



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes – President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 6:30 pm, Village Hall,

Council Chambers (Room 201)

I. **Call to Order:** Village President Scaman called the Meeting to order at 6: 30 P.M.

II. **Roll Call Attendance:** Clerk Waters took the roll call as follows:

Present: Village Trustees: Eder, Straw, and Taglia; and
Village President Scaman.

Absent: Village Trustees: Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, and Wesley.

Also Present: Village Clerk Waters.

President Scaman announced that a quorum was present.

III. **Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation.**

President Scaman asked Village Attorney Greg Smith for the purpose of the closed session, to which Smith replied that the closed session is to "discuss pending, probable or imminent litigation involving or affecting the Village, pursuant to 5/ILCS 120/2(c)(11), and, to discuss the purchase or sale of real property for the use of the Village including whether a particular parcel should be acquired, pursuant to 5/ILCS 120/2(c)(5)."

President Scaman then called for a Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session for the purposes cited by Attorney Smith.

A **Motion to enter into closed session** was then made by Village Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Eder.

- There were no questions, comments or discussion from or by the Board.
- President Scaman asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Eder, Straw, and Taglia; and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** None.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** Village Trustees: Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, and Wesley.

Motion Carried by a count of 4 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

IV. **Adjourn Executive Session.**

The executive session that started at 6:36 pm was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

V. **Reconvene to Regular Meeting in Council Chambers and Call to Order.**

President Scaman reconvened the Regular Village Board Meeting at 7:28 pm.

VI. **Roll Call.**

Clerk Waters took the Roll Call attendance as follows:

Present: Village Trustees: Eder, Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, Straw, Taglia, and Wesley; and Village President Scaman.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Clerk Waters.

A quorum was present.

*Note: Trustee Leving-Jacobson arrived at 6:36 pm during the closed session; Trustee Enyia arrived at 6:39 pm during the closed session; and Trustee Wesley arrived at 6:41 pm during the closed session.

VII. **Agenda Approval.**

President Scaman called for a Motion regarding the Agenda as presented.

A **Motion to Approve** the Agenda was made by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Taglia.

- There were no questions, comments or discussion from or by the Board.
 - President Scaman called for a voice vote; all voted in favor and none were opposed.
 - **Motion carried** unanimously on a Voice Vote.
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VIII. **Minutes.** None.

IX. **Non-Agenda Public Comment.**

President Scaman called upon Nolan K, who introduced himself as a junior at OPRF (Oak Park River Forest High School), who "felt fear yesterday" when exiting school and believing that ICE was present. Nolan read aloud the letter he wrote to the Judge presiding over an individual's case who Nolan described is a "hall monitor and lunch helper" at OPRF. Nolan's letter described the person arrested by ICE as a friend, a "kind person and not a criminal," and who must have passed background checks because he is employed by OPRF.

President Scaman stated that she was in court when the Judge received Nolan's letter, and that it made an impact upon the Judge.

President Scaman asked whether there were any other persons wanting to make non-agenda public comments, to which no one responded.

X. **Proclamations.**

- A. **MOT 25-251**. A Motion to Approve a Proclamation United Against Hate Week October 19 – 25, 2025.

President Scaman called for a Motion to Approve a Proclamation United Against Hate Week October 19 – 25, 2025.

A **Motion to Approve** said Proclamation was made by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Eder.

- President Scaman asked Trustee Eder to read aloud the Proclamation, which he did.
 - There were no questions, comments or discussion from or by the Board.
 - President Scaman called for a voice vote; all voted in favor and none were opposed.
 - **Motion carried** unanimously on a Voice Vote.
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- B. **MOT 25-260**. A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Declaring October 2025 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Oak Park, IL.

President Scaman called for a Motion to Approve a Proclamation Declaring October 2025 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Oak Park, IL.

A **Motion to Approve** said Proclamation was made by Trustee Enyia, seconded by Trustee Wesley.

