



# Village of Oak Park

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## Meeting Minutes

### President and Board of Trustees

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Tuesday, April 21, 2026

7:00 PM

Village Hall

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#### I. Call to Order

Village President Scaman called the Meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

#### II. Roll Call

Village Trustee Leving Jacobson attended Remotely.

Village Trustee Enyia arrived at 7:15 P.M.

**Present:** 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Eder, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Leving Jacobson, Village Trustee Straw, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Wesley

**Absent:** 0

#### III. Agenda Approval

**It was moved by Village Trustee Eder, seconded by Village Trustee Wesley to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.**

#### IV. Minutes

- A. [MOT 26-146](#) A Motion to Approve Minutes from the March 24, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Village Board

**It was moved by Village Trustee Eder, seconded by Village Trustee Wesley to approve the Minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.**

#### V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Resident Michael G. expressed frustration to the Village Board that four months after his daughter's hit and run accident, the Oak Park Police and Village staff have taken no action to cite the uninsured repeat offender or follow required state reporting. He described personal financial consequences, detailed his attempts to seek accountability through state agencies, and urged the Village to enforce the law and provide a response.

Resident Kristin M. told the Village Board that homeowners on her block were unexpectedly notified they must pay \$7,500 this summer to replace lead water service lines, a cost she argues is unaffordable and should be covered by the Village through taxes or grants. She urged the Village to provide financial support, improve transparency, and communicate a clear long term plan for lead line replacements across Oak Park.

Resident Lynn P. urged the Village Board to stop requiring homeowners to pay \$7,500-\$12,000 for lead service line replacement, calling the unexpected cost unfair and out of line with what neighboring communities cover. She asked the Village to postpone the project, seek outside funding, and work toward covering the expense fully or partially to reduce the financial burden on residents.

Resident Monique M. urged the Board to review financial allocations and even communications to restore transparency and public safety.

Village Manager Kevin Jackson followed up that at the May 5 meeting they will seek Board direction on the lead service line replacement plan, clarify state and federal requirements, and outline funding options for supporting residents given Oak Park's unusually large number of affected lines. He added that future Finance Committee meetings and expanded public education will follow, with the goal of giving the Board and residents a clearer understanding before summer construction begins.

## VI. Proclamation

- B.**     [MOT 26-150](#)   A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Celebrating 70 Years of Oak-Leyden  
Village President Scaman asked Village Trustee Wesley to read the Proclamation aloud.

Oak Leyden Board Director Tom Jacobs thanked the Board for its proclamation and highlighted the dedication of Oak Leyden staff in serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They also invited the community to Oak Leyden's 70th anniversary fundraising event, "The Mighty Oak," taking place Thursday to support the organization's mission.

**It was moved by Village Trustee Straw, seconded by Village Trustee Wesley, that this Motion be approved. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.**

- C.**     [MOT 26-148](#)   A Motion to Approve a Proclamation for Earth Month 2026

Chief Sustainability Officer Lindsey Roland Nieratka announced several upcoming Earth Month activities, including the Oak Park Earth Fest in partnership with the Park District and a Thursday evening panel at the Oak Park River Forest Museum on historic preservation and sustainability. She also noted that on Friday the, Oak Park Public Library, and OPRF High School will host a screening of the film "How to Power a City" as part of the One Earth Film Festival.

**It was moved by Village Trustee Eder, seconded by Village Trustee Wesley, that**

this Motion be approved. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

- D. [MOT 26-149](#) A Motion to Approve a Proclamation for Arbor Day, April 24, 2026

It was moved by Village Trustee Eder, seconded by Village Trustee Wesley, that this Motion be approved. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

## VII. Village Manager Reports

- E. [ID 26-283](#) Review of the Board Meeting Calendars for May, June, and July 2026

Village Board of Trustees confirmed vacating June 2, 2026 meeting.  
Village President Scaman confirmed Village Trustee Enyia Pro Tem on July 21, 2026.  
Village Trustee Enyia confirmed absence on May 12, 2026.

## VIII. Village Board Committees

Village Trustee Eder reported that the BCAC welcomed a new member at its recent meeting and discussed pursuing an Illinois Climate Bank grant. The grant would support the Village's adoption of updated energy codes.

Village Trustee Taglia reported that a IGOV meeting focused on designing a future referendum related form and clarifying the differences between various types of referenda, including which are binding or advisory. He noted this work aims to address community misinformation and is expected to continue into the fall.

