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY HAPPENS FOR DEVELOPERS IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK. WITH THAT I ASK CLERK WATERS TO PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE AND SO FOR CLARIFICATION THE MOTION HAS BEEN MODIFIED SO THAT THOSE WHO ARE NOT AGREEING WITH THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS INITIAL RESPONSE WHICH WE HAVE ALSO HEARD WAS LARGELY WITH A NARROW SCOPE OF THE GUIDELINES OF THE ZBA, NOT THIS GREATER PURVIEW WHICH IS THE PURVIEW OF THE VILLAGE BOARD AS STATED BY THE MEMBER OF THE ZBA, GLENN BREWER. AND SO YOU CAN NOW VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BASED ON THE CONVERSATION THAT HAS BEEN HAD.

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

AND FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES IN OVERWRITING THE ZBA, DO WE NEED A SUPER MAJORITY?

OKAY, INTERESTING.

I WAS UNCLEAR ON THAT EARLIER.

BUT, EITHER WAY WE ARE GOOD.

SO, I DO APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THAT YVES HUGHES HAS DONE IN THIS COMMUNITY OVER TIME WITH HIS WORK WITH THE OAK PARK AREA ARTS COUNCIL AND THIS IS JUST A PROJECT THAT DID NOT WORK OUT ALIGNED WITH THE CURRENT VILLAGE BOARD GOALS.

THANK YOU.

AND MOVING NEXT TO CONCUR WITH THE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ADOPT THE ORDINANCE

APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR DUTCH BROS COFFEE AUTHORIZING A DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY AT 316 MADISON STREET.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOTION

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>CRAIG FALOR: THIS REQUEST IS FOR A DRIVE-THROUGH COFFEE SHOP AND THE APPLICANT ALSO RECEIVED SOME VARIANCES FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPROVES AND MIKE BRUCE WILL BE ABLE TO WALK YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS AND GLENN BREWER IT IS ALSO HERE REPRESENTING IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THEM.

>>MIKE BRUCE: THANK YOU MR. FALOR, GOOD EVENING BOARD.

MIKE BRUCE.

THE ADDITION OR DUTCH BROS COFFEE SIX SPECIAL USE APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT A TWO LANE DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY AT 360 MADISON STREET IN THE MADISON STREET ZONING DISTRICT.

THEY PROPOSE TO DEMOLISH THE EXISTING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTING A NEW ROUGHLY 1200 SQUARE-FOOT BUILDING, ADDITIONAL PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE LANDSCAPING, LIGHTING, NEW PARKING LOT STRIPING, THE REAR ALLEY ACCESS TO THE NORTH OF THE PROPOSED BUILDING WOULD BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND ONLY ACCESSIBLE TO SERVICE AND DELIVERY VEHICLES HERE AT ALL CUSTOMERS WOULD ENTER AND EXIT FROM MADISON STREET.

THE SITE WAS PREVIOUSLY USED AS A DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT SIMILAR TO THE PROPOSED COFFEE SHOP USE.

THE PROPOSED DOUBLE DRIVE-THROUGH CONFIGURATION RESULT IN CONFLICT WITH CERTAIN VILLAGE REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS THE BAILOUT LANE AND THE MENU BOARD REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE NOT READILY ADDRESSABLE THROUGH DESIGN CHANGES, BUT OVERALL THIS PROPOSAL WILL PROVIDE AMPLE INTERNAL CAPACITY TO PREVENT STACKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES WITHIN THE MADISON STREET DRIVEWAY.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS LANDSCAPING WOULD ENHANCE THE APPEARANCE OF THE SITE AND THE USE ITSELF WOULD NOT FUNCTION MUCH DIFFERENTLY THAN THE PREVIOUS DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT WHICH FEATURES A SINGLE CONFIGURATION AND LAYOUT IN THE NEW BUILDING WILL ALSO HAVE A WALK-UP WINDOW ENCOURAGING PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY AND SOME POTENTIAL TRAFFIC ISSUES WITHIN THE ALLEY WILL BE MITIGATED AND THE PROPOSED DRIVE-THROUGH COFFEE SHIP SHOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD SERVING USE ON A CURRENT VACANT SITE. TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED SITE AND THE BUILDING CONFIGURATIONS WHICH AS STATED FEATURES A TWO LANE DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY, THE APPLICANT REQUESTED VARIANCE FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO ONE, ALLOW THE BUILDING LOCATION TO EXCEED THE BUILD ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND TWO, ALLOW ON-SITE PARKING TO BE LOCATED TO THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING RATHER THAN TO THE REAR OF THE BUILDING AND ALLOW ONE BYPASS LANE TO SERVICE TWO DRIVE-THROUGH LANES.

AND THE FINAL VARIANCE REQUESTED ALLOWS MORE THAN ONE MENU BOARD ON SITE.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPROVED ALL REQUESTS.

OCTOBER 8, 2025 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PICKED UP ON SPECIAL USE APPLICATION AND AT THE HEARING, ONE PERSON SPOKE IN FAVOR AND ONE PERSON SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO THE APPLICATION RECENT CONCERN ABOUT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PROPOSED DRIVE-THROUGH AND PEDESTRIAN VIEWS ON THE CROSSWALK ON MADISON STREET.

THE APPLICANT SUGGESTED INSTALLING A SIGN NEAR THE CROSSWALK TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LOOKS AT THE DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY BEING CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF INTENT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND THIS OPERATION WILL NOT HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMENDS THAT THE TRUSTEES APPROVED THESE SPECIAL USE APPLICATIONS WITH FOUR CONDITIONS.

ONE, THAT THE APPLICANT INSTALL A PEDESTRIAN SIGN THAT WARNS OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND THE APPLICANT AT A BICYCLE RACK ON THE PREMISES WHICH IS ALREADY ACTUALLY REQUIRED BY THE ZONING BOARD AND THREE, THAT THE APPLICANT INSTALL WHEEL STOPS LOCATED ON THE FENCE ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE LOT, ALSO ANOTHER REQUIREMENT BY THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND THEN THE FOURTH AND FINAL THAT THE APPLICANT INSTALL A METAL RAILING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF THE BAILOUT LANE.

STAFF ASKED THAT YOU CONCUR WITH THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ADOPT THE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY.

AS MR. FALOR STATED, MR. BREWER IS HERE FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND I AM AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS ALSO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY GOOD.

TRUSTEE TAGLIA?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I JUST HAVE TWO QUESTIONS, NUMBER ONE, IS THE DEVELOPER OR APPLICANT HERE GOING TO DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING? IS THAT WHAT THIS IS?

THEY ARE GOING TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING?

>>MIKE BRUCE: YES.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: AND THE SECOND QUESTION, ARE THEY GOING TO PUT IN A BRAND-NEW ASPHALT PARKING LOT?

>>MIKE BRUCE: YES.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THEY WILL RIP IT UP, REPLACE IT HERE THE WHOLE THING DOWN AND REBUILD IT?

>>MIKE BRUCE: ACTUALLY I'M NOT SURE IF THEY NEED TO DEMOLISH THE EXISTING ASPHALT, I GUESS DEPENDING ON THE CONDITION THEY MAY RESTRIPIED THE EXISTING PARKING LOT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: IT DOES SAY SOMETHING ABOUT -

>>MIKE BRUCE: RESTRIPIING IS DEFINITELY A PART OF IT THEY DEFINITELY PLAN TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: IT SAYS NEW PARKING LOT AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT EXACTLY MEANS.

NEW, I THINK THAT MEANS REPLACE I JUST WANT TO MAKE THE POINT THAT IT IS - IF WE WERE TO APPLY THE SAME DISCUSSION AND STANDARD OF SOME OF THESE THINGS, THIS WOULD BE QUESTION BECAUSE WE WOULD SAY WELL, THEY CANNOT DEMOLISH IT AND WE ARE PUTTING NEW ASPHALT AND AND AGAIN I AM NOT TRYING TO GET INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH ANYONE, IT IS WHAT IT IS.

BUT, THIS IS CLEAR, THEY ARE GOING TO DO THAT WORK AND THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE SUSTAINABILITY GOALS TO SOME DEGREE.

IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD BUILDING TO ME, ACTUALLY.

I'M NOT GOING TO WEIGH IN ON THE I WILL LET DEVELOPMENT GO BECAUSE THAT IS THEIR BUSINESS.

BUT, I WOULD SUPPORT THIS.

I WILL MAKE THAT POINT, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

YOU KNOW I AM HOPING THAT AFTER THIS LAST COMMENT WE MOVE FORWARD TO THE ACTUAL AGENDA ITEM.

BUT, I JUST WANT TO REMIND MY COLLEAGUE THAT OUR MANDATE IS TO PROTECT OUR TAXPAYERS AND IN THE PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEM WE LOST REVENUE FOR THREE YEARS WHILE THE LAND WAS UNDEVELOPED TO THE TAX PAYER AND THEN IT WAS THE TAXPAYER THAT WAS GOING TO SUPPLEMENT THE COST TO TCB FOR PURCHASING THE LAND.

SO, THOSE TWO BECAUSE - SO, TO ME THAT ALSO IS A CHALLENGE WHERE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS REVITALIZING A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT FOR I THINK A USE THAT IS PRODUCTIVE AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE LAND WHICH IS THE PURVIEW OF THE ZBA TO DETERMINE AND NOW ALL LEAD THE DISCUSSION TO OFFER ANY QUESTIONS, AS WELL.

TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I THINK IT IS A GOOD USE, NOT SEEING THAT KFC WHICH HAS NOT BEEN THERE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS YOU KNOW LIKE YOU STILL HAVE THAT SNACK OR - AND IT HAS BEEN SITTING THERE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME AND KIDS TRAVEL THROUGH THAT LOT EVERY DAY TO GO THROUGH THE SCHOOL AND IT CREATES A LITTLE BIT OF A BLIND SPOT TO SOME OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AS WELL WHEN KIDS ARE TRAVELING YOU KNOW I KNOW FOR A FACT BECAUSE YOU KNOW I DROP OFF MY DAUGHTER'S BACKPACK WHEN SHE FORGETS IT OR HER BASKETBALL BAG AND SO THAT IS WHERE I SIT AND WAIT AND I HAVE SEEN THAT SOME KIDS CAN GET LOST IN THE PACK AROUND THAT BUILDING AND I THINK BEING ABLE TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE EYES ON IT AND THAT THERE IS A USE FOR THAT BUILDING WILL GET KIDS BACK TO WALKING ON THE SIDEWALK AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE USING THESE TYPE OF SHORTCUTS THAT POTENTIALLY MAKE A DANGEROUS SITUATION THROUGH THE ALLEY THAT GOES RIGHT BETWEEN THEIR AND I CAN TELL YOU WITH CERTAINTY PEOPLE DO NOT ALWAYS LOOK FOR CHILDREN AND USE THAT AS A QUICK WAY TO GET AROUND THE TRAFFIC ON MADISON AND ONTO RIDGELAND AND SO YOU JUST HAVE TO KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED AND I THINK THIS OFFERS ALSO A SAFETY SITUATION FOR US WHICH IS BETTER THAN WHAT THE ALTERNATIVE IS AND A BUILDING SITTING UNUSED I THINK FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME YOU KNOW LETTING A DILAPIDATED BUILDING SET THERE, I WANT TO SEE THAT BUILDING REUSE OVER TIME OR TAKEN DOWN AND SOMETHING ELSE BE PUT IN ITS PLACE.

AND I THINK THIS IS A PERFECT USE AND EVERYONE IN OAK PARK LOVES COFFEE OR CHAI TEA AND I THINK THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY THERE FOR MORE PEOPLE TO

GET ACCESS TO THAT HERE IN OAK PARK WHICH SEEMS TO BE ON THE RISE AND WE JUST LOST THE CAFÉ AND SO MAYBE THERE IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEBODY TO FIND A NEW FAVORITE COFFEES SPOT IN OAK PARK.  
I'LL BE VOTING YES.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WILL BE VOTING YES ALTHOUGH I AM CURIOUS, CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE TRAFFIC PATTERN FOR TRAFFIC EXITING THE DRIVE-THROUGH?

IS IT GOING TO BE RIGHT TURN ONLY?

>>MIKE BRUCE: THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, IT WILL BE RIGHT TURN ONLY.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: BECAUSE, THAT IS EXITING INTO AN AREA WHERE YOU HAVE A RIGHT TURN LANE, STRAIGHT AND A LEFT TURN LANE AS WELL AS A BIKE TURN LANE BEFORE YOU GET TRAFFIC THAT IS GOING EASTBOUND.

SO, THAT IS ONE THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE IS THOUGHTFULLY DONE TO PROMOTE PEOPLE FOLLOWING THAT RIGHT TURN ONLY AND NOT UNDERSTANDING IT TO BE A SUGGESTION AS SOMETIMES OCCURS WITH THOSE KINDS OF RIGHT TURN ONLY SIGNAGE.

AND TO THE POINT ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT DEMOLITION IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT, THERE IT WAS WE WERE BUILDING SOMETHING AND IMMEDIATELY DEMOLISHING IT.

HERE IT IS A UNUSED LOT OF LAND AND SOMEBODY IS APPLYING TO DEVELOP IT. I HAVE NO OPPOSITION TO DEVELOPMENT AND AS I SAID IF THE PRIOR APPLICATION WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, THEY HAD COME IN AND DEVELOPED IT IN 2022 IN THE WAY THEY SAID THEY WOULD, IT WOULDN'T EVEN BE A POINT OF CONVERSATION. IT IS THE I DON'T WANT TO BACKUP A TRUCK FULL OF ASPHALT, LAY IT DOWN AND THEN COME BACK A COUPLE WEEKS LATER AND SCRAPE IT OFF.

IT IS SILLY.

HERE, IT IS A BUILDING THAT IS SITTING EMPTY AND UNUSED AND WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO BE SEEING SOME SALES TAX REVENUE AS WELL AS SOME INCREASED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE AND I LIKE BOTH OF THOSE THINGS AS WELL AS CONTINUING TO DIVERSIFY THE MANY WAYS THAT I CAN GET A CAFFEINE FIX IN AND ACROSS OAK PARK WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO ME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU LIKE SUGAR.

PLEASE - TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ALL RIGHT.

I AM SUPER SUPPORTIVE OF THIS.

I THINK PUTTING THIS PARCEL BACK TO USE WOULD BE A GOOD THING FOR THE VILLAGE TO TRUSTEE STRAW'S WENT ABOUT SALES REVENUE AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE AND HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE OF THOSE THINGS.

I DO SHARE CONCERNS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL TRAFFIC PATTERN AND INTERSECTION OF ALL OF THOSE VARIOUS DIFFERENT KIND OF USE CASES CAUSING SOME ISSUES AND I THINK WE WILL HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THAT AS THIS DEVELOP.

A COUPLE QUESTIONS AND THEY ARE REALLY KIND OF GENERAL QUESTIONS.

ARE THEY REQUIRED TO COME TO THE ZBA BECAUSE THEY WANT TO DO DUAL DRIVE-THROUGH'S OR IS IT BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO DO A DRIVE-THROUGH IN GENERAL?

>>MIKE BRUCE: THE LATTER IS CORRECT.

DRIVE-THROUGH IN GENERAL REQUIRE SPECIAL USE BECAUSE OF THE TRAFFIC CONCERNS.

SO, WE WANT EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM TO BE MET.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS A DRIVE-THROUGH THERE BEFORE.

>>MIKE BRUCE: THE GRANDFATHER OF THAT LEFT A LONG TIME AGO.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THAT IS INTERESTING.

THANK YOU FOR THAT, I DID NOT KNOW THAT.

AND THAT ACTUALLY NEGATES MY SECOND QUESTION SO THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: QUICK QUESTION, SO SOMEBODY BOUGHT THAT CLOSER OR UTILIZED THAT BUILDING SOONER, WOULD THEY HAVE BEEN GRANDFATHERED INTO THE EXISTING DRIVE-THROUGH?

>>MIKE BRUCE: THAT IS CORRECT.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: HOW LONG DOES THAT TAKE?

>>MIKE BRUCE: THEY ARE ONLY ALLOWING SIX MONTHS NOW FOR NONCONFORMING USE TO BE CONTINUED.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THAT IS GOOD INFORMATION.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT IS NOT NECESSARILY THAT WE ARE NOT APPROVING OF DRIVE-THROUGH'S, IT IS THAT WE WANT SOME SAY AS TO HOW THEY FUNCTION. VERY GOOD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: MY ONLY POINT IN ASKING THE QUESTION IS THERE ANYTHING THAT MAKES THE DRIVE-THROUGH PROCESS YOU KNOW COSTING MONEY AND SO THAT KIND OF FACTORS HOW FOLKS THINK ABOUT IF THEY WILL DO BUSINESS.