- President Scaman asked Trustee Enyia to read aloud the Proclamation as the liaison to the Oak Park Area Arts Council, which Enyia did.
- President Scaman called forward Camille Wilson White, Executive Director of the Oak Park Area Arts Council, and thanked her for all of the work of her organization.

- There were no questions, comments or discussion from or by the Board.
 - President Scaman called for a voice vote; all voted in favor and none were opposed.
 - **Motion carried** unanimously on a Voice Vote.
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- C. **MOT 25-259**. A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Declaring October 2025 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Oak Park, IL.

President Scaman called for a Motion to Approve a Proclamation Declaring October 2025 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Oak Park, IL.

A **Motion to Approve** said Proclamation was made by Trustee Leving-Jacobson, seconded by Trustee Wesley.

- President Scaman read aloud the said Proclamation.
 - There were no questions, comments or discussion from or by the Board.
 - President Scaman called for a voice vote; all voted in favor and none were opposed.
 - **Motion carried** unanimously on a Voice Vote.
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- XI. **Village Manager Reports.** None; no action was taken regarding this item.
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- XII. **Village Board Committees.** None; no action was taken regarding this item.
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- XIII. **Citizen Commission Vacancies.** President Scaman stated that anyone interested in serving on a board or commission should contact Clerk Waters at clerkwaters@oak-park.us.

No other discussion transpired and no action took place with regard to this Agenda item.

- XIV. **Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments.**

- D. **ID 25-621**. Board and Commission Vacancy Report for October 21, 2025.

This report lists the expected number of members, current number of members seated and number of active vacancies for the Village's 18 citizen boards and commissions. There are currently 17 vacancies.

XIV [sic] **Consent Agenda.** The following items comprise the "Consent Agenda:"

- E. **RES 25-271** A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Task Order with TranSystems Corporation d/b/a GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for Construction Engineering Services for the Bridge Repair Project to Change the not to Exceed Amount from \$69,940 to \$82,076 and Authorizing its Execution.
- F. **RES 25-278** A Resolution Approving a Purchase Agreement with MacQueen Equipment, LLC for a Pierce Enforcer 100' Ascendant Tower Fire Engine Through the Houston/Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,284,000.00, Authorizing its Execution of the Agreement and Waiving the Village's Bid Process.
- G. **RES 25-280** A Resolution Approving a Grant Funding Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (ILEPA) to provide Grant Funding from the Driving a Cleaner Illinois – Volkswagen (DACIL-VW) Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$103,375.
- H. **RES 25-285** A Resolution Setting Halloween "Trick or Treat" Hours Between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025.

President Scaman asked for a Motion regarding the Consent Agenda as presented.

A **Motion to Approve** the **Consent Agenda** as presented was made by Trustee Eder, seconded by Trustee Wesley.

- President Scaman asked whether there were any questions or comments from the Board; there were none, and no discussion ensued regarding the Consent Agenda or its items listed therein.
- President Scaman then asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Eder, Wesley, Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, Straw, Taglia, and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** None.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** None.

Motion Carried by a count of 7 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

Agenda items E through and including H were therefore adopted.

XV. Regular Agenda

- I. [ORD 25-162](#) *Concur with the Zoning Board of Appeal's Recommendation and Adopt an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit to Develop an EV Charging Station Site at 6104 Roosevelt Road.

President Scaman asked for a Motion regarding **ORD 25-162**, the title of which she read aloud as follows: *Concur with the Zoning Board of Appeal's Recommendation and Adopt an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit to Develop an EV Charging Station Site at 6104 Roosevelt Road.

There was a **Motion** to **Approve** the said Ordinance by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Eder.

President Scaman called upon Village Manager Kevin Jackson who introduced Development Services Director Craig Failor who then summarized the Ordinance and stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is recommending approval of a proposed electric vehicle charging station at 6104 Roosevelt Road, and, that staff supports recommendations from the ZBA, however in this instance, and in considering village goals, staff does not recommend approval of this proposed special use permit because its use would only be temporary. Failor also stated that the Board has supported 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. Failor emphasized that the temporary nature of the proposed use at the site would "not be the highest and best use of resources, nor economically prudent."