Village Trustee Wesley reported on CISC plans for "A Day in Our Data," an Oak Park civic hackathon that would gather open data from local and state sources for community driven projects. He invited residents to share ideas, offer feedback, and participate, noting that modern AI tools make this kind of collaboration more accessible than before.

Village President Scaman noted that several Village leaders, including herself, will participate in an upcoming civics fair to speak with young people about their roles and career opportunities. She also shared that the Collaboration for Early Childhood will soon present updates to a longstanding agreement and may request increased funding after further analysis.

## IX. Citizen Commission Vacancies

- F. [MOT 26-151](#) Board and Commission Vacancy Report for April 21, 2026

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 26 vacancies.

**X. Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments**

- G. [MOT 26-145](#) A Motion to Consent to the Village President’s Reappointment of:  
 Building Codes Advisory Commission - John Michelotti, Reappoint as Commissioner  
 Environment & Energy Commission - Darryl Baker, Appoint as Chair  
 Farmers’ Market Commission - Macaire Ament, Reappoint as Commissioner  
 Historic Preservation Commission - Amy Peterson, Reappoint as Commissioner  
 Housing Programs Advisory Committee - Michael B. Denton, Reappoint as Member  
 Transportation Commission - Jason R. Jenkins, Reappoint as Commissioner

**It was moved by Village Trustee Eder, seconded by Village Trustee Wesley that these Appointments be approved.**

**XI. Public Hearing**

**XII. First Reading**

**XIII. Second Reading**

**XIV. Consent Agenda**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

**It was moved by Village Trustee Eder and seconded by Village Trustee Wesley to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:**

**AYES:** 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Eder, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Leving Jacobson, Village Trustee Straw, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Wesley

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 0

- H. [ORD 26-123](#) An Ordinance Approving The Transfer And Reallocation Of Volume Cap In Connection With Private Activity Bond Issues, And Related Matters

**This Ordinance was adopted.**

- I. [RES 26-172](#) A Resolution Of The Village Of Oak Park, Illinois Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between The Village Of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois And The Town Of Normal, Mclean County, Illinois (“Normal”), And Authorizing Normal To Exercise The Powers Of The Village Of Oak Park In Connection With A Mortgage Credit Certificate

Program And A Loan Finance Program

**This Resolution was adopted.**

- J.**     [ORD 26-126](#)   An Ordinance Approving a Budget Amendment to Allow Village Co-Sponsorship of the GreenTown Conference in the Amount of \$20,000 and Directing Staff to Prepare the Necessary Agreement
- This Ordinance was adopted.**
- K.**     [ORD 26-130](#)   An Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 (Administrative Adjudication) to Streamline Parking Citation Adjudication Processes and Enforcement Provisions
- This Ordinance was adopted.**
- L.**     [ORD 26-132](#)   An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 (“Motor Vehicles and Traffic”), Article 10 (“Towing, Immobilization and Impoundment of Motor Vehicles or Motor Vehicles Containing Unlawful Firearms”) of the Village of Oak Park Code to Streamline Vehicle Immobilization and Towing Authority
- This Ordinance was adopted.**
- M.**     [ORD 26-133](#)   \* Concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and Adopt the Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Medical Clinic at 6142 Roosevelt Road
- This Ordinance was adopted.**
- N.**     [RES 26-175](#)   A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement and Side Letter between the Village of Oak Park and the Service Employees International Union Local 73 for the Period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027, and Authorizing Its Execution
- This Resolution was adopted.**
- O.**     [RES 26-177](#)   A Resolution to Approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Energy Efficiency Grant Program Guidelines
- This Resolution was adopted.**
- P.**     [RES 26-180](#)   A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Oak Park and the Park District of Oak Park for Intergovernmental Use of Parking Facilities and Authorizing its Execution
- This Resolution was adopted.**
- Q.**     [RES 26-188](#)   A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Township for Employee Parking at the Avenue Parking Garage and Authorizing Its Execution
- This Resolution was adopted.**