SO, IN SITUATIONS WHERE WE ALREADY HAVE VETTED THE USE CASE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF WE CAN LET THAT RIDE AND REDUCE THE TIME OF THE PROCESS. SO, THAT WAS THE POINT OF THE QUESTION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I APPRECIATE THAT AS WELL AND I SHARED TRUSTEE WESLEY 'S CONCERNED THAT WE IDENTIFY WAYS OF JUST KEEPING THINGS MOVING FOR PEOPLE WILLING TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I AM CURIOUS IF THAT DID, NOT TO COUNTER TRUSTEE WESLEY 'S POINT, I THINK IT IS STILL VALID, BUT IF IT WAS DELAYED IN ANY WAY, WOULD THE PROJECT HAVE REQUIRED THE ZONING PROCESS IF THE DRIVE-THROUGH WAS NOT A CONCERN?

>>MIKE BRUCE: IF IT WAS NOT A CONCERN?

OR THE PROPOSER DRIVE-THROUGH?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I KNOW YOU ARE NOT OPPOSED - IF THE DRIVE-THROUGH DIRECTION DID NOT NEED TO BE A PART OF A VETTING PROCESS.

>>MIKE BRUCE: A DRIVE-THROUGH IN GENERAL REQUIRES THE VETTING PROCESS OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT.

SO, ON PUBLIC HEARINGS WE WANT ENGINEERS TO LOOK AT IT.  
WE WANT THE COMMUNITY TO WEIGH IN ON IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY NICE.  
I APPRECIATE THAT, THANK YOU.  
AND CRAIG?

>>CRAIG FALOR: WHEN THE KFC DRIVE-THROUGH WAS DEVELOPED, THAT WAS DIFFERENT.  
WITH THIS DRIVE-THROUGH NOW YOU HAVE BIKE LANES AND IT IS A DIFFERENT PROFILE THAN WHAT WE SAW HERE SO, IT NEEDED PROBABLY SOME VETTING REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT HAD TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS.  
DIFFERENT APPLICATION.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THAT IS A REALLY GOOD POINT, CRAIG.  
I DID NOT THINK ABOUT THAT.  
ALTHOUGH, I GUESS THE THOUGHT THAT I HAVE ON THAT IS WHETHER OR NOT IT STILL NEEDS TO GO THROUGH PUBLIC HEARINGS VS. JUST GO THROUGH VILLAGE ENGINEERING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DO THINK THAT PERMITTING PROCESSES ARE MEANT TO PROTECT US AND PEOPLE AND THEIR INVESTMENTS AND - I THINK WE CAN LOOK FOR THOSE OPPORTUNITIES.

THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I WILL JUST SAY THE QUESTIONS I HAD A REALLY AROUND DOES THIS IMPACT THE BIKE SAFETY OF MEDICINE?  
I BELIEVE THAT WAS DISCUSSED THROUGH THE CONVERSATIONS THAT ALREADY HAPPENED.

SO, I AM A YES AND READY TO MOVE ON THIS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, WE ARE READY TO CALL THE VOTE?

OKAY, THANK YOU.

CLERK WATERS, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.  
CONGRATULATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING.

AND YES, THANK YOU MICHAEL BRUCE.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: NEED THAT JACKET!  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT, THEN I ENTERTAIN A MOTION - NO, THIS IS A MOTION BY TRUSTEE ENYIA, SECOND BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON TO GRANT \$150,000 TO THE LIVING ROOM PROJECT.

MOTION PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.  
>>SPEAKER: SECOND.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, AND THE SAME STAYS TRUSTEE ENYIA MOTION AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: YES, PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, THIS MOTION JUST SOME BRIEF REMARKS BEFORE WE GET INTO THE PRESENTATION, THIS CONTEMPLATES A GRANT REQUEST OF 150,000 OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME FOR A TOTAL OF \$450,000 ON A ONE-TIME BASIS TO SUPPORT A PILOT INITIATIVE CALLED THE LIVING ROOM PROJECT.

THE PROJECT TONIGHT, THERE WILL BE SOME INFORMATION PRESENTED ON THE PROJECT TONIGHT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHERYL POTTS OF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD.

IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, STAFF WOULD ADVANCE THIS ITEM TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY A FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND SUBSEQUENTLY MAKE A REP IN NATION -- MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON HOW TO FUND THIS REQUEST.

SO, WITHOUT INTRODUCTION I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE I THINK OUR SPEAKER TONIGHT MS. CHERYL POTTS FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD THAT WILL LEAD US IN A PRESENTATION ABOUT WHAT THIS CONCEPT REALLY REPRESENTS. THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME.

>>CHERYL POTTS: THANK YOU VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON, PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEES.

MY NAME IS CHERYL POTTS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF OAK PARK TOWNSHIP AND I AM HERE WITH SHELLEY LESTRADE WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NAMI METRO SUBURBAN AND WE ARE GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE LIVING ROOM PROGRAM.

WE DO HAVE A PRESENTATION THAT WE SENT OVER AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS LOADED UP OKAY, PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON ME TO DO TECHNOLOGY, BECAUSE I WILL MESS IT UP.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, JONATHAN.

LET ME JUST ORIENTATE MYSELF HERE.

OKAY, SO I WILL START OFF THIS EVENING BY STARTING YOU WITH A FOUNDATIONAL CONTEXT INFORMING OUR DECISION TO PURSUE A LIVING ROOM DECISION IN OAK PARK.

I WILL THEN HANDED OVER TO SHELLEY WHO WILL GIVE YOU A BASIC OVERVIEW OF WHAT A LIVING ROOM PROGRAM IS, HOW IT WORKS, ITS HISTORY AND NATIONAL AND LOCAL HISTORY AND ITS IMPACT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CARE CONTINUUM AND I WILL CLOSE THIS OUT WITH A PILOT STRUCTURE AND THE INDICATORS THAT WE WISH TO MEASURE IN THE BUDGET. THERE HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE EFFORTS IN OAK PARK OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND HOW TO RESPOND AND HOW WE CAN BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS.

BACK IN 2020 AND 2022 PROMPTED BY THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD THE VILLAGE CONTRACTED WITH BERRY DUNN TO OPERATE A REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALTERNATIVES FOR TRADITIONAL POLICING RESPONSES.

AN ENTIRE SECTION OF THAT FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTEES WAS A CALL TO PROVIDE MORE APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS TO THOSE IN CRISES.

IN OCTOBER 2022, INFLUENCED BY THE BERRY DUNN REPORT, THE VILLAGE MANAGER ESTABLISHED A TASK FORCE OF LOCAL LEADERS AND MENTAL HEALTH CHAIRED BY ME AND ALLISON DAVENPORT, THE CEO OF RIVERHEAD HOSPITAL. THE PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE WAS TO REVIEW THE BERRY DUNN REPORT AND ADVISE ON HOW TO ACTUALIZE MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE MODELS IN OAK PARK. AND WE HAD THE BENEFIT OF HAVING CHIEF JOHNSON AND THEN CHIEF K AT THE TABLE DURING THAT PROCESS WHICH ALLOWED US TO REVIEW CURRENT OPERATIONS OF THE OAK POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

WE ALSO BROUGHT IN NATIONAL EXPERTS TO PRESENT ON EFFECTIVE MODELS OF MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE.

CONCURRENT TO THE DIVINITIES OF THE HALL'S TASK FORCE IN 2022 THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HEALTH DEPARTMENT DEVELOPED ITS COMMUNITY HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN OR THE IPLAN.

EVERY FIVE YEARS THE OAK PARK PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUB. HEALTH TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND USE THE RESULTS TO CREATE A PLAN KNOWN AS THE IPLAN TO MAINTAIN ITS STATUS AS A STATE CERTIFIED LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT. ONE OF THE FOUR GOALS DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT ADDRESSED MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.

BOTH OF THE ALTERNATIVE CALLS TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE IPLAN SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED A LIVING ROOM PROGRAM IN OAK PARK.

ALL OF THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS LISTED ON THE PREVIOUS SLIDE WERE DATA-DRIVEN, BUT I WANTED TO PROVIDE A FEW OTHER DATA POINTS JUST TO underscore THE NEED AMONG OAK PARK RESIDENTS FOR A LIVING ROOM PROGRAM.

EARLIER THIS YEAR AS PART OF OUR STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD WE CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF 522 HOUSEHOLDS. OF THE RESPONDENTS, 63% LIVED IN HOUSEHOLDS WHERE SOMEBODY WAS DIAGNOSED BY A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WITH A MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE. NEARLY 20% WERE NOT ENGAGED IN ANY FORM OF CARE.

THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE ARE SEEING ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

LACK OF INSURANCE COVERAGE, HIGH COST OF CARE, WORKFORCE SHORTAGES RESULTING IN LONG WAIT TIMES FOR TREATMENT AND OTHER FACTORS CAUSING SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS TO ENGAGING IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

WE KNOW FROM LOCAL AND NATIONAL DATA THAT WHEN INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT ENGAGED IN TREATMENT AND SUPPORT FOR A MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER, THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER AN ACUTE CRISIS EPISODE.

DATA FROM BOTH RUSSIA OAK PARK HOSPITAL AND WEST GONE, OUR 911 DISPATCH SHOW THAT OAK PARK RESIDENTS ARE NOT IMMUNE TO MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. OVER 27% TO THE RUSH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND OVER 50% OF 911 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CALLS ARE FROM OAK PARK RESIDENTS.

FURTHERMORE THE VILLAGES ECHO TEAM WHICH WAS CREATED TO PROVIDE LINKAGES TO SERVICES NOT NECESSARILY DIRECT TREATMENT FOR OAK PARK RESIDENTS NOTED THAT 15% OF THEIR ENGAGEMENT WAS RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

SO, THERE ARE LIMITATIONS TO THESE DATA, THE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY CMHB CANNOT BE EXTRAPOLATED TO OAK PARK AT LARGE AS IT IS NOT A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OR A LARGE SAMPLE STUDY.

IN ADDITION, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET DATA FROM OTHER SOURCES INCLUDING WEST SUBURBAN HOSPITAL OR ABOUT THOSE WHO WENT OUTSIDE OF OAK PARK FOR CRISES SERVICES.

WE DID TRY TO GET THOSE THINGS, BUT JUST HAD A INABILITY TO GET THAT DATA. SO, THESE HOLES IN THE DATA ARE EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT TO DO A PILOT PROJECT BECAUSE WE WANT TO BETTER COLLECT DATA AND HAVE A MORE COMPLETE PICTURE OF WHAT THE NEED IS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

AND JUST ONE OTHER POINT AND THESE FIGURES ARE RETROSPECTIVE AS WELL, WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT MENTAL HEALTH CRISES WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO RISE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

NATIONALLY WE ARE POISED TO SEE AND YOU KNOW IT BY OUR CURRENT SHUTDOWN AS WELL AS JUST READING THROUGH THE PAPERS THAT WE ANTICIPATE MANY HOUSEHOLDS LOSING INSURANCE COVERAGE DUE TO THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MARKETPLACE AND EXPIRING SUBSIDIES CAUSING PEOPLE TO HAVE INCREASED COST AND LOSING CARE.

WE ALSO EXPECT THAT MANY INDIVIDUALS WITHIN OAK PARK WILL BE LOSING THEIR MEDICAID COVERAGE, AS WELL.

SO, NOW IS THE TIME FROM MY PERSPECTIVE TO REVIEW OUR EXISTING SAFETY NET PROGRAMS AND DO ALL WE CAN TO STRENGTHEN THEM IN ORDER TO SUPPORT OAK PARK INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

NOW I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO SHELLEY TO TALK ABOUT THE MODEL.

>>SHELLEY: MY NAME IS SHELLEY LETSRAP AND I HAVE BEEN WITH NAMI FOR NINE YEARS AND I WAS ACTUALLY HIRED ORIGINALLY TO HELP OPEN THE FIRST LIVING ROOM PROGRAM LOCATED IN LAGRANGE.

SO, I GET THE PLEASURE OF TELLING YOU ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND IN THE LIVING ROOM MODEL IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MODEL.

IT IS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING AN INCREASE IN THEIR MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS.

WE KNOW THAT THE ER IS NOT ALWAYS THE BEST PLACE FOR FOLKS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISES.

IT IS LOUD, OVERSTIMULATING AND A STERILE ENVIRONMENT AND THAT IS THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT SOMEBODY NEEDS IN THAT MOMENT.

AT BOTH OF OUR OTHER LIVING ROOM LOCATIONS, ONE THING THROUGHOUT KIND OF THE YEARS THAT WE HAVE ALSO SEEN IS THAT THE LIVING ROOM CAN ONLY BE USED AS A INTERVENTION, BUT AS A PREVENTATIVE TOOL.

SO, IT IS A SAFE SPACE WHERE SOMEBODY CAN GO AND SPEAK WITH A PEER, WE CALL THEM RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AND THAT IS SOMEBODY WHO IS LIVING WELL IN THEIR OWN MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY AND THEY USE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO QUICKLY BUILD A RAPPORT WITH SOMEONE TO SORT OF LEVEL THAT POWER AND HIERARCHY IF YOU WILL WHERE THEY CAN JUST SIT AND SAY THAT I GET IT, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN THERE, TOO. AND THAT CAN BE JUST THAT MUCH HOPE THAT IS GIVEN TO SOMEBODY WHO HEARS THAT.

SO, IN THE KIND OF PREVENTATIVE TOOL PIECE, WE SEE THE LIVING ROOM AS SOMEBODY HAVING THAT RAPPORT ALREADY BUILT AND THEY KNOW THERE IS A SAFE PLACE THAT THEY CAN GO INSTEAD OF MAYBE GETTING TO THAT CRISES APPOINT, THEY CAN COME INTO THE LIVING ROOM.

IT IS DOCKED AGAIN BY RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALISTS, AT LEAST ONE OF THE RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALISTS ON STAFF MEETS THE STATE REQUIREMENTS AS A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, A MHP AND THAT ALLOWS THEM TO DO A BRIEF RISK ASSESSMENT UPON ENTRY.

SO, EVERY INDIVIDUAL THAT COMES IN IT'S A BRIEF RISK ASSESSMENT JUST ENSURING THAT THEY DON'T IMMEDIATELY NEED A HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE. WE CAN FACILITATE HOSPITALIZATIONS AND I WILL SPEAK TO THAT LITTLE BIT. WE CAN FACILITATE A HOSPITALIZATION FROM A LIVING ROOM PROGRAM, BUT THAT FIRST SCREENING IS REALLY JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT SOMEBODY IS IN YOU KNOW LIKE THEY ARE OKAY AND THEY ARE SAFE TO BE HERE AND IN THIS SPACE.

SO, THEN A GUEST MOVES INTO A ONE-ON-ONE SPACE, A ROOM AND IT IS AGAIN JUST A COMFORTABLE LOW LIGHTING AREA AND THEY CAN GET PEER COUNSELING OR PEER SUPPORT AND THAT REALLY LOOKS LIKE WHATEVER THE PERSON NEEDS. SOME FOLKS COME IN AND THEY STILL NEED SOMEBODY TO LISTEN AND IT IS A LOT OF TALKING ON THEIR END AND A LOT OF ACTIVE LISTENING FROM THE TEAM.

SOME FOLKS COME IN AND THEY'RE LOOKING FOR RESOURCES AND THEY MAY SAY THAT I HAD A THERAPIST A FEW YEARS AGO AND I DON'T HAVE A THERAPIST ANYMORE, DO YOU HAVE ANY RESOURCES THAT YOU CAN HELP CONNECT ME WITH? AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT LINKAGE TO RESOURCES AND OTHER CARE IS SOMETHING THAT THE TEAM IS EQUIPPED TO DO.

WE ALSO HAVE DIFFERENT RECOVERY TOOLS THAT THE TEAM CAN USE. AND THAT IS ANYTHING FROM A SAFETY PLAN TO A WRAPUP PLAN, A WELLNESS RECOVERY ACCESS PLAN THAT SORT OF WALKS SOMEBODY THROUGH THE DIFFERENT STAGES OF BEFORE THEY GET TO A CRISIS, WHAT ARE SOME DIFFERENT TOOLS AND INTERVENTIONS THAT THEY HAVE THAT THEY CAN USE.