Failor added that his department spoke with the Cook County Land Bank, which has an agreement with the proposed developer, and they indicated that they would like to see the applicant include the "entitlement process" before discussion on the disposition of the property. Failor concluded by stating that "while the EV initiative is desirable, the temporary nature of the use is not; that the proposed long-term affordable housing development will support Village goals; and, that proposed housing developer is believed to be amenable to the installation of the EV charger."

Prior to Board discussion, President Scaman called for public comments.

Mr Donovan spoke in opposition to the proposed Ordinance and advocated for denial of the special use permit application.

The Board members then engaged in a question and answer session with the following individuals who were present: Director Failor, Mike Bruce, Village Planner, Glenn Brewer, ZBA representative, and Emily Hoffmann, an engineer with Cook Engineering Group, who stated that they are the consulting civil engineers for the project and represent Yves Hughes, who is the owner of the property.

The Board members then each voiced their opinions regarding the Ordinance and proposed special use permit application. All members except Trustee Taglia stated that they did not support the proposed temporary use as the best or highest use for that property and for various other reasons opposed the proposed Ordinance.

Trustee Taglia stated that because this is private property and there not being any improper or illegal act being committed, that he supports "free enterprise" and would approve the special use application.

At the conclusion of the Board discussion, Trustee Straw asked Village Attorney Greg Smith how to rephrase the pending Motion to deny the application, to which Smith responded by stating that a "friendly amendment" could be made to the Motion

Trustee Straw then stated that he offered "a friendly amendment to reject the Zoning Board of Appeals' recommendation and deny a special use permit." Trustee Eder seconded the Motion.

President Scaman asked whether there were any further questions or comments from the Board. After discussion concluded, President Scaman then asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, reminding all that the Motion was modified so a "yes" vote indicates not concurring with the ZBA recommendation and instead denying the special use application. The roll call vote was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Eder, Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, Straw, Wesley; and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** Trustee Taglia.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** None.

Motion Carried by a count of 6 "aye" votes to 1 "nay," 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

President Scaman thanked the ZBA for their work on this matter, and also thanked the property owner for his work within the community over the years and noted that this project unfortunately is not aligned with the goals set by the Village Board.

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- J. [ORD 25-192](#). *Concur with 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.

President Scaman called for a Motion regarding **ORD 25-192**, the title of which she read aloud for all present as follows: *Concur with 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.

A **Motion to Approve** said Ordinance was made by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Straw.

Development Services Director Craig Failor summarized the Ordinance and introduced Mike Bruce, Village Planner, who provided details concerning the Special Use Permit application for a Dutch Bros Coffee drive-through facility at 316 Madison Street.

The Village Board members then engaged in a question and answer session with Village Planner Bruce and each Board member discussed this Agenda item and their relative positions.

At the conclusion of the Board and staff discussion, President Scaman asked whether there were any further questions or comments from the Board. There were none, and no further discussion ensued regarding agenda item ORD 25-192.

- President Scaman then asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Wesley, Straw, Eder, Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, Taglia; and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** None.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** None.

Motion Carried by a count of 7 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

- K. [**MOT 25-255**](#). A Motion by Trustee Enyia and Seconded by Trustee Leving-Jacobson to Grant \$150,000 to the Living Room Project.

President Scaman called for a Motion regarding **MOT 25-255**, the title of which she read aloud for all present as follows: A Motion by Trustee Enyia and Seconded by Trustee Leving-Jacobson to Grant \$150,000 to the Living Room Project.

A **Motion to Approve** said Motion to Grant \$150,000 to the Living Room Project was made by Trustee Enyia, seconded by Trustee Leving-Jacobson.