- R. [RES 26-190](#) A Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Price Agreement with The Terramar Group, Inc., d/b/a Fleet Safety Supply for Emergency Lighting and Sound Equipment for Village Equipment in an Amount not to Exceed \$75,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 and Authorizing its Execution  
**This Resolution was adopted.**
- S. [RES 26-192](#) A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Terra Engineering, Ltd. for Phase I And II Engineering Services for the Chicago Avenue Projects in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,228,357 and Authorizing Its Execution  
**This Resolution was adopted.**
- T. [RES 26-193](#) A Resolution Approving A Professional Services Agreement with Planning Resources Incorporated for Landscape Architecture Services for Phase I And II Design Services for Chicago Avenue Projects in An Amount Not to Exceed \$225,500, Authorizing Its Execution, and Waiving the Request for Proposal Process for this Agreement  
**This Resolution was adopted.**
- U. [RES 26-194](#) A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Phase I Preliminary Engineering Services for the Lombard Relief Sewer Project in an Amount not to Exceed \$933,067 and Authorizing its Execution  
**This Resolution was adopted.**
- V. [RES 26-197](#) A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Iteris, Inc. for a Traffic Signal Communication Network Audit in an Amount not to exceed \$69,500, Authorizing its Execution, and Waiving the Village's Request for Proposal Process for the Agreement
- W. [RES 26-287](#) A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Kevin Bueso as Village Treasurer  
**This Report was received and filed.**

## XV. Regular Agenda

- X. [ID 26-258](#) A Presentation and Discussion of the Village of Oak Park's Electric Shuttle Feasibility Assessment  
  
Chief Sustainability Officer Lindsay Roland Nieratka presented the feasibility study on reviving an all electric Oak Park shuttle, explaining that the analysis evaluated travel patterns, equity, emissions reduction, and stakeholder feedback to inform potential service models. She asked the Board to identify a preferred model and authorize staff to pursue grants and

partnerships before returning with detailed costs and operational impacts. Lindsay also clarified that projected ridership increases were based on designing a more attractive and reliable service, acknowledged that greenhouse gas reductions would be modest, and noted that PACE currently lacked the electric vehicles needed for near term collaboration, making immediate implementation impractical.

TyLin Group Consultant Michael Grove presented the feasibility study on reintroducing an all electric Oak Park shuttle, reviewing the history of the previous shuttle, current transit gaps, travel patterns, and goals such as improving mobility, supporting seniors, reducing congestion, and lowering emissions. He outlined three potential service models-two fixed route options and a village wide on demand service-describing their costs, benefits, and trade offs. Grove noted that community feedback emphasized the need for convenient, gap filling service, concerns about wait times, and strong interest from students and business districts. He concluded with implementation considerations, including EV vehicle requirements, operating and fare models, and future funding needs, and clarified that while PACE is exploring some off peak improvements, no major network changes are planned that would alter the analysis.

Village Trustee Eder thanked staff for the presentation and questioned why projected ridership was estimated to be 5-18 times higher than the former shuttle despite little population growth. He also asked whether upcoming PACE service expansions and school transportation needs were factored into the analysis, and expressed concern that the shuttle would be an inefficient use of sustainability dollars and too costly for the Village to operate alone. He concluded that he would only support exploring partnerships, not creating a stand alone Village run service.

Village Trustee Taglia said the analysis was strong but emphasized concerns about the high cost and uncertain financial commitment. He questioned whether the shuttle would be worth the investment purely for economic vitality and stated he was unlikely to support moving forward unless a more feasible and well funded path was identified.

Village Trustee Wesley said he wished the program were cheaper but believed a strong need existed, especially for students who lacked reliable transportation to school and jobs. He supported continuing to explore funding and saw the shuttle as both a mobility tool for youth and an investment in economic vitality, though still needing financial feasibility. He suggested a potential hybrid model combining fixed route peak service and on demand off peak service.

Village Trustee Straw supported waiting for major funding before

considering implementation, noting the Village could not carry such high annual costs alone. He felt a fixed route model made more sense than on demand service but highlighted that current concepts left areas under served. He said he would only consider a pilot if it came with substantial external funding.

Village Trustee Enyia reflected on past youth transportation options and emphasized that current gaps make it difficult for children and families to access programs, schools, and activities. He supported pursuing grants and shared cost partnerships.

Village Trustee Leving Jacobson said she liked the idea conceptually but, from a sustainability perspective, could not support the options presented because the emissions reductions were too small compared to other investments. She encouraged exploring other ways to address transit gaps for students and residents, possibly through more collaborative or creative models.

Village Manager Jackson explained that the study evaluated multiple goals-youth mobility, economic vitality, and transit gaps-and that staff were seeking direction rather than proposing a specific plan. He stressed that a shuttle would require grants and partnerships and that staff could re-analyze options if the Board wished to prioritize specific goals. He confirmed that the staff had already been in conversations with