SO, IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THOSE PIECES, WE ALSO DO OTHER LIVING ROOMS A SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH SCREENING AND JUST TYING BACK INTO THAT LINKAGE OF OTHER SERVICES IF SOMEBODY SAYS THAT FOOD INSECURITY IS AN ISSUE FOR THEM, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT NOBODY LEAVES EMPTY-HANDED WHETHER THAT BE WITH RESOURCES OR SOMETHING MORE PRACTICAL THAT WE CAN GIVE THEM.

AND THE MAIN PIECE HERE OF COURSE IS JUST THAT IT REALLY PROVIDES FOLKS WITH HOPE AND HOPE THAT RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE.

SO, NATIONALLY IN 2009, LIVING ROOM MODELS POPPED UP IN BOTH CALIFORNIA AND COLORADO AND IN 2012 ILLINOIS SAW ITS FIRST LIVING ROOM PROGRAM AND YOU WILL SEE HERE THE LIVING ROOMS THAT ARE AFFILIATE HAS OPENED AND SO 2016 WAS LAGRANGE AND 2018 WAS IN BROWN VIEW AND 2020 IN SUMMIT.

AND 2020, WHEN WE WERE ABLE TO OPEN THAT SUMMIT LIVING ROOM THE STATE BEGAN FUNDING LIVING ROOMS AND THEN IN 2023 THEY REQUIRED ALL LIVING ROOMS THAT WERE STATE-FUNDED TO GO 24/7.

AND WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE ANSWER STRUCTURE AND SUPPORT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

SO, BOTH THE LAGRANGE AND SUMMIT LOCATION ARE 24/7 /365.

THERE ARE 25 LIVING ROOMS THAT ARE STATE-FUNDED AND THERE ARE A FEW OTHER LIVING ROOMS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO THIS THAT MAY BE A PILOT PROJECT OR ONLY OPEN 8 TO 10 HOURS A DAY.

BUT, FROM THE STATE-FUNDED ASPECT THERE IS ABOUT 25.

AND FROM A NATIONAL AVERAGE, A LIVING ROOM HAS 84 TO 93% OF LIVING ROOM GUESTS WERE DEFLECTED FROM AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

IT JUST TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT TO NAMI METRO SUBURBAN AND THE SUCCESS WE HAVE HAD IN OUR LIVING ROOMS AND IN OUR MODELS, AS I MENTIONED LAGRANGE OPENED IN 2016 AND WE HAVE SEEN OVER 1800 GUESTS AT THE LAGRANGE LOCATION AND SINCE 2020 WE HAVE SEEN OVER 1100 GUESTS AT THE SUMMIT LOCATION.

THE SUMMIT LOCATION IS ALSO A FULLY BILINGUAL ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

WE HAVE A 46% RETURN RATE AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS 46% OF PEOPLE WHO COME TO US ONCE COME BACK AT LEAST A SECOND TIME.

AND AS I MENTIONED WITH THAT BOTH THE PREVENTATIVE AND THE INTERVENTION KIND OF WAY OF LOOKING AT THE LIVING ROOM, I THINK THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT THIS TO BE JUST A QUICK MANDATE AND WE KNOW THAT IF SOMEBODY HAS ESCALATED AND THEY COME IN THEY NEED TO BE DE-ESCALATED IN THE MOMENT AND THEY NEED CONTINUED FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT AND CONNECTION.

AND THE HIGHER THAT NUMBER IS FOR US THE BETTER, BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT SOMEBODY HAD A GOOD EXPERIENCE AND THEY FOUND SOME HELP AND SOME HOPE IN THE PROGRAM AND THEY ARE COMING BACK THEY CAN GO IF THEY NEED SUPPORT.

THIS 87% STAT WE ALSO DO WHAT IS CALLED A SUDS, A SUGGESTIVE UNIT OF DISTRESS SCALE AND IT IS JUST A 0 TO 10 SCALE AND WE ASK WHEN SUNDAY COMES AND HOW ARE YOU FEELING 0 TO 10, ZERO BEING NOTHING AND 10 BEING THE MOST AND THEN WHEN THEY LEAVE WE ASK THEM THE SAME QUESTION AND WE SEE A 87% OF PEOPLE WHO COME IN TO THE LIVING ROOM, THEY LEAVE FEELING LESS STRESSED THAN WHEN THEY ARRIVED.

AND THEN LASTLY IN OUR LIVING ROOM PROGRAMS IN PARTICULAR, JUST OVER 98% OF ALL OF THESE GUESTS THAT WE HAVE SEEN WERE STABILIZED WITHOUT

NEEDING HOSPITALIZATION AND EVEN THEN WITHIN 2% AND ANOTHER REALLY IMPORTANT AND COOL THING OF THE LIVING ROOM IS THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE PEERS WORKING THERE, IF SOMEBODY COMES IN AND THEY ARE EITHER DEEMED TO MEET THAT HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE THAT THEY NEED TO BE EVALUATED OR GOING TO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, OUR TEAM CAN KIND OF HELP TO NORMALIZE THAT PROCESS AND WALK THEM THROUGH WHAT THAT MAY LOOK LIKE AND TELL THEM YOU KNOW HERE I WAS AT THE HOSPITAL BEFORE AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED AND I HAVE BEEN THERE.

AND JUST REALLY BEING ABLE TO EXPLAIN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THAT TO THEM BECAUSE IT CAN BE REALLY SCARY.

AND WITH THAT WE ARE ABLE TO THEN HELP FACILITATE A VOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION AND AGAIN THE OTHER PROGRAMS WE HAVE, THE OTHER SITES WE HAD REALLY GREAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL HOSPITALS AND OF COURSE WITH OAK PARK AND KNOWING THAT THEY DON'T HAVE PSYCH BEDS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN WORK WITH THEM ON, BUT GETTING SOMEBODY AGAIN IN THAT SORT OF SAFER SPACE.

AND THE LAST PART FOR MINE IS JUST THE GENERAL IMPACT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF HAVING A LIVING ROOM.

AND ONE, AS I MENTIONED WE ARE GOING TO BE REDUCING THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OVERLOAD.

THIS IS A COST SAVINGS AND WE ARE NOT SEEING PEOPLE COME INTO A ONE-TIME VISIT AT THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT YOU KNOW IT CAN BE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND SO DIVERTING THEM TO A COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AND SAVING FUNDS IN ADDITION WITH POLICE AND FIRE RESPONSE AGAIN HAVING THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR TIME NOT HAVING TO BE RESPONDING TO THIS AND TO HAVE A PLACE THAT EITHER THE POLICE AND TELL SOMEBODY THAT THEY CAN GO OR TELL A FAMILY MEMBER OR A LOVED ONE IN OUR OTHER PROGRAMS WE HAVE LITTLE TEAR OFF SHEETS THAT HAVE THE INFORMATION ON IT AND WE CAN GIVE YOU KNOW 50 OF THOSE TO A MOM OF AN ADULT SON WHO MAY BE STRUGGLING AND THAT 50TH TIME MAY BE THEY BRING THEM INTO A LIVING ROOM AND THAT IS A WIN.

AND THEN ALSO JUST IMPROVE LONG-TERM RECOVERY GOALS WHICH SORT OF TIES INTO THIS OTHER PIECE HERE OF THE RECOVERY VS. DESTABILIZATION MINDSET. SO, WITH THE LIVING ROOM PROGRAM AGAIN IT IS MUCH MORE OF A RECOVERY MINDSET AND WE KNOW THAT RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE AND IT IS NOT JUST THE QUICKFIX IN THE MOMENT OF HERE, LET'S GET YOU DE-ESCALATED AND THEN MAYBE YOU GET SENT OFF WITH 30 DAYS OF MEDICATION AND NO CONTINUED SUPPORT AND YOU MAY END UP RIGHT BACK IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. AND THEN ALSO JUST OF COURSE WE KNOW THAT THERE IS STIGMA SURROUNDING MENTAL HEALTH AND HAVING A LIVING ROOM PROGRAM BE ABLE TO SPEAK OPENLY ABOUT IT AND SUPPORT ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ALWAYS IS BENEFICIAL IN REDUCING STIGMA SURROUNDING IT.

SO, I AM GOING TO HAND IT BACK OVER TO CHERYL.

>>CHERYL POTTS: BASED ON THE NEED THAT WE ARE SEEING, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MODEL AND OTHER COMMUNITIES AS SHELLEY TALKED ABOUT AND A DESIRE TO PAINT A MORE COMPLETE PICTURE OF OAK PARK 'S NEEDS WE ARE PROPOSING A THREE YEAR PILOT PROJECT.

THERE IS POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERT A STOREFRONT AT 816 HARRISON NEXT TO THE EXISTING DROP-IN CENTER TO SERVE AS THE LOCATION.

THIS LOCATION IS DESIRABLE AS IT IS NEAR THE OAK PARK BLUE LINE STOP, IT IS NEAR TO RUSH OAK PARK HOSPITAL AND CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

IF WE WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN THIS SPACE IT PROVIDES FOR A FLEXIBLE LEASING STRUCTURE AS WELL THAT WOULD ALLOW NAMI TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM AFTER THE THREE YEAR PILOT IF FUNDING IS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, BUT IT DOES NOT LOCK THEM IN TO A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT IF THE PILOT SHOWS THAT EITHER SERVICES ARE NOT NEEDED OR IF LONG-TERM FUNDING IS NOT OBTAINED.

INITIALLY THE PILOT WILL BE OPEN FROM 12 TO 8 PM, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 365 DAYS A YEAR AND AS NOTED IN THE BERRY DUNN REPORT, THERE IS NOT A NEED FOR A 24 HOUR DAY PROGRAM AND IN ADDITION, NAMI EXISTING LIVING ROOM PROGRAM FOR THE HIGHEST RATE OF VISITS COME BETWEEN THE WINDOW OF 12 PM AND 8 PM.

SO, THIS COUPLED WITH COLLABORATIONS WITH THRIVE COUNSELING CENTERS 24/7 CRISIS TEAM WOULD BE - THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THOSE OFF HOURS AND POINT TO THESE HOURS BEING IDEAL FOR THE LIVING ROOM BEING OPEN.

THE GOAL OF THE LIVING ROOM IS NOT TO DUPLICATE OR SUPPLANT THE WORK OF HOSPITALS, THRIVE, CLINICIANS OR THE ECHO TEAM.

AND THIS IS A KEY TAKE AWAY THAT I HOPE YOU HEAR LOUD AND CLEAR.

INSTEAD IT IS MEANT TO COMPLEMENT AND STRENGTHEN OUR SYSTEM OF CRISIS RESPONSE.

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS RECOMMENDS THAT TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, COMMUNITIES SHOULD OFFER SOMEONE TO CALL, SOMEWHERE TO GO AND SOMEONE TO RESPOND.

WHAT THEY MEAN IS A MOBILE CRISIS TEAM WHO CAN GO TO YOU IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GET SOMEWHERE.

IN OAK PARK WE HAVE 988 AS SOMEONE TO CALL AND AUTHORIZE MOBILE CRISIS TEAM AS SOMEONE TO RESPOND.

SO, THE LIVING ROOM PROGRAM WOULD ADD TO THESE OPTIONS BY PROVIDING SOMEWHERE TO GO.

THE GOAL IS FOR ALL OF THESE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY NET FOR PEOPLE IN CRISIS AND REDUCE HARM.

NAMI HAS HAD GREAT SUCCESS WITH SOME AND LAGRANGE DOING THAT AND THEY WORK SEAMLESSLY WITH THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER WHICH IS OUT IN THE AREA, IT IS PILLARS.

AS WELL AS THE LOCAL HOSPITALS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND EMS AND WE EXPECT THE SAME COORDINATION OF EFFORTS IN OAK PARK.

ULTIMATELY OUR GOAL IS TO ONE, DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WE DO NEED A LIVING ROOM PROGRAM FOR THE LONG-TERM AND TWO, IF SO, APPLY TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AFTER THE THREE YEAR PILOT ENDS.

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IS CURRENTLY THE FUNDER FOR BOTH THE SUMMIT AND LAGRANGE PROGRAMS.

TO DO THIS, WE NEED TO MEASURE THE FOLLOWING PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND THERE IS ACTUALLY MORE DETAIL IN THE WRITTEN PROPOSAL THAN IS ON THE SLIDE.

SO, YOU CAN REFER TO THAT, BUT WE WANT TO INCLUDE BASIC MEASURES SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SEEKING LIVING ROOM SERVICES AND THERE IS A CODE OF RESIDENCE AND THEIR REFERRAL SOURCE SO WE KNOW WHERE PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM AND WHERE THEY LIVE.

AND WE ALSO WANT TO MEASURE THE IMPACT.

WE WANT TO KNOW THE ENGAGEMENT AND THE OVERALL OUTCOME OF THE INTERVENTION INCLUDING WHETHER PEOPLE RETURNED TO THE LIVING ROOM PROGRAM AND WHETHER THEY ARE HOSPITALIZED OR DEFLECTED FROM HOSPITALIZATION AND WHETHER THEY RECEIVED A DE-ESCALATION OF SYMPTOMS WHEN THEY LEAVE AS WELL AS HOW ARE THEY DOING AT THE 30 DAY MARK.

THE GOAL FOR THIS IS NOT JUST LIKE SHELLEY SAID, TO DE-ESCALATE THE SYMPTOMS IMMEDIATELY AND THEN THE PERSON GOES ON THEIR WAY, THE IDEA IS TO HELP PREVENT THE CYCLES OF CRISES THAT COME UP.

AND WE ALSO WANT TO KNOW HOW THEY HAD FURTHER ENGAGEMENT WITH CLINICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

LOOKING AT THE BUDGET, IN THE PROPOSAL WE SUBMITTED A BUDGET THAT OUTLINES MORE DETAIL, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF ACTUALLY BEING ABLE TO READ THE SLIDE I SORT OF SUMMARIZED THEM INTO CATEGORIES INCLUDING SALARIES AND BENEFITS, PROGRAM SUPPLIES, OCCUPANCY, MISCELLANEOUS AND INDIRECT. THE SALARY AND BENEFITS INCLUDE ENDING FOR THREE FULL-TIME STAFF, 40% OF THE DIRECT SUPERVISOR AND ANOTHER 15% IN SUPPORT STAFFING.

PROGRAM EXPENSIVE INCLUDE THINGS LIKE GENERAL SUPPLIES AND FOOD AND SNACKS FOR PARTICIPANTS AND SOMETIMES PARTICIPANTS ARE THERE FOR QUITE A LONG TIME AND SO HAVING SOME THINGS AND SOME REFRESHMENTS IS ALWAYS HELPFUL.

AND THE OTHER IMPORTANT PIECE IN THIS LINE ITEM IS TO FUND TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE BECAUSE NOT EVERYBODY IN A CRISIS, YOU DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO TELL SOMEBODY TO GET INTO A CAR AND THEN DRIVE SOMEWHERE SO. OFTENTIMES IF THEY NEED THAT ASSISTANCE, THE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED.

OCCUPANCY INCLUDES RENT AND UTILITIES AND JUST THE BASICS AND MISCELLANEOUS IS SORT OF A CATCHALL FOR THINGS LIKE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING, LIABILITY INSURANCE AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH POSTING JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND THINGS OF THAT SORT.

THERE IS ALSO A BUDGET FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SPACE AND THOSE COSTS THAT ARE APPROXIMATELY \$85,000 HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF OAK PARK TOWNSHIP.

AND ANY CAPITAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS WILL ALREADY BE PAID FOR AND NOT IS NOT PART OF THE REQUEST TO THIS BOARD, BUT I JUST WANTED TO POINT THAT OUT.

AND OF COURSE THE REQUEST IS NOT FOR FULL FUNDING TO THIS PROJECT, BUT INSTEAD TO BE A PARTNER AND COLLABORATOR.

AS MENTIONED BEFORE, CMHB WILL BE PAYING FOR THE CAPITAL REPAIRS AND IN ADDITION, NAMI AND CMHB HAS SECURED SOURCES FROM OTHER SOURCES AS WELL AS SOME OF THEM ARE IN THE PROCESS OF HOPEFULLY BEING APPROVED AND SOME OF THEM HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED FOR THE THREE YEAR PROCESS.

THE IDEA IS TO GET SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR THIS THREE YEAR PERIOD OF TIME SO THAT WE CAN FOCUS ON GETTING THE OPERATIONS RUNNING AND COLLECTING THAT DATA WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT FOR KNOWING THE FUTURE.

I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT AS WELL THAT THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF OAK PARK TOWNSHIP WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT FUNDER IN THIS REGARD, THE BOARD HAS APPROVED THREE YEAR FUNDING ONLY FOR THE PILOT PROJECT.

SO, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE REQUEST BEFORE YOU IS NOT GOING TO EXTEND BEYOND THAT THREE YEAR MARK.

WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO TRANSITIONING THIS PROJECT TO THE STATE, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT LOCAL FUNDS AND NOT SUPPORT SOMETHING TO THIS EFFORT IN PERPETUITY.

SO, COMING FROM A FELLOW FINANCIAL BUDGET AND HAVING TO LOOK WHERE THAT MONEY IS, I JUST WANTED TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT.

SO, THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE AND WE ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, WHO WOULD LIKE TO START US OFF THIS EVENING?

THANK YOU, JANET.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION AND THE PROPOSAL.

BEASLEY VERY SUPPORTIVE AND GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK YOU DID TO PREPARE IN BRINGING THIS FOR US AND SECURING THE FUNDS THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY SECURED.

I HAVE A COUPLE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS AND I WILL START WITH THE QUESTIONS.

HOW LONG BEFORE IT CAN BE UP AND RUNNING LIKE WHAT IS YOUR TIMEFRAME AND THINKING TO GET OPERATIONAL?

>>SHELLEY: AS A CHERYL MENTIONED WE HAVE THE DROP IN CENTER AND THEN LITERALLY RIGHT NEXT DOOR WE ARE USING THAT SPACE FOR OUR INTERNSHIP HUB AND THEN IN THAT SAME BUILDING IN THE UPSTAIRS WE JUST VACATED AND HAD OUR EDUCATION TEAM UP THERE AND JUST VACATED THE UPSTAIRS AND WE HAD WORKED WITH THE LANDLORD AND HE IS WILLING TO HOLD AND HE IS HOLDING

THIS SPACE RIGHT NOW AND IF WE GO UPSTAIRS, WE CAN MOVE AND GET STARTED AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE FUNDS AND AGAIN, CHERYL HAD SAID WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THEY ARE READY TO GO WITH THAT.

SO, I THINK WE CAN START PRODUCING AND I THINK WE HAD TALKED ABOUT - I DON'T KNOW CONSTRUCTION AND SO I DON'T WANT TO STAY, BUT WE ARE NOT TALKING SIX MONTHS FROM NOW YOU KNOW AS LONG AS WE GET THE KIND OF THE OTHER COMMITMENTS.

>>CHERYL POTTS: EARLY 2026 ESSENTIALLY.

BECAUSE, THE CAPITAL AND CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, SHELLEY, BUT THE CAPITAL REPAIRS ARE MINOR IN ORDER TO - IT IS MORE COSMETIC IN NATURE AND GETTING THE APPROPRIATE FURNITURE AND SETTING UP THE CONFIDENTIAL SPACES AND SO ESSENTIALLY ONCE THAT HAPPENS AND THERE ARE STAFF HIRING WOULD HAPPEN AS WELL, BUT NAMI DOES HAVE A CORE BASE OF CRSS THAT THEY WORK WITH BECAUSE THEY WORK THROUGH THE COLLEGE OF DUPAGE THAT DOES ALL OF THE TRAINING AND THEY HAVE A PIPELINE AND SO UNLIKE OTHER HIRING EFFORTS IT WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT QUICKER TO GET UP AND RUNNING.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: THAT WAS A RELATED QUESTION AND IN THE PROPOSAL IT SAYS STAFF ARE RACIALLY, ETHNICALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY REPRESENTED AND SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR OAK PARK LIVING ROOMS?

>>SHELLEY: IN THE SUMMIT LIVING ROOM, IT IS FULLY BILINGUAL, ENGLISH AND SPANISH AND THEN WE HAVE MAKING SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS EITHER BICULTURAL AS WELL AND SO FOR THE OAK PARK LIVING ROOM I THINK WE ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO LOOK AT LIKE THE NEEDS LIKE IS THERE A SPECIFIC LANGUAGE THAT WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE SOMEBODY WHO CAN BE THERE ALMOST ALWAYS, YOU KNOW?

AND IF NOT, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OTHER OPTIONS AND I KNOW SOME OF THE OTHER PROGRAMS HAVE DIFFERENT TRANSLATIONS AND ASSISTANCE EITHER APPLICATIONS OR LIKE ALMOST LIKE A - INTERPRETER SERVICE FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD.

I AM LIKE VISUALIZING A - AND SO TRUTHFULLY FROM A STAFFING PERSPECTIVE I WOULD BE VERY OPEN TO WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE AND WHAT THE NEEDS WOULD BE AND THE ADVICE OF EVERYONE.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: RIGHT, BECAUSE AS WE KNOW THE INCIDENT OF MENTAL ILLNESSES AND MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES ARE NOT DISTINCT AMONG GROUP, BUT QUESTIONS OF ACCESS CERTAINLY ARE AND THAT IS NOT JUST BECAUSE OF YOU KNOW FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE CHALLENGES THAT WERE MENTIONED, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF A LACK OF REPRESENTATION AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT PROFESSIONALS.

I WANT TO JUST I GUESS ARTICULATE HOW I AM THINKING ABOUT WHY I THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT INVESTMENT FOR US TO MAKE AND CHERYL MENTIONED THE IPLAN REPRESENTING OUR COMMUNITY AND ARTICULATION OF THEIR PRIORITIES AND WHAT THEY THINK WE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND AS MENTIONED, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS WAS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE FOUR PRIORITIES AND IN TERMS OF OUR BOARD

PRIORITIES I AM ALWAYS OF COURSE THINKING ABOUT VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND WE KNOW ONE OF, NOT THE ONLY, BUT ONE VERY IMPORTANT PIECE TO PREVENTING VIOLENCE TO ONE'S SELF AND OTHERS IS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPORTS.

AND THEN OF COURSE AS I MENTIONED BEFORE I THINK IT SUPPORTS OUR GOALS AROUND EQUITY AND ACCESS FOR HOW WE SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT EVERYTHING ON THE SURFACES.

WE TRIED TO PROVIDE.

SO, THAT IS IT FOR NOW.

THANK YOU AGAIN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, I SEE JIM AND THEN MAYBE -

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: SO, THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION.

I APPRECIATE IT.

I AM A LITTLE BIT CONFLICTED AGAIN AND I DON'T WANT TO BE A CONTRARIAN EVERY TIME I SPEAK TONIGHT I GUESS I AM A LITTLE BIT OF A CONTRARIAN. AND I WANT TO EXPRESS FIRST OF ALL MY THANK YOU BECAUSE I THINK THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD DOES A GREAT JOB IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT AND HAS DONE SO FOR I THINK 50 YEARS. AND THAT IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE.

AS SOME OF YOU MAY BE AWARE I SERVED ON THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR SIX YEARS AS A TRUSTEE AND BEFORE THAT I WAS ACTUALLY THE COLLECTOR AND THEN I WAS THE LIAISON MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND I KNOW FIRSTHAND THE WORK THAT IS DONE THERE AND IT IS VERY VERY IMPORTANT AND VITAL TO OUR COMMUNITY.

AND IT IS UNDERAPPRECIATED, I WILL SAY THAT, IN OUR COMMUNITY.

LOOKING AT THIS PROGRAM I DO BELIEVE AND I STRONGLY BELIEVE IT IS A EXCELLENT PROGRAM WITHOUT QUESTION.

IF HE FEELS THE NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I COULD COME IN AND SAY A PILOT SO WE COULD SEE THE DATA, BUT IT COULD VERY WELL FILL THE NEED IN THE COMMUNITY.

I NOTICED THE VILLAGE BOARD BEFORE US HAS A LIST OF POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS AND I DID NOT KNOW WHY THEY MAY NOT BE - AND THAT IS A SIDE POINT REALLY BECAUSE THE BOTTOM LINE IS I HAVE A HARD TIME EVEN SAYING IT, BUT I DON'T THINK THE VILLAGE SHOULD BE PAYING FOR THIS PROGRAM. AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT THAT.

I THINK IT IS A BIT OF A CREEP FOR US BECAUSE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD WAS SET UP BACK IN THE EARLY 70S AND MID 70S AS WHAT THEY CALL A 702 BOARD WHICH PLUGS ITSELF INTO THE TOWNSHIP AND THE TOWNSHIP LEVIES ON BEHALF OF THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD AND THE LEVY THEY RECEIVED COMES FROM THAT AND THE REASON I THINK THAT WAS DONE I ASSUME IS BECAUSE THERE IS A OVERLAP IN THE MISSION.

THE MISSION IS VERY COMPATIBLE WITH A SOCIAL SERVICE MISSION WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT IN OUR COMMUNITIES AS I SAID.

AND I DO THINK THAT THE TOWNSHIP REALLY - BUT THEY DID OFFER TO CONTRIBUTE A SMALL AMOUNT AND I THINK THE TOWNSHIP AND THEY DO GREAT WORK AND I APPRECIATE ALL THEIR EFFORTS AND EVERYONE ON THE BOARD, BUT IN MY VIEW THIS IS A TOWNSHIP PROJECT AND THEY PROPOSAL THAT THEY SHOULD CONSIDER FUNDING FULLY AND THEY ACTUALLY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO THAT. THEY HAVE WHAT IS EQUIVALENT OF THE FUND BALANCE OR GENERAL FUND BALANCE IS CALLED THE TOWN TO FUND AND THE TOWN FUND IS ALMOST A TWO AND HALF MILLION DOLLARS AND CURRENTLY AS OF THE END OF MARCH. AND THE TOWNSHIP TYPICALLY DOES NOT UTILIZE - THEY DON'T DIG INTO THE RESERVE TO ANY GREAT EXTENT.

IN FACT WE SAVED THE TOWN FUND BALANCE TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF THE SENIOR CENTER MANY YEARS AGO AND THAT WAS LIKE A NEED THAT WE ENDED UP USING SOME OF THE MONEY BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE ANOTHER NEED FOR IT. AND I KNOW THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD IS CONTRIBUTING MONEY, A LOT OF MONEY TO THIS, BUT YOU ALSO HAVE A FUND BALANCE OF ALMOST \$2 MILLION. SO, AGAIN I DON'T WANT TO SOUND DIFFICULT ABOUT THIS, BUT WHEN I LOOK AT IT BETWEEN THOSE TWO FUND BALANCES IT IS OVER \$4 MILLION.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT AND IF WE ASSUME THAT ROLE WE ARE CROSSING A LINE IN MY VIEW OF IN THE WAY OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND I KNOW ECHO IS IMPORTANT AND IT IS DIFFERENT BECAUSE IT IS A DIRECT IMPACT ON OUR POLICING AND HOPEFULLY ON THE FIRE AND PARAMEDICS AND THOSE ARE OUR CONCERNS AS A VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS, WE ARE FIDUCIARIES OF THAT.

AND TONIGHT WE RECEIVED OUR PROPOSED BUDGET AND IF WE WERE TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THIS, OUR LEVY WOULD BE OVER 5% WHICH I THINK WOULD BE A SHOCK TO A LOT OF RESIDENTS.

BUT, THAT IS NOT THE ISSUE.

THE ISSUE IS WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM AND IT REALLY IS AND I APPRECIATE THIS, BUT I DO THINK PERSONALLY I WOULD FIND IT HARD TO SUPPORT THIS.

>>CHERYL POTTS: IF I CAN RESPOND TO A COUPLE THINGS, I'M NOT SURE WE'VE GOT THE NUMBERS ABOUT THE FUND BALANCE, THE COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD DOES NOT HAVE A FUND BALANCE OF \$2 MILLION.

WE ARE CURRENTLY - I HAVE TO PULL THE NUMBERS, WE JUST GOT OUR AUDIT, IT IS MORE IN THE BALLPARK OF 750,000 AND YOU MAY BE LOOKING AT AN OLD AUDIT WHICH WAS BEFORE THE INVESTMENT INTO THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH COURT OFFICES AT THE CRC WHICH WAS \$1 MILLION AND WE HAVE SINCE I KNOW MANY YEARS AGO WE HAD A VERY SIGNIFICANT FUND BALANCE, BUT WE HAVE REALLY BROUGHT THAT DOWN.

AND WITH THE INVESTMENT TO THE CRC WE HAVE A 35 YEAR LEASE AND THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THAT LEASE IS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE MORE INVESTMENT ON A YEARLY BASIS AND PROGRAMS INCLUDING SIMILAR TO THE LIVING ROOM PROGRAM.

SO, OF THE \$1.8 MILLION, 80% OF THAT GOES OUT THE DOOR TO PROGRAMS AND THE VAST BULK OF IT IS GOING OUT IN GRANTS.

AND WE ARE LOOKING RIGHT NOW AT OUR FUND BALANCE POLICY KNOWING THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEE AN ESCALATION IN THE UNPAID MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT OAK PARK RESIDENTS RECEIVE.

SO, ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH ACT AT THE STATE LEVEL, IF A OAK PARK RESIDENT IS SEEKING SERVICES AND HAS NO WAY TO PAY FOR IT, THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD IS ON THE DIME FOR THAT BILL.

SO, WE KNOW WITH MEDICAID CHANGES THAT ARE OCCURRING WITH MEDICAID AS WELL AS HEALTH INSURANCE, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE US HAVING A LARGE CHRISTIAN OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

AND THOSE ARE FISCAL QUESTIONS THAT WE ARE TALKING VERY MUCH ABOUT AT THE BOARD MEETINGS.

WHEN IT COMES TO THE TOWNSHIP FUND BALANCE, I CANNOT SPEAK AS SPECIFICALLY TO THAT, BUT I DO ATTEND THOSE MEETINGS AND I KNOW THAT THERE ARE CONCERNS ABOUT THE INCREASES IN GENERAL ASSISTANCE THAT HAVE BEEN OCCURRING AND SO THAT IS ONE AREA THAT THE TOWNSHIP IS LOOKING AT, AS WELL.

IF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD CAN DO THIS ALONE, WE WOULD. WE WOULD HAVE DONE IT THREE YEARS AGO IF WE COULD HAVE DONE IT ON OUR OWN AND SO YOU KNOW I VERY HUMBLY SAY AS I COME HERE THAT WE ARE ASKING YOU FOR PARTNERSHIP, BECAUSE WE CANNOT DO IT ON OUR OWN AND THE TOWNSHIP CANNOT DO IT ON ITS OWN PAIRED WE ARE A PART OF THE TOWNSHIP EAR WE THINK IT COULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE VILLAGE, BECAUSE THIS EXACTLY IS MEANT TO BE A RESOURCE FOR POLICE AND EMS.

THIS IS MEANT TO BE A WAY TO HELP DIVERT PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE POLICE AND FROM 911 AND TO PROVIDE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISES RESPONSE.

AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE APPROACHING YOU WITH THIS, BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY AND I WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THE ECHO TEAM AND I HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR THEM.

THEIR WORK IS REALLY PREDICATED ON LINKAGES AND TO GET PEOPLE TO RESOURCES AND NOT TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM HEAD-ON AND THEY PROVIDE A VERY GOOD ROLE AND I WORK WITH THEM ON THE HOMELESSNESS COALITION AND I HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR KIMBERLY AND MAXIE.

SO, I DO NOT WANT TO PUT - I AM AFRAID IF WE HAVE THE ECHO TEAM AND WE SAY THAT THEY CAN DO THAT, THEY CAN DO THAT, IT BECOMES UNBEARABLE. AND THEN SERVICES DON'T GET DONE.

SO, I THINK THIS IS A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THE WORK THAT THEY DO.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THANK YOU, I AM REFERRING TO THE BALANCES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT THAT IS DATED MARCH 31 OF 2025.

IT DID SHOW AND AGAIN IF YOU SPEND IT DOWN WITH THE CRC, I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT THE TOWN FUND BALANCE IS 2 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

AND I DO THINK THIS SHOULD BE A TOWNSHIP EXPENSE AND THE ONLY THING I WANT TO FINISH BY SAYING IS WE ARE LOOKING TO THE VILLAGE FOR \$150,000 PER YEAR AND THE TOWNSHIP HAS OFFERED 10,000 AND I MEAN I THINK THAT IS A SMALL

AMOUNT RELATIVE TO WHAT THEY COULD DO AND WHEN I WAS ON THE BOARD, WE WERE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO UTILIZE OUR FUND BALANCE IN A GOOD WAY AND THIS SEEMS LIKE A GOOD WAY.

AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROPOSAL AND YOUR WORK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, THANK YOU TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION, I TRULY APPRECIATE THAT.

YOU KNOW I GUESS I ASKED - DID THE TOWNSHIP GIVE ANY SPECIFIC REASON AS TO WHY THEY WERE NOT CONTRIBUTING ANYMORE?

>>CHERYL POTTS: THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD IS PART OF THE TOWNSHIP.