President Scaman called upon Village Manager Jackson who described this Motion and stated that it "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." Jackson also stated that if the Board supports this Motion, staff would advance this item to the finance committee to review and make recommendations regarding identify a funding source for this request.

Jackson introduced Cheryl Potts, Executive Director of the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township. Potts then summarized a thirteen-page PowerPoint presentation titled "Proposal for a Living Room Program in Oak Park." Potts provided an overview of the Living Room program model, its history, impact on the community, pilot structure, indicators to be measured, and expenses and funding.

Potts then introduced Shelly Lustrup, Chief Executive Officer of "Nami Metro Suburban," who described their program located in LaGrange, the level of care, and the benefits of caring for mental issues at their location instead of at an emergency department at a hospital or urgent care facility.

At the conclusion of the presentation by Potts and Lustrup, the Village Board members engaged in a question and answer session with Potts and Lustrup, and each member discussed their position on whether to support the Motion, with which all Board members except Trustee Taglia agreed to support. Trustee Taglia stated that he believes this is a needed program, however the township should consider fully funding the program and the Village should not have to pay for the program.

At the conclusion of the Board discussion, Village Attorney Greg Smith clarified that the Motion as written is to grant the funding to the organization, therefore, if the Board does not yet want to grant the funding but wants to refer the funding issue to the finance committee, a "friendly amendment" to the Motion is needed.

President Scaman asked whether there were any further questions or comments from the Board. There were none, and no further discussion ensued regarding **MOT 25-255**.

Trustee Enyia agreed to making a friendly amendment to the Motion, thereby moving to refer the funding request to the finance committee for review. Trustee Leving-Jacobson seconded the Motion and friendly amendment.

- President Scaman then asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, Eder, Straw, Wesley; and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** Trustee Taglia.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** None.

Motion Carried by a count of 6 "aye" votes to 1 "nay," 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

Just prior to 10:00 pm, President Scaman called for a Motion. There was a **Motion** by Trustee Eder, seconded by Trustee Straw, to continue the discussion and meeting beyond 10: 00 pm.

- There were no questions or comments, or discussion by the Board regarding the Motion.
 - President Scaman called for a voice vote; all voted in favor and none were opposed.
 - **Motion carried** unanimously on a Voice Vote.
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- L. [**ID 25-624**](#). 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.

President Scaman read aloud the title of **ID 25-624** for all present as follows: 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.

President Scaman called upon Trustees Eder and Leving-Jacobson who discussed background information and their reasons for bringing forth this discussion topic of drafting a Resolution or Ordinance which would prohibit the use of Village property for Federal Civil Immigration Enforcement staging areas, processing locations, and operational bases. Trustee Eder read aloud a memo that he and Leving-Jacobson drafted that contains proposed language for the Resolution or Ordinance, and that recommends amending the "Welcoming City Ordinance," and creating a village wide communication plan.

Village Manager Jackson and Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer Kellye Keyes each read statements in support of a Resolution or Ordinance as proposed by Trustees Eder and Leving-Jacobson.

Each Board member discussed their opinion on this topic and there was unanimous support for acting upon the creation of a Resolution or Ordinance addressing the language proposed by Trustees Eder and Leving-Jacobson and language designed to protect residents, workers and businesses, and facilitate communication regarding ICE and immigration enforcement rights throughout the community.

At the conclusion of the Board discussion, President Scaman stated that this is a discussion only topic and no vote is required therefore no action was taken with regard to this Agenda topic.

XVI. **Call to Board and Clerk.**

Trustees Straw, Leving-Jacobson and Eder and President Scaman each gave opinion statements regarding community issues. Clerk Waters, and Trustees Enyia, Wesley, and Taglia "passed" on providing statements.

XVII. **Adjourn.**

There being no further business before the Village Board, a **Motion** was made by Trustee Straw, Seconded by Trustee Eder, to **Adjourn** this meeting at 10:42 p.m.

President Scaman called for a voice vote; all voted in favor and none were opposed.

Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Interim Deputy Clerk Marjorie A. Manchen