AND I DO WANT TO POINT THAT OUT AND WHEN WE COME TOGETHER IN OUR WORK THE THREE YEAR COMMITMENT FROM US IS GOING TO BE \$415,000 AND THAT SHOULD BE SEEN AS FROM THE TOWNSHIP.

THE TOWNSHIP HAS 2.5 PERCENT OF THE TAX BILL.

SO, WE ARE - I ALSO WANT TO POINT THAT OUT.

AND AGAIN I CANNOT SPEAK ON BEHALF OF OF SUPERVISOR THOMAS OR MANAGER MITCHELL, BUT I KNOW THAT THE DISCUSSIONS AROUND POTENTIAL CUTS AND SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED FOR SENIORS IS LOOMING LARGE AND WE KNOW THE WORK THAT THEY DO THEIR AND IN GENERAL ASSISTANCE OR ANTICIPATING SIGNIFICANT INCREASES THERE.

AND SO WHEN I BROUGHT THIS TO THE TOWNSHIP, THIS WAS US COMING TOGETHER WITHIN THIS 415,000.

SO, I DO NOT WANT TO BE SEEN AS THE TOWNSHIP IS DOING THIS AND CMHB IS DOING THIS, WE ARE DOING THIS IN LOCKSTEP.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I TRULY APPRECIATE THAT AND YOU KNOW FOR ME IN THE PAST BEING ABLE TO YOU KNOW WORK WITH PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT SOME SOLUTIONS FOR PEOPLE IN OAK PARK FACING CRISIS AND MENTAL SITUATIONS AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE THE BEST SOLUTIONS WE SOMETIMES RUN INTO OBSTACLES OF OVERCROWDING WHEN WE DON'T HAVE A SOLUTION RIGHT THERE AND THEN IN DEALING WITH PEOPLE DEALING WITH SOME PRETTY SEVERE SITUATIONS THAT YOU KNOW SOME OF THESE EXECUTIVE METHODS COULD HAVE HELPED OUT ON AND THESE OPPORTUNITIES COULD HAVE HELPED US OUT AND WHEN WE HEARD THAT AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS WAS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I DON'T KNOW - PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND I SPOKE AT EXTENSIVE LENGTH ABOUT IT AND I THINK BEING ABLE TO SEE THE PRESENTATION AND THEN ALSO HAVE SOME CLEAR-CUT OBJECTIVES TO SAY HEY, THIS IS WHAT AND THIS IS HOW THIS CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE FOR US AND 87% REDUCTION IN STRESS AND PEOPLE COMING INTO THIS SITUATION SEEING AND GOING THROUGH SOME ADVERSITY, BUT THEN ALSO GETTING THROUGH AND THEN COMING BACK AND TRUSTING THE PEOPLE THAT THEY COME BACK TO.

I THINK THAT IS HUGE.

AND THIS OVER 90% WITHOUT HOSPITALIZATION AND THE BAD EXPERIENCES REALLY HELPS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS DOING ITS JOB AND LIKE YOU SAID IT

IS IN COORDINATION AS AN ADDITION TO WHATEVER OUR POLICE OFFICERS ARE DOING AND IN ADDITION TO WHAT THE ECHO TEAM IS DOING BECAUSE IT IS NOT JUST ONE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE GOING TO SHOULDER THIS BURDEN.

IT WILL TAKE A COMMUNITY EFFORT AROUND IT.

AND YOU KNOW I CAN HONESTLY YOU KNOW CARE LESS ABOUT YOUR JOB TO DO THIS AND YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE FIND THAT BALANCE AND MAKE SURE WE ARE COMING TOGETHER FOR THE SOLUTION AND YOU KNOW AT THE END OF THE DAY IT IS ALL COMING OUT OF THE TAXPAYER SALARY AND WE ARE JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT AND THEY HAVE SHOWN US THE DIFFERENT SURVEYS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS SINCE COVID STARTED, YOU KNOW?

AND THIS DOES A GREAT JOB OF ADDRESSING WHAT IS A TOP PRIORITY TO OAK PARK RESIDENTS AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT YES, I LOVE THAT THIS IS NOT FOREVER, THIS IS FOR THREE YEARS, THIS IS WHAT THAT IS AND THIS WILL BE UPLOADED INTO SOMETHING THAT WE HOPE THE STATE WILL LIFT UP AND NOT SOMETHING THAT WE EXPECT TO KEEP COMING BACK TO THE BOARD EVERYWHERE AND SO WE DO APPRECIATE THAT THERE IS THAT THOUGHT PROCESS AND LETTING US KNOW HOW MUCH THAT CAN BE OVERTIME.

AND I WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF IT AND IT IS SOMETHING I KNOW OUR RESIDENTS WANT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE STRAW?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THERE ARE A COUPLE THINGS THAT I REALLY LIKE ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL AND ONE OF THEM IS THAT WE TALK A LOT ABOUT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND YOU KNOW HERE WE ARE LOOKING AT THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD AND THE OPR F COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND OAK PARK TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK AND A RUSH OAK PARK COMING TOGETHER TO LOOK AT FUNDING THIS AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE AS A VILLAGE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THROUGH THE IPLAN FOR SOME YEARS NOW AS BEING A REAL NEED.

AND I THINK THIS COMBINED WITH THE PRESENCE OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD AT THE CRC AND YOU KNOW THESE ARE REAL STEP FORWARD IN ADDRESSING SOME OF THE STIGMA AROUND MENTAL HEALTH, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE STATISTICS THAT YOU PUT TOGETHER WHERE 63% OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF WHICH ARE GOING UNTREATED AND A BIG PART OF THAT IS RELATED TO THE STIGMA AROUND MENTAL HEALTH WHERE PEOPLE ARE UNWILLING TO SEEK TREATMENT BECAUSE IT FEELS DIFFERENT THEN GOING AND GETTING TREATMENT YOU KNOW FOR A FEVER OR A SPRAINED ANKLE OR WHAT HAVE YOU.

BUT YOU KNOW WE REALLY NEED TO BE LOOKING AND THINKING ABOUT THESE THINGS HOLISTICALLY.

WE NEED TO BE THINKING ABOUT PEOPLE AS A WHOLE PERSON AND SO I THINK THAT THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE BERRY DUNN RECOMMENDATION.

I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THIS PROPOSAL FORWARD AND MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE MOTION AND SECOND AND I WILL NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT

THIS BOARD HAS BEEN CONSIDERING YOU KNOW A OPPORTUNITY THAT A PARTNER HAS BROUGHT FORWARD THE BOARD MEMBERS AND MOTION AND SECOND AND WE SUPPORTED SOME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRANTS IN THE LAST BUDGET CYCLE THAT I BELIEVE TRUSTEE WESLEY AND TRUSTEE ROBINSON BROUGHT FORWARD WITH A MOTION AND SECOND THAT SAYS THIS IS NOT OUTSIDE OF THE ORDINARY WORKS OF HOW WE CONSIDER SOME PROGRAMMATIC SPENDING AND I DO THINK THE PERSPECTIVE THAT YOU OFFERED THAT YES THIS IS A THREE YEAR COMMITMENT AND YES THIS IS A LITTLE UNDER HALF \$1 MILLION OVER THE COURSE OF THREE YEARS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT AFTER THOSE THREE YEARS THERE IS NO EXPECTATION THAT THIS WILL BE A ONGOING COMMITMENT AND INSTEAD THE GOAL IS TO EITHER COLLECT DATA SUFFICIENT TO SHOW THE STATE THAT THERE IS A NEED AND DEMAND FOR THE STATE TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE LIVING ROOM PROGRAM HERE IN OAK PARK OR TO YOU KNOW MAYBE DISCOVERED THAT THERE IS NOT THE DEMAND FOR SUCH A PROGRAM AND THAT WE CAN FIND ALTERNATIVE AVENUES TO ADDRESS THAT NEED.

AND SO I AM SUPPORTIVE AND I DO THINK THAT THESE LIVING IN PROGRAMS AND THIS MODEL HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL HERE AND IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL ELSEWHERE ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND PARTICULARLY AS IT ALLOWS US TO DE-ESCALATE CRISES SITUATIONS.

YOU KNOW I THINK IT HAS A REAL POSSIBILITY OF SAVING LIVES HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

YOU KNOW THIS ISN'T A SMALL THING.

THIS ISN'T YOU KNOW - THIS IS A LIFESAVING KIND OF PROGRAM AND I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT WHAT THE COST HERE IS.

I THINK THAT THIS IS A VERY SMALL AND REASONABLE COST FOR THE KIND OF IMPACT I EXPECT IT TO HAVE IN SOME RESIDENTS LIVES AND EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A FEW LIVES THAT IT SAVES, THAT IS ABSOLUTELY WELL WORTH THE COST.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, CORY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU LADIES FOR THE AMAZING PRESENTATION. AS YOU KNOW, CHERYL, I AM A HUGE SUPPORTER OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND ASSISTANCE AND I CONTINUE TO BE SO AND I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS, AS WELL.

YOU KNOW THERE IS SOME REALLY INTERESTING STATS THAT YOU BROUGHT UP AND REALLY I JUST WANT TO DIVE INTO THIS AGAIN AND TRUSTEE STRAW MENTIONED A COUPLE OF THESE AND SO THE TRUSTEE ENYIA, BUT THEY BEAR MENTIONING AGAIN.

98% STABILIZATION WITHOUT HOSPITALIZATION, THAT IS AMAZING.

THAT RIGHT THERE SELLS IT FOR ME.

YOU KNOW THE REDUCED ER LOAD, MY MOM WAS AER NURSE AND I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD MANY MANY STORIES ABOUT THE NUMBER OF FOLKS COMING TO THE ER WHO COULD BE BETTER SERVED IN A DIFFERENT SITUATION IF ONLY THAT SITUATION EXISTED FOR THEM, RIGHT?

SO, THIS IS CREATING THAT SITUATION AND I AM EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT.

I LOVE THE LONG-TERM RECOVERY BECAUSE IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT SOMETIMES IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE POINT OF CRISIS.

IT IS ABOUT MANAGING THROUGH AND GETTING FOLKS BACK ON THEIR FEET SO THEY CAN LEARN TO LIVE AGAIN, RIGHT?

AND YOU KNOW THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT IS ENCOURAGING THAT.

I LIKE THE FACT THAT IT IS A LIVING ROOM AND REMOVED A LOT OF THAT STIGMA LIKE YOU CAN JUST GO IN AND GET HELP WITHOUT FEELING LIKE YOU ARE IN A CLINICAL SORT OF SPACE.

IT IS VERY LOW RESISTANCE MAYBE OR LOW AGGRESSION I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT THE TERM IS, BUT VERY WELCOMING.

THAT IS THE WAY WE WILL DO IT.

AND SO I REALLY DO SUPPORT THIS WORK FOR QUITE A NUMBER OF REASONS.

AND WE HAVE ANOTHER AGENDA ITEM TONIGHT AND SO I AM NOT GOING TO TALK A LONG TIME.

BUT, DO NOTE THAT I COULD TALK A LONG TIME ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THAT I SUPPORT ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM.

SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I TRULY TRULY DO SUPPORT AND SUPPORT QUITE HAPPILY.

I WANT TO TOUCH ON SOMETHING THAT TRUSTEE TAGLIA SAID AND ALSO WHAT MANAGER JACKSON SAID EARLIER.

RIGHT LIKE IT DOES COST MONEY AND WE DO HAVE DEFINED WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM, RIGHT?

AND I DO WANT TO BE COGNIZANT OF THAT, IT IS THE BUDGET SEASON, BUT FOR ME THIS IS A PRIORITY AND I'LL BE WORKING HARD TO FIND THE MONEY FOR IT.

THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THANK YOU.

I HAVE SAID AND I WILL SAY AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS PRESENTATION AND FOR THE WORK IN THE COMMUNITY AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS, AS WELL AND IT SEEMS LIKE THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD PROBABLY IS YOU KNOW BIG FAN OF THE SORT OF DATA DRIVEN NATURE OF THE PRESENTATION ITSELF AND THEN ALSO THE DATA-DRIVEN GOALS THAT YOU HAVE TO MEASURE THE POTENTIAL SUCCESS OR POTENTIALLY IF YOU KNOW YOU WILL LEARN SOME THINGS JUST BY HAVING THESE METRICS IN PLACE.

I THINK IT IS A GREAT WAY TO RUN A PROGRAM AND TO TREAT IT AS A PILOT IN THAT WAY AND IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE ESPECIALLY AS YOU BRING IT TO THE STATE LEVEL WHERE FUNDING SHOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

WHILE YOU WERE GIVING THE PRESENTATION I WAS REMINDED OF THE FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THE LIVING ROOM PROGRAM USES AND YOU HAVE FOLKS SORT OF LIVE THROUGH THESE EXPERIENCES IN HELPING FOLKS THAT ARE SEEKING THAT HELP AND KIND OF REMINDED ME OF THE CLIMATE COACH PROGRAM THAT WE PUT TOGETHER OPCAN WHICH IS VERY DIFFERENT IN TERMS OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO, BUT FOLKS WITH LIVE EXPERIENCE SEEKING FOLKS WITH HELP AND YOU KNOW THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO DESCRIBE THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH

WE TRY TO CREATE AND I THINK THAT THIS SEEMS LIKE AN EXCELLENT WAY TO TRY TO ACHIEVE THAT.

SO, VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT OF IT.

YES, THE FUNDING WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THAT, BUT I SEE THAT AS A PRIORITY AS WELL, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THE PRIORITIES THAT THIS BOARD HAS SET CURRENTLY IN RECENT PAST AND SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY WANT TO PRIORITIZE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JIM?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: JUST A COUPLE FOLLOW-UP THINGS.

THERE IS A REASON WHY TAXING BODIES ARE ORGANIZED IN SEPARATE UNITS WE ARE FIDUCIARIES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND I KNOW THAT YOU WILL KNOW THAT, BUT THERE ARE A NON-ENDING NUMBER OF PROGRAMS ARE VALID AND WORTHY PROGRAMS OF THE VILLAGE THAT WE COULD FUND AND THAT MEET BOARD PROTOCOLS AND ARE IMPORTANT TO RESIDENTS AND THIS IS A VERY GOOD PROGRAM WHICH I SAID I AM VERY IMPRESSED WITH IT AND I HAVE VIEWED IT AND I AM EXTREMELY IMPRESSED.

BUT, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT WE CANNOT DO IT ALL AND I THINK THAT WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THIS IN THE FUTURE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WHEN WE HAVE THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE EXPENDITURE, WE HAVE THE SAME CONNECTION WITH HOW WE ARE GOING TO DO IT, BECAUSE IT PUTS US IN A DIFFICULT SPOT HERE COMING TO A BUDGET WHICH ACTUALLY IS GOING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR OUR VILLAGE.

SO, I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT SO WE WANT TO - WE NEED TO HAVE THESE THINGS CONNECTED IN A WAY THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT AND THERE IS A MECHANISM TO CONNECT THE TWO, BECAUSE IT IS EASY TO JUST SAY WE WILL DO IT AND NOW WE HAVE THE HARD PART OF FIGURING OUT WHERE IT WILL COME FROM AND ARE WE GOING TO TAX THE RESIDENCE OR WORK IT THROUGH SOME OTHER CUTS YOU KNOW THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS AND OUR CHOICES.

SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I APPRECIATE IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, SO I AM GOING TO BALANCE THIS OUT.

I WAS ONE OF THE EARLY PEOPLE AND THANK YOU TO TRUSTEE ENYIA FOR TALKING ABOUT IT WHO SHARED WITH FOLKS WHAT A LIVING ROOM IS. AND EVEN WITH YOU KNOW VILLAGE STAFF EARLY ON IN MY TERM HERE AND I DO SEE A BENEFIT AND I KNOW THAT IDENTIFYING OR REALLY COLLECTING THE DATA IS GOING TO HAPPEN THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM ITSELF, BECAUSE WHILE YOU HAVE GOT A VERY NICE PRESENTATION THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE VALUE - DE-STIGMATIZING OF SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH CARE IS WHERE WE ARE GOING TO SEE THE NUMBERS.

THE NEED IN PARK.

BECAUSE, RIGHT NOW AND I THINK ALSO IT IS FAIR TO NOTE THAT ANXIETY IS ONLY LIKELY TO GO UP AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO DO WHAT WE CAN IN OUR LEADERSHIP TO COUNTER THAT IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN IN SUPPORT AND IN LEADERSHIP, WE DON'T HAVE CONTROL OVER ALL THINGS AND BY HAVING

SOMEBODY IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU KNOW WOULD BENEFIT FROM CARE, BUT YOU CAN'T GET THEM TO MAKE THAT APPOINTMENT AND YOU MIGHT IN A MOMENT OF CRISIS IN AN EVENING GET THEM INTO THE CAR AND DRIVE THEM TO THIS PLACE WHERE SOMEBODY WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE CAN WALK THEM THROUGH THE NEXT STEPS AND HELP THEM FEEL LIKE IT IS POSSIBLE.

IT IS SOMETHING THAT I SUPPORT.

LOOKING AT THIS LIST OF YOU KNOW COMMITMENTS THAT WE ALREADY HAVE, I THINK IT IS PROBABLY - I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HAVE OBSERVED SOME OF THE CONVERSATIONS.

YOU HAVE THE OAK PARK RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO COMMIT FOR THREE YEARS, THAT IS NO SMALL TASK.

BUT, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL PARTNERS IN A FEW YEARS OUT, THERE MIGHT BE YOU KNOW ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES IN YEARS OUT THAT WE COULD IDENTIFY.

I HAVE TO WONDER SINCE I AM KIND OF OF THIS REGIONAL MINDSET IT JUST IS THE WAY THAT I WORK, DEREK THINKS ABOUT YOU KNOW HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND I AM LIKE IF OAK PARK KEEPS WORKING TO SOLVE ALL OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD, WE ARE NOT GOING TO MAKE THE IMPACT THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SO THEN I HAVE TO WONDER IS THERE A COUNTY OPPORTUNITY HERE?

BECAUSE, I KNOW THAT SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES IN OTHER COMMUNITIES, THEY DON'T HAVE THE REVENUE SOURCES INSTANTLY TO FILL THIS GAP AND THAT IS WHERE THE COUNTY IS SUPPOSED TO STEP IN.

AND THAT DOES KIND OF BRING ME TO THE LOGIC OF HOW OUR GOVERNMENTAL BODIES ARE SET UP SO THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THE REVENUE SOURCES TO SERVE THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE AND YOU KNOW THE WAY GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO WORK THROUGHOUT OUR NATION.

IN AN IDEAL WORLD.

AND THAT WHEN WE DO THINK ABOUT AND I HAVE SAID IT HERE AT THIS TABLE MANY TIMES, I DO WANT TO AT LEAST VALIDATE WHAT JIM IS SAYING AND HE HAS A LOT OF EXPENSE OF BEING A TRUSTEE IN THE TOWNSHIP AND WHEN I DO GOVERNMENT 101 WORKSHOPS FOR BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS AND VOTERS OR RESIDENTS OF BROOKDALE, I EXPLAIN THE TOWNSHIP IS YOUR SOCIAL SERVICE ARM OF GOVERNMENT.

WE DO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO RAISE THEIR LEVY A LITTLE BIT KIND OF WRITING UNDER THE RADAR AS THAT IS LESS OF A THREAT AND I THINK WE HAVE A BOARD THERE AT THE TOWNSHIP WHERE WE CAN HAVE THOSE CONVERSATIONS DOWN THE ROAD.

OUR BUDGET SEASONS ARE NOT ALIGNED AND SO I AM WILLING TO CARRY THIS CONVERSATION FORWARD THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND OBVIOUSLY THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH SUPPORT AT THE BOARD TABLE FOR THAT.

BUT, I ALSO KNOW THAT DEREK AND JIM AND BRIAN AND I ARE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SO WE ARE GOING TO HAVE CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS AS TO WHERE TO IDENTIFY THOSE FUNDS.

AND I WOULD THEN CHALLENGE MY COLLEAGUES FOR YOU KNOW ARE THERE ADDITIONAL EFFICIENCIES THAT WE CAN FIND ELSEWHERE AND WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION.

BUT, YOU KNOW I HOPE THIS MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES.

I ALSO NOTING THAT WE DO HAVE SOME FEAR THAT THREE YEARS IS GOING TO BE HARD, BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU KNOW THE STATE WILL SEE CUTS AS WELL BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT FUNDING THINGS THE WAY THAT WE WANT IF WE WERE PRIORITIZING WHERE THOSE FUNDS WENT.

SO, THERE IS A UNPREDICTABILITY THERE.

AS TO WHERE THIS FUNDING CAN BE COMING FROM IN THREE YEARS.

BUT, I DO - I DO HEAR THAT YOU ARE SAYING THAT THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD IS THE LEAD IN ORGANIZING THIS AND IS STICKING FIRM TO THAT THREE YEARS AND SO I WILL JUST FIND MYSELF LEANING IN ON THAT ALTHOUGH IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN BE AS A CHAMPION AND ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES, EVEN IF THEY ARE PRIVATE FOR THIS, THEN I WOULD MAKE MYSELF MORE THAN AVAILABLE TO THAT CAUSE.

AND POTENTIALLY, POTENTIALLY EVEN IN THE INTERIM, BECAUSE YOU KNOW OURSELVES AND EVEN OTHER PEOPLE ON THIS LIST MAY FIND OURSELVES NEEDING TO LOWER THAT AMOUNT IN THE SECOND YEAR OR THE THIRD YEAR IF WE CAN FIND AND WORK TOGETHER AND FIND ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SUPPLEMENT.

SO, IT IS MORE THAN WORTHY OF ANYTHING THAT HAS EVER COME BEFORE US, BUT I THINK THIS IS A MESSAGE FOR OUR ENTIRE BUDGET SEASON, WE HAVE MORE DIFFICULT DECISIONS TO MAKE AND WE KNEW THAT AND I SAID THAT AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID THAT AT DIFFERENT TIMES, WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS.

SO, THANK YOU AND THEN WE WILL LOOK TO COMMUNICATE THOSE NEXT STEPS WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

AND WORK THROUGH THAT IN PARTNERSHIP.

OKAY?

CONGRATULATIONS.

THIS IS A DISCUSSION, RIGHT?

OR AN ACTUAL MOTION?

IT IS A MOTION.

OKAY, VERY GOOD.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: I BELIEVE THE MOTION WAS BASED ON THE TEXT OF THE AGENDA WHICH WAS TO GRANT THE FUNDING SO TRUSTEE ENYIA AND LEVING-JOHNSON MADE AND SECONDED THAT MOTION.

THAT IS WHAT IS BEFORE YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THEY DID MAKE A MOTION AND A SECOND BEFORE THE DISCUSSION ABOVE AND BEYOND THE FACT THAT IT READS THAT WAY.

AND SO WE DO HAVE THE MOTION ON THE TABLE AND SO WE CAN GO AHEAD AND TAKE A VOTE.

AND THE MOTION AS IT IS WRITTEN OR READ OUT LOUD IS FINE.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THE MOTION AS WRITTEN IS TO GRANT THE FUNDING TO THE ORGANIZATION, SO BASED IT WOULD NEED A FRIENDLY AND I MEANT TO REFER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IF THAT IS OKAY, WOULD TRUSTEE ENYIA AND TRUSTEE JENNA, I DID NOT FOLLOW RIGHT AWAY AND SO I GUESS - SO, THERE IS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO SEND THE \$150,000 FOR LIVING ROOM TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. IS THAT SUFFICIENT?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: YES.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

AND NOW WE CAN TAKE THE ROLE.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

AND CONGRATULATIONS AND NOW WE HAVE - LET'S TAKE A MOTION TO GO BEYOND 10 PM.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND WE HAVE A DISCUSSION REGARDING A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT STAGING AREAS, PROCESSING LOCATIONS, AND OPERATIONAL BASES.

OKAY, THIS MOTION IS COMING FROM TRUSTEE JENNA LEVING-JOHNSON AND TRUSTEE EDER AND THEY BOTH HAVE DONE THE WORK OF PUTTING TOGETHER A CONSIDERATION FOR THE BOARD.

MAY I ASK YOU TO START WITH THAT FOR THE SAKE OF TIME AS WELL AND THANK YOU FOR DOING IT?

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: YOU WANT ME TO READ IT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE PUBLIC DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO IT, BUT YOU CAN DO THE QUICK VERSION.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: TRUSTEE EDER WILL HELP, BECAUSE - I WILL START BY SAYING THAT THIS IS TOP OF MIND, TOP OF CONVERSATION AND CONCERNED FOR EVERYONE I HAVE INTERACTED WITH IN THE COMMUNITY. AND EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN TALKING A LOT ABOUT ALL THAT WE CAN DO IN THIS MOMENT WE ONLY HAVE A COUPLE OF EMAILS AND THE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT.

BUT, ONE OF THE EMAILS SAID SOMETHING THAT I THOUGHT KIND OF ENCAPSULATED THE WHY BEHIND BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR OUR ELECTED LEADERS TO DO WHATEVER IT

IS IN THEIR POWER TO RESIST THE TERROR THAT ICED IS BRINGING TO OUR COMMUNITIES, PLEASE ACT WHILE YOU CAN.

AND THAT IS I FEEL LIKE WHERE I'M COMING FROM AND WHERE WE ARE COMING FROM, A CONTINUATION OF OUR CONVERSATION LAST WEEK AROUND FOLKS WHO ARE EXTRA OR MORE VISIBLELY VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY BROUGHT FORWARD BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND REALLY CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION AND THINKING ABOUT WHAT MORE CAN WE DO AS A VILLAGE IN OUR ROLE HERE.

AND SO I WILL LET DEREK GET TO THE MEAT OF THE DOCUMENT.

BUT, I WILL JUST ADD THE INTENTION IS ALSO TO BE DECISIVE AND HOPEFULLY HAVE SOMETHING TO VOTE ON AT OUR NEXT MEETING, BUT ALSO WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS ITERATIVE, WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO HOPEFULLY EXPERIMENT WITH THINGS THAT WORK TO PROTECT EACH OTHER AND PROTECT FOLKS THAT COME TO OUR COMMUNITY AND SO AS EXPERIENCES UNFOLD AND IDEAS COME TO US I AM HOPING THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THIS GROUP EFFORT TO LOOK AT OUR ROLES AND LEVERS OF POWER AND INFLUENCE AND RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.

SO, THERE ARE SOME SPECIFIC THINGS WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH TONIGHT AND AT THE NEXT MEETING, BUT ALSO WITH THIS OPEN MIND THAT WE KEEP GOING.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: WELL SAID.

SO, THERE IS A DOCUMENT THAT TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON AND I PUT TOGETHER AND SHARED WITH THE BOARD, BUT FOR THE HELP OF EVERYONE ELSE IN THE ROOM AND THOSE WATCHING, I WILL READ IT OUT LOUD.

BEFORE I DO, IT HAS BEEN IN THE LAST COUPLE MONTHS, THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO RATCHET UP AND ESCALATE.

I FORGOT ALMOST THAT WE WERE AT THE ICE FACILITY WHAT WAS THAT TWO WEEKS AGO AS SEVERAL OF US WERE WHERE A TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE WAS ARRESTED AND DETAINED BY ICE.

AND JUST YESTERDAY ABOUT 200 FEET FROM MY HOUSE, A RESIDENT OF OAK PARK WAS DETAINED BY ICE ON HARVARD STREET RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL WHERE MY KIDS GO.

AND THEY PULLED SOMEBODY OUT OF THEIR CAR, HE WAS FOLLOWING THEM AND LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THAT ICE WAS DRIVING THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND AT GUNPOINT PULLED HIM OUT OF THE CAR AND ARRESTED HIM AND DETAINED HIM AND HE HAS BEEN RELEASED SINCE, BUT THAT PUT THE SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY ON A SECURE LOCKDOWN IN RESPONSE TO THIS SITUATION BY A FEDERAL OFFICER. WHO ARE MASKED AND NOT IDENTIFIED BY THE WAY.

SO, IT IS NO LONGER THEORETICAL AND NO LONGER HAPPENING ELSEWHERE, IT IS HAPPENING HERE IN OAK PARK AND WE HAD PUBLIC COMMENT TONIGHT FROM A HIGHSCHOOLER WHO IS FEELING UNSAFE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

WE HAVE GOTTEN SEVERAL EMAILS JUST RECENTLY AND PROBABLY PEOPLE WHO SAW ON THE AGENDA THAT THIS IS COMING UP IN SUPPORT OF DOING SOMETHING. DO SOMETHING, PLEASE.

SO, IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT WE WANT TO START THIS CONVERSATION AND WE WANT TO WELCOME THE INPUT FROM OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD AND WE WANT TO WELCOME INPUT FROM STAFF AND ALSO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS A LOT THAT WE CAN DO AND LOTS OF THINGS THAT ARE BEYOND OUR POWER TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT.

AND IT IS FINDING CREATIVE WAYS TO LEVERAGE THE POWER THAT WE HAVE AT THIS TABLE AND IN THIS VILLAGE TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.

WITH THAT BEING SAID I WILL READ THROUGH THE MEMO THAT WE PRESENTED AND SHARE WITH THE BOARD.

SO, DATED OCTOBER 21, 2025.

WE WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT THE OAK PARK VILLAGES STAFF TO ADOPT ORDINANCE MODELED AFTER CHICAGO'S ICE FREE ZONE EXECUTIVE ORDER PASSED ON OCTOBER 6, 2025 AND RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF EVANSTON ON OCTOBER 13, 2025.

THIS DOCUMENT REPRESENTS A STARTING POINT FOR ACTIONS THAT VILLAGE BOARD AND STAFF SHOULD TAKE TO HELP OAK PARK PREPARE FOR INCREASED FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS AND DETENTIONS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. THE PAST MONTHS, SEVERAL OAK PARK RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY ICE AND TENSIONS, CONFUSION AND FEAR HAVE RISEN AMONG OUR RESIDENTS.

WE WELCOME INPUT AND CONCERNS AND ANY IDEAS THAT HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER AND MORE PREPARED.

AS A STARTING POINT WE SEE THIS WORK BEING DONE IN TWO PARTS.

NUMBER ONE, PROHIBITING USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS.

WE WOULD LIKE THE VILLAGE TO ADOPT LANGUAGE, POSSIBLY AMENDING OUR WELCOMING CITY ORDINANCE, PROHIBITING THE USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS.

THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO AS WAS MENTIONED AND ALSO COOK COUNTY, CITY OF EVANSTON AND THEN JUST LAST WEEK THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTED THEIR STAFF TO DRAFT SIMILAR LANGUAGE FOR THE CITY OF HORAWAY.

THE ORDINANCE SHOULD ALSO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF PHYSICAL BARRIERS SO THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE FOR IMMIGRATION PURPOSES OR ANY ICE ACTIVITY.

THE VILLAGE OWNS AT SOME PROPERTY AND THERE ARE MANY OTHER PROPERTIES OWNED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES IN THE VILLAGE, NAMELY THE TOWNSHIP, LIBRARY, D 97, D 200 AND THE PARK DISTRICT AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE STAFF AND THE BOARD CORDATE WITH THESE BODIES TO ADOPT SIMILAR POLICIES.

THIS TOPIC WAS BROUGHT UP ON SATURDAY AT THE OCTOBER 18 MEETING SO FOLKS KNOW WHAT WE WERE REFERRING TO.

THE SECOND PIECE IS A VILLAGE WIDE COMMUNICATION PLAN.

WE WOULD LIKE TO CREATE A SHARED COMMUNICATION PLAN AND FUNDING WITH THE GOAL OF EVERY PERSON WHO VISITS, LIVES AND WORKS IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK KNOWS WHAT TO DO WHEN OBSERVING FEDERAL AGENTS. THIS PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO SHARED SIGNAGE, HANDOUTS AND OTHER MATERIALS FOR USE OF CROSS GOVERNMENT BODIES IN OAK PARK AND BEST PRACTICES FOR RESIDENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS HIRING DAY LABORERS ROOFERS, PLANTERS, MOVERS WHO FACE REAL RISKS OF RACIAL PROFILING AND ICE ENFORCEMENT AND CORDED OUTREACH AND LEVERAGING EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS TO BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES AND SIGNS FOR BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS IS A WE PROTECT ALL WORKERS OR ICE FREE ZONE.

THE TENSILE USE OF VILLAGE WIDE NEWSLETTERS AND EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS AND OTHER CHANNELS TO QUICKLY NOTIFY RESIDENTS OF ICE ACTIVITY IN THEIR AREA AND I BELIEVE THAT WAS QUITE A LOT OF WHAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT WE GOT ALREADY, THERE IS JUST CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON WHERE.

SO, IT FEELS LIKE WE NEED TO GET ON TOP OF THAT.

AND THEN FINALLY TRUSTED RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPING OF MATERIALS INCLUDE PSAL, WEST IS A RIBBON PROJECT AND ICE REFUGEE RIGHTS AND SO WE APPRECIATE AND INCLUDE A FEW EXAMPLE SIGNS THAT HAVE BEEN USED BY OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN THIS DOCUMENT.

AND WE APPRECIATE FEEDBACK FROM OUR FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY ON THESE.

SO, WE WILL TURN IT BACK TO YOU ALL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: KEVIN, DO YOU HAVE OUR PRESENTATION?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: I WILL SHARE A FEW COMMENTS, FIRST AND FOREMOST I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE TRUSTEES ON ALL THE BACKEND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THEIR INTEREST IN THE MOTION.

YOU KNOW STAFF HAS TAKEN INFORMATION OUT OF CONSIDERATION THE DO A LEGAL ANALYSIS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS THESE EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND WE HAVE STAFF HERE WITH SOME PREPARATION AND AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

BUT, I THINK THERE IS SOME ADDITIONAL WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ON THIS FOR US TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE BACK AND WE ARE ALSO HERE LISTENING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE INTERPRETING WHAT YOUR SPECIFIC INTERESTS ARE AS WE POSITION OURSELVES TO COME BACK AND RESPOND TO THESE INTERESTS.

ONE THING THAT I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE AND ASK IS AROUND THE ISSUE OF TIMING. SO, I THINK THERE IS A SPECIFIC REQUEST AROUND AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT IT.

SO, OUR NEXT OFFICIAL REGULAR MEETING AFTER TONIGHT IS NOVEMBER 11.

WE HAVE A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4 AND ANOTHER ONE ON NOVEMBER 6 AND IF THERE IS ACTION BEING DESIRED ACTION PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 11 ON THIS ITEM IN TERMS OF A BOARD ADOPTION AND ORDINANCE I WOULD ASK

THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE LIKE A SPECIAL MEETING THEN AND PERHAPS EVEN ON ONE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE NIGHTS OF THE FOURTH PROBABLY YES, YES. AND THE 11TH IS THE ACTUAL REGULAR MEETING AND THE FOURTH, WE ARE VACATING THAT REGULAR MEETING IN THE NEED FOR OUR BUDGET.

SO, WE ARE DOING A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4, THAT IS THE PLAN.

SO, IF WE WANTED TO DO A SPECIAL MEETING ON THE FOURTH, OTHERWISE WE WOULD BE WAITING UNTIL THE 11TH.

BUT, WE ARE HERE AND WE HAVE STAFF HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND EVEN TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE DONE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WOULD YOU LIKE TO START WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE SO FAR BECAUSE IT IS NOTABLE TO SAY THAT VILLAGE HAS LED ON SOME EFFORTS.

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU, GOOD EVENING PRESIDENT SCAMAN, CLERK WATERS, VILLAGE MANAGER KEVIN JACKSON AND EVERYONE JOINING US THIS EVENING. TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS RESULTING FROM ICE ACTIVITIES.

VILLAGE MANAGER KEVIN JACKSON CHARGE DEPARTMENT HEADS WITH MOBILIZING A COORDINATED CROSS DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE TO SUPPORT OAK PARK RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, PEOPLE WHO WORK IN OAK PARK AND VISITORS AND TO OPERATIONALIZE THE VILLAGE BOARD AND THE DESTINATION THROUGH CONCRETE ACTION.

STAFF STARTED BY DESIGNATING THE PARKING LOT AT VILLAGE HALL TO ONLY BE USED BY PEOPLE WORKING FOR AND CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE VILLAGE. AS WE HAVE ALL SEEN, THAT HAS DETERRED ICE FROM APPEARING AROUND VILLAGE HALL.

STAFF ALSO ENHANCED THE IMMIGRATION RESOURCES PAGE OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WEBSITE.

WE ADDED SO MANY LINKS AND NOW THERE ARE APPROXIMATE 75 ENTITIES LISTED. THERE ARE LINKS TO THE ORGANIZATIONS PAGES RELATED SPECIFICALLY AS WELL AS TO THE HOME PAGES SO PEOPLE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHO THE ORGANIZATIONS WERE.

STAFF ALSO PREPARED RESPONSES TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND WE REFERRED BACK TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE BECAUSE HE IS THE HIGHEST LAWYER IN THE STATE.

STAFF WORK TOGETHER TO ENHANCE THE WEBSITE FURTHER BY ADDING A CALL OUT TO THE LANDING PAGE WITH A LINK TO THE IMMIGRATION RESOURCES IN OAK PARK, CHICAGOLAND AND THE STATE.

WE HAVE ISSUED MULTIPLE NEWS RELEASES THAT REINFORCE THE VILLAGE POSITION AS A WELCOMING VILLAGE.

THOSE STATEMENTS DESCRIBE THE ROLES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STAFF AND HOW WE DO NOT ASSIST IN MATTERS RELATED TO IMMIGRATION.

THESE NEWS RELEASES ALSO DIRECT PEOPLE TO OUR IMMIGRATION RESOURCES PAGE.

FOR INFORMATION.

SIMILARLY, THERE IS AN ITEM ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE OP FYI AND INCLUDE A LINK TO THE RESOURCES THAT WE EXPECT TO BE DELIVERED TO OAK PARK RESIDENTS THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10.

AND STAFF HAS LINKED THE INFORMATION RESOURCES PAGE AND MULTIPLE LOCATIONS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WEBSITE. YOU MAY NOTICE THAT THERE IS A PARTICULAR CALL OUT TO IT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE THAT HAS A LITTLE MEGAPHONE.

ADDITIONALLY AS OF YESTERDAY HE MEDICATIONS WAS ABLE TO ADD A SLIDER WHICH I CALL A SLIDESHOW AT THE TOP OF OUR WEBSITE WITH ONE OF THE SLIDES LINKING BACK TO THE IMMIGRATION RESOURCES.

WE HAVE PRINTED OVER 10,000 BILINGUAL 5 X 7 FLYERS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN THE COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE PROVIDED ALL OF THE TRUSTEES AND CLERK WATERS WITH ONLY 50 SO FAR, BUT YOU WILL GET MORE THUS FAR, THE FLYERS ARE INTRODUCTORY TEXTS ABOUT THE ISSUE AND A QR CODE THAT LINKS BACK TO OUR RESOURCES PAGE.

THE FLYERS ARE GOING TO BE DISTRIBUTED FOR A VARIETY OF GROUPS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FIRST RESPONDERS, INSPECTORS, ECHO, OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, LIBRARY IN COLLABORATION WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE OTHER VLP TAXING LOBBIES, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, MEDICAL PROVIDERS THAT PEOPLE OWNING PETS, FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS AND EDUCATIONAL AND ENRICHMENT PROVIDERS AS WELL AS OTHERS.

WE ANTICIPATE THE FLYERS WILL WREAK VILLAGE RESIDENTS, PEOPLE WHO WORK IN OAK PARK, VISITORS AND BUSINESS OWNERS.

THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

OKAY, SO THEN TO KIND OF GO AS QUICKLY - WHAT CAN WE SHARE AS BRIEFLY AS WE CAN WITH OUR SUPPORT VS.

WHERE WE MAY HAVE CONCERNS AND WANT TO HEAR MORE INFORMATION IN PREPARATION FOR A ACTUAL AGENDA ITEM AND CAN WE JUST START WITH CHIBIKUE AND THEN GO THIS WAY SINCE YOU GUYS HAVE ALREADY PRESENTED?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: YES, I AM STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO SHOW THAT AS A IMMUNITY WE ARE UNITED AGAINST THOSE OPERATIONS FROM FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BEING ABLE TO WITNESS SOME OF THIS FIRSTHAND AND BEING THERE AT THE ICE FACILITY AND SEEING THE ACTIONS TAKEN I DEFINITELY AGREE THAT THIS IS NOT WHAT ANYBODY IN OAK PARK WOULD STAND FOR AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WOULD WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR NEIGHBORS AND ALSO WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE AND HOW THEY ARE USING THAT FACILITY AND THE ILLINOIS POLICE OFFICERS TO CARRY OUT THESE KINDS OF ACTS.

I'M GLAD OUR POLICE OFFICERS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THAT.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT OUR OFFICERS AND THEY SUPPORT YOU KNOW WHAT THIS VILLAGE STANDS FOR AND I THINK YOU HAVE ALL DONE A GREAT JOB IN MAKING SURE WE GET THE INFORMATION OUT THERE NOT ONLY TO RESIDENTS BUT

ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN OAK PARK THAT ARE REALLY THRILLED AT THE LEVEL THAT YOU HAVE ALL SHOWN FOR NOT STANDING FOR THIS AND HAVE DONE A FANTASTIC JOB AND I COULD NOT ASK FOR MORE.

I JUST WISH THAT EVERYONE WAS TAKING THE SAME STEPS YOU ARE.

I APPRECIATE IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

CORY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I'M STRONGLY SUPPORTED AND LOOKING FORWARD TO WHATEVER COMES ON THE AGENDA.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION OR COORDINATION WITH OUR FELLOW GOVERNING BODIES, BECAUSE AS NOTED THERE IS LIMITED PROPERTY THAT THE VILLAGE CONTROLS THE MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTIES WHERE SUCH AN ORDINANCE WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO BE EFFECTIVE AT SCHOOLS AND PARKS AND AT THE LIBRARY AND SO I THINK THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US COLLABORATING ON PROVIDING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDING WHATEVER SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR OUR PARTNERS TO IMPLEMENT SIMILAR AND I DON'T THINK THEY'RE CALLED ORDINANCES WHEN - YOU KNOW LIKE POLICIES - I DON'T KNOW. BUT, FOR THEM TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTIONS THAT I ALSO YOU KNOW I APPRECIATE THE CARDS WE HAVE GOTTEN.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US COORDINATING SOMETHING AROUND SIGNS THAT BUSINESSES WOULD USE AND THAT WE COULD COMMUNICATE TO THOSE BUSINESSES WHO ARE LICENSED IN OAK PARK LIKE HEY THESE ARE YOUR RIGHTS AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO INFORM ICE AND FEDERAL AGENTS THAT THEY ARE NOT WELCOME TO COME FOR ANY CIVIL IMMIGRATION PURPOSES WITHOUT A JUDICIALLY SIGNED WARRANT.

AND SO PROVIDING SIGNAGE AND EDUCATION TO BUSINESS OWNERS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT.

AND I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER WE ARE NECESSARILY THE BEST MESSENGER ON SOME OF THESE BEST PRACTICES FOR RESIDENTS WHO MAY HAVE FOLKS WHO ICE WOULD INTERACT WITH IN A AGGRESSIVE OR NEGATIVE WAY WORKING IN OR AROUND THEIR PROPERTY, BUT I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PARTNER WITH OR IDENTIFY WHO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE AND WHO CAN PROVIDE THAT MESSAGING TO RESIDENTS ABOUT HOW TO CREATE A SAFETY PLAN FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING ON THEIR PROPERTY, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR STREETS IS FEDERAL AGENTS ARE DRIVING AROUND LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BROWN SKIN AND ASKING THEM FOR THEIR PAPERS AND IF THEY CANNOT PRODUCE PAPERS, THEY ARE IMPLEMENTING WHAT IS CALLED A CAVANAUGH STOP WHERE THEY APPREHEND THEM AND THEY ABDUCTED THEM FOR A PERIOD OF HOURS WHILE THEY ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM WHAT THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS IS.

AND IN SOME CASES THEY ARE RELEASED WITH A CITATION FOR FAILING TO HAVE THEIR PAPERS ON THEM, BECAUSE WE NOW LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE YOU HAVE TO PROVE YOUR LEGAL RESIDENCY IF YOU ARE NOT A CITIZEN OR IF THEY CAN'T

IDENTIFY LEGAL RESIDENCY FOR THE INDIVIDUALS THEY RETAIN DETAINED FOR DAYS WHERE LONG-TERM STAYS WERE NEVER A PART OF THE FACILITY AND LONG-TERM STAYS ARE UNSPEAKABLE AND THEY ARE CONSISTENTLY BEING ASKED TO SIGN PAPERS WHICH OFTEN TIMES THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO BE VOLUNTARILY DEPORTED.

AND THIS IS THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION.

SO, IT IS INCUMBENT ON YOU AS A RESIDENT HERE IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE WORKING ON YOUR PROPERTY WHO MAY BE TARGETED BY ICE NOT BECAUSE THEY HAVE DONE ANYTHING WRONG OR THEY HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD, BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXION OF THEIR SKIN TO COME UP WITH A SAFETY PLAN BY WHICH YOU WELCOME THOSE PEOPLE INTO YOUR HOME IF FEDERAL AGENTS STOP IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY AND BY WHICH YOU TELL THOSE FEDERAL AGENTS THAT THEY ARE NOT WELCOME INTO YOUR HOME UNLESS THEY PRESENT A JUDICIALLY SIGNED WARRANT.

AND SO I DO NOT KNOW THAT THE VILLAGE AS A BODY IS THE RIGHT BODY TO COMMUNICATE THAT MESSAGE, BUT I DO THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE FIGURING OUT WHO IS AND WE SHOULD BE EACH OF US INDIVIDUALLY AT EACH OF THE RESIDENCE SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE WHO THEY ARE CONSIDERING PUTTING AT RISK, BECAUSE THESE ICE AGENTS HAVE FORCED ROOFERS TO JUMP OFF OF GROOVES IN NAPERVILLE AND THEY HAVE APPREHENDED PEOPLE WHO WERE JUST ON THE SIDE OF THE STREET SELLING TAMALES AND HAVE BEEN DOING SO FOR YEARS AND YEARS.

THIS IS NOT ANY KIND OF TARGETED THING.

THIS IS IF - THIS IS A - SORRY, THAT WENT A LITTLE BIT LONGER THAN JUST THE SUPPORT.

I AM REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS.

BUT, I DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO KNOW YOUR RIGHTS DIRECTED TO BUSINESSES AND WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO COMMUNICATE TO RESIDENTS WHAT THEY SHOULD BE DOING EVEN IF IT IS NOT US AS THE MESSENGER OF HOW TO IMPLEMENT A SAFETY PLAN IF YOU HAVE FOLKS WORKING ON YOUR PROPERTY.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THANK YOU.

SO, REGARDING THIS MATTER I THINK THAT I WOULD OF COURSE IT IS CLEAR TO ME WHAT THE WILL OF THE BOARD IS AND I WILL FOLLOW AND MOVE AHEAD AND I THINK IT IS SOME GOOD THINGS AND SOME GOOD IDEAS AND I WOULD RELY ON OUR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS PROPERLY VETTED AND I'M SURE THAT WILL BE.

BUT, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE CLARITY BETWEEN THE DIFFERENCE FOR THE PUBLIC APPROACHING THIS FROM A ORDINANCE STANDPOINT VS. A RESOLUTION AND I WILL JUST MENTION THAT THAT I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE CONTINUALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS, BECAUSE THOSE WORDS ARE USED INTERCHANGEABLY AND THEY ARE VERY DIFFERENT.

SO, A COORDINATION AMONG TAX BODIES IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND MAYBE COG COULD HAVE SOMETHING TO HELP WITH, I'M NOT SURE, BUT TRIED TO GET BORED WITH DIFFERENT SCHEDULES AND DIFFERENT MEETINGS AND WE ARE THAT

WE CANNOT EVEN MEET UNTIL WHATEVER IT IS, OUR SCHEDULE IS VERY UP AND DOWN RIGHT NOW DUE TO THE BUDGET.

AND WE HAVE GOT ALL OF THESE TAX BODIES TRYING TO GET SOMETHING TOGETHER, BUT IT IS GOING TO REQUIRE SOME EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT AND SOME SPECIAL MEETINGS.

AND I ALSO WANTED TO SAY THAT I THINK PERSONALLY I WANT TO FOCUS ON TAKING MATERIAL MEASURES FOR KEEPING RESIDENTS SAFE AS OPPOSED TO CREATING A DECREE OF SORTS THAT MAY HAVE LITTLE TO NO EFFECT AND I DO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I VALUE AND UNDERSTAND RESIDENTS FEEL POWERLESS AND WE ARGUE KNOW THE VILLAGE IS LIKE AN ANT AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS LIKE A ELEPHANT AND IT IS NOT A FAIR COMPARISON OR A FIGHT IF YOU WANT TO USE THAT WORD.

I WILL SAY FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH THAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT RETALIATION. I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO BE MINDFUL THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT JUST GOING TO ALLOW THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN THAT THEY TAKE ACTION.

I DO NOT WANT TO SEE NATIONAL GUARD MARCHING DOWN LAKE STREET.

I DO NOT - I THINK THAT WOULD BE DEVASTATING.

AND IT WOULD MAKE MATTERS FAR WORSE.

SO, I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF THOSE THINGS AND BALANCE THEM AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT THE BOARD HERE AND OUR STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL WILL WORK TO TRY TO HAVE THOSE ENDS MEET IN A POSITIVE WAY.

THAT IS PRETTY MUCH ALL I HAVE TO SAY, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE A PRETTY OVERWHELMING SUPPORT THROUGH THE WORK THAT DEREK AND JENNA HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD WITH THE EXAMPLE HAVING SAID IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO ORDINANCE TO BE APPRECIATED AND NOTED THAT VILLAGE STAFF AND THE BOARD WAS LARGELY SUPPORTIVE OF SIMILAR ACTIONS IN THE PARKING LOT WAS THE EXAMPLE. AND I THINK WHAT THIS IS DOING IS SAYING THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT TYPE OF SIGNAGE AND ENFORCEMENT IS STILL A QUESTION, BUT IT IS AT LEAST FINDING SOME WAYS TO NOTIFY OUR VILLAGE MANAGER OF ANYONE WHO WOULD BE ON THE LOT THAT IS BEING MISUSED AND WITH THE GOAL OF KEEPING OUR RESIDENTS SAFE.

AND THE OTHER ASPECT ARE JUST TO SAY THEM OUT LOUD IS THAT WE ARE SEEING IN THE EXAMPLES ALSO WE ARE REINFORCED BY THE STATEMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES HERE AROUND MAKING SURE THAT YOU ARE PROVIDING SIGNAGE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES POTENTIALLY FOR RESIDENTS THAT THEY CAN EITHER PRINT OFF OF OUR WEBSITE OR PRINT OR PICK UP HERE AND USE THAT ARE ALL GEARED TOWARDS WHAT THEY CAN DO.

IF IT IS JUST THIS PROPERTY IS ICE FREE OR WHAT WAS THE OTHER LANGUAGE THAT WAS USED?

WE PROTECT OUR WORKERS.

AND THEN PROVIDING AS MUCH INFORMATION SO THAT PEOPLE CAN ALSO REITERATING WHAT I'VE HEARD FROM COLLEAGUES, CREATE THEIR OWN PLAN, RIGHT?

WHETHER IT IS BEING A COMMUNITY GRASSROOTS MESSAGING OF YOUR PLAN OR WHAT YOU MAY HAVE IS A PLAN OR IF IT IS LIKE THE CARDS THAT ARE VILLAGE STAFF HAVE PROVIDED FOR US ABOUT KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS.

BUT, REALLY I THINK A GOAL FOR MYSELF IS THAT IT IS PROACTIVE AS MUCH AS CAN BE THAT EVERYBODY IN OUR COMMUNITY HAS THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT THEIR PLAN SHOULD BE.

AND SOME OF THAT CANNOT BE DICTATED BY GOVERNMENT.

YOU WILL HAVE TO DECIDE.

YOU KNOW IF YOU HAVE WORKERS WORKING ON YOUR HOUSE, MAYBE YOU CAN ALLOW THEM ACCESS TO YOUR GARAGE SO THAT WHEN THEY COME AND GO FROM THERE VEHICLE THEY ARE ALREADY ON YOUR PROPERTY.

THAT IS YOUR PERSONAL CHOICE.

YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE THAT OUT.

THE VILLAGE CANNOT TELL YOU TO DO THAT, BUT IF IT IS COMMUNITY KEEPING COMMUNITY SAFE, THEN WE WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND AT LEAST WHAT KNOW YOUR RIGHTS MEANS.

AND GO AHEAD -

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I THINK MORE THAN KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN THE SENSE OF LIKE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS I WOULD EMPHASIZE THE ACRONYM THAT WE HAVE BEEN SEEING, SO WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU SEE ACTIVITY YOU KNOW NOTE THE SIZE OF THE OPERATION AND WHAT ARE THEY WEARING AND TRIED TO GET THE INFORMATION OF THE LOVED ONE OR A CONTACT PERSON OF THE PERSON BEING DETAINED SO YOU CAN NOTIFY THEM IS PROBABLY THE MORE EFFECTIVE AS DEREK SAID IN OUR MEMO.

EVERYBODY IN OAK PARK IDEALLY WHETHER YOU LIVE HERE, WORK HERE, VISITING HERE WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO IN THIS SITUATION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT IS EXCELLENT TO RESTATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BECAUSE WE CAN READ THAT UNTIL WE ARE IN THE MOMENT AND WE NEED TO USE IT AND WE SOMETIMES NEED TO PRACTICE.

AND WE REALLY NEED TO GIVE A THOUGHT.

AND THAT TO ME IN HAVING A VILLAGE WIDE CAMPAIGN HELPS TO WHATEVER EXTENT WE HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT.

I DO ALSO THINK THAT THE COORDINATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT BODIES IS NECESSARY AND WILL LEVERAGE THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE HAVE GOT RESPECTING THAT EACH GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS THEIR OWN DIFFERING CONCERN AND PURVIEW, BUT WE YOU KNOW I THINK I'VE SEEN AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN WHETHER IT WAS DURING COVID OR MIGRANT RESPONSE OR NOW THAT WE HAVE A VERY CARING COMMUNITY AND IT IS CAPABLE OF MOBILIZING AND BEING LEADERS IN VERY CHALLENGING TIMES.

AND WE ARE HERE.

YOU KNOW BRIAN SAID IT AND I WILL NOT SAY MUCH MORE, BUT I MEAN REALLY WHEN YOU SEE SOMEBODY YANKED OUT OF A CAR IN A STREET OR A PARK, WE ARE IN A AUTHORITARIAN SOCIETY RIGHT NOW.

IT IS HERE.

AND YOU KNOW HISTORY IS GOING TO BE ON OUR SIDE FOR ACTING.  
AND RESPONDING AND TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER.  
AND WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT HISTORY WHERE WE HAVE SEEN THIS BEFORE VERY  
VERY TRAGICALLY, YOU KNOW IT IS, THE HISTORY WILL TELL YOU THAT IT IS  
COMMUNITY THAT COMES AND PROTECTS EACH OTHER.  
SO.

THAT IS - AND SO THEN WE SHOULD BE EXPECTING SOME BUDGET ASK - AND SO FYI.  
WE DO NOT NEED A ACTUAL VOTE ON THIS, I THINK THE DIRECTION IS PRETTY  
CLEAR.

NOW, THERE ARE STILL THINGS THAT WE NEED TO FLESH OUT WHEN IT COMES  
BACK TO US, BECAUSE - WHEN BEING ABLE TO PROCESS?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THERE IS ONE THING I WILL MENTION SINCE IT IS KIND OF  
ONGOING HERE AS IT RELATES TO THIS, THERE IS A EXPECTATION TO CONSIDER  
MAKING THE SIGNS SO THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO BUSINESSES.  
BECAUSE, I THINK THAT CAME ACROSS IN THE MATERIALS.  
SO, THERE WOULD BE A COST TO DOING THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE CAN ALSO HAVE IT SO THAT TO WHATEVER EXTENT  
AVAILABLE IT IS PRINTABLE FROM THE WEBSITE BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE CHOOSE  
TO PRINT FROM A WEBSITE LIKE EVEN WE APPROVED THE HOLLOWING HOURS,  
BACK IN COVID WE USED TO HAVE YOU KNOWN YOUR PARTICIPATION OR NOT AND  
PEOPLE COULD PRINT BASED ON THEIR COMFORT AND YOU KNOW WE STILL HAVE  
FREE BAGS AND YOU KNOW THE GREEN BAGS AND THE LEAF BAGS AVAILABLE THAT  
YOU CAN PICK UP OUR PUBLIC WORK.

AND KIND OF IN THAT SAME REGARD AND WHEN LOOKING FOR A BUDGET THAT HAS  
39,000 SIGNS FOR EVERY REGISTERED VOTER IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK -

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I KNOW THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS MET  
AT LEAST ONCE AND THEY HAVE THEIR OWN BUDGET AND IT MAY BE INTERESTING  
TO COORDINATE AT LEAST WITH DIFFERENT ORDERS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I WILL ALSO ADD THAT THE IMPORTANT THING I THINK THAT  
THE VILLAGE CAN PLAY THE ROLE OF THE COORDINATION AND I THINK IT IS  
IMPORTANT TO HAVE SHARED CONSISTENT ACTIONABLE SIGNAGE THAT IS  
THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE AND YOU KNOW NOBODY KNOWS THE TOWNSHIP VS.  
THE LIBRARY, NOBODY MAKES THAT DISTINCT AND EXPECT PROBABLY US AND SO  
THE SAME MESSAGE ACROSS WOULD BE PROBABLY THE GOAL AND THEN ALSO AS A  
COMMENT, I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE RESOURCES THAT WERE ADDED TO THE  
VILLAGE WEBSITE AND I WILL MAKE A COMMENT THAT MORE IS NOT ALWAYS BETTER  
LIKE SOMETIMES YOU CAN BE OVERWHELMED AND I AM LIKE WELL, WHICH ONE OF  
THESE 20 LINKS IS THE ONE FOR ME AND SOMETIMES IT IS BEST TO PICK A FEW  
WINNERS AND SO JUST GO TO THE ICE HOTLINE LIKE THE FAMILY SUPPORT HOTLINE  
LIKE THAT IS THE NUMBER AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS THAT JENNA MENTIONED.  
SOMETIMES MAKING IT AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE IS WHAT WE SHOULD BE GOING FOR  
HERE, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT TRYING TO GET THE END-ALL BE-ALL OF ALL THE  
INFORMATION WE WOULD EVER POSSIBLY NEED IT IS I AM IN A MOMENT WHERE  
SOMETHING JUST HAPPENED, WHAT DO I DO?

HERE IS THE THING YOU DO AND THAT IS THAT.

SO, JUST TO KEEP IT BROAD AND CONCISE.

THAT WOULD BE MY COMMENT TO THIS CONVERSATION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I KNOW SOME OF THE EMAILS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED IS JUST THAT PEOPLE WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP AND THERE IS YOU KNOW JUST AS EVERYONE EDUCATING THEMSELVES ON THAT POTENTIAL MOMENT THAT YOU NOW AT SOME POINT ARE INEVITABLY GOING TO WITNESS - IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN DO THAT HELPS YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE SOME CONTROL IN THIS CHALLENGING TIME THAT WE ARE LIVING IN?

AND HONESTLY JUST TO REITERATE THAT RESISTANCE IS NECESSARY.

ALL RIGHT.

APPROPRIATE TIME TO CLOSE?

OKAY.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND SO WE DO HAVE CALLED TO BOARD AND CLERK. CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START US OFF?

>>CLERK WATERS: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WILL JUST QUICKLY MENTION THE ICE FAMILY SUPPORT HOTLINE, THE NUMBER IS 855 435 7693.

AGAIN THAT IS 855 435 7693.

IF YOU SEE ICE IN THE COMMUNITY, OBVIOUSLY ASSESS YOUR OWN RISK LEVEL AND YOUR OWN RISK TOLERANCE, BUT I WOULD URGE YOU TO TAKE VIDEO. YOU ARE LEGALLY WITHIN YOUR RIGHT TO VIDEO ICE AS THEY DO WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

NARRATE WHAT YOU ARE SEEING ON THE VIDEO.

DESCRIBE ON THE VIDEO HOW MANY AGENTS YOU ARE SEEING, WHAT THEY ARE WEARING, WHAT VEHICLES ARE PRESENT INCLUDING IF YOU CAN MAKE THEM OUT, THE LICENSE PLATES OF THE STATE AND THE NUMBER.

IDENTIFY WHAT THE AGENTS ARE DOING AS YOU ARE NARRATING IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASK THE NAME OF THE PERSON BEING DETAINED, ASK THE PERSON BEING DETAINED TO SAY THEIR NAME SO THAT YOU CAN IDENTIFY WHO THAT INDIVIDUAL IS AND THAT WILL HELP ICE R TO IDENTIFY AND POTENTIALLY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THAT INDIVIDUAL AND/OR THEIR FAMILY AND IN THE CASE OF SOMEONE WHO IS A PART OF A RAPID RESPONSE TEAM WHO HAS BEEN DETAINED TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEM AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE LEGAL SUPPORT.

I ALREADY SPOKE BRIEFLY ABOUT MAKING A SAFETY PLAN AROUND YOUR OWN HOME.

BUT, I THINK PRESIDENT SCAMAN STATED IT WELL THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WHERE IT IS NOT IF YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THIS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ON YOUR STREET, IT IS ONE.

AND THAT WHEN IS COMING SOON.

SO, NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE A PLAN SO THAT WHEN IT HAPPENED YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WHETHER IT IS RECORDING OR WHETHER IT IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE A CLEANING PERSON IN YOUR HOME AND YOU NEED TO MAKE A PLAN AS TO WHAT YOU SAY IF NOBODY SHOWS UP AT THE DOOR OR IT IS ROOFERS OR SOMEBODY BAGGING YOUR LEAVE.

MAKE A PLAN BEFORE YOU NEED IT.

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE HAVING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO IN THE MOMENT. THAT IS WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL HELPLESS AND HOPELESS.

IF YOU HAVE A PLAN IN ADVANCE, YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO TAKE IT TO APPROPRIATE ACTION WHEN NECESSARY.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: THE ONLY THING I'LL ADD TO BRIAN'S IMPORTANT MESSAGE IS THE LOCATION OF THE INCIDENT IF YOU CAN FIND LIKE CROSS STREETS OR AN ADDRESS, UNIFORM IF YOU CAN MAKE OUT ANY DESCRIPTOR OF THE AGENT AND THEN WHEN YOU RECORD, HORIZONTAL FOOTAGES IS PREFERRED. IT GETS MORE IN THE RANGE, IN THE SHOT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I WILL CLOSE WITH SAYING THIS IS PROBABLY A CONVERSATION THAT IS ALARMING PROBABLY TO SOME FOLKS AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT NOT EVERYBODY IS APPROACHING THE SITUATION IN THE SAME WAY, SOME OF US ARE ALREADY IN IT AND SEEING THE CRISIS AS IT IS UNFOLDING IN FRONT OF US AND SOMETIMES IT IS HARD TO ACCEPT THAT AND THE EASY PATH IS JUST TO IGNORE IT AND MOVE ON AND CONTINUE ON WITH YOUR DAY. ALSO, THE NO KINGS PROCESS ON SATURDAY AND I THINK THAT SHOWS THAT MORE FOLKS ARE BECOMING AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AND THAT THERE IS STRENGTH IN 7 MILLION PEOPLE SAYING THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE SEEING AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AND WE STOP IT BY BANDING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY.

AND SO IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO GO OUT AND MAYBE MEET THOSE NEIGHBORS THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TALKING TOO MUCH AND MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS WITH THOSE FOLKS THAT YOU SEE AT THE SCHOOL AND DROP OFF OR PICK UP AND MAKE THOSE CONNECTIONS, BECAUSE THAT IS THE STRENGTH THAT WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO GET THROUGH THIS TIME.

AND BONUS, YOU WILL HELP MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY. YOU WILL FEEL MORE A PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY IF YOU MAKE THAT EFFORT. SO, I WILL LEAVE IT WITH THAT AND THE LAST THING IS THAT NUMBER ONE MORE TIME IS 855 435 7693.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND JUST ONE IDEA FROM SOME COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS WHO HAVE BEEN LEADERS IN THIS IS TO CREATE A BRACELET WITH THAT NUMBER, BECAUSE IT IS NOT THE ONE 800 NUMBER THAT WE MAY HAVE REMEMBERED FROM EARLY COMMERCIALS.

AND SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU AND I WAS ALSO AT THE PROTEST ON THE NO KINGS MARCH ON SATURDAY AND IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND THIS TIME I WAS NOT EVEN ABLE, I DID SEE DEREK UP ON A ROCK AND STANDING AND TAKING A PICTURE OF EVERYBODY.

BUT, THERE WAS SO MANY PEOPLE THAT I DID NOT GET TO ACTUALLY WALK, I HAD TO JUST CROSS THE STREET, BECAUSE THE TRICKLE TO WALK ALONG LAKE STREET TOWARDS HARLEM, YOU JUST COULDN'T GET THERE.

EVENTUALLY IT DID.

BUT, THANK YOU TO ALL OF OAK PARK AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES WHO PARTICIPATED AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTINUES TO GO THE BROADVIEW AND OTHER PROTESTS IN THE CITY TO VOCALIZE AND USE YOUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PEACEFULLY PROTEST.

THAT IS HOW WE WIN.

PEACEFULLY PROTEST.

DO NOT TAKE THE BAIT.

OKAY.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>>SPEAKER: SO MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR  
(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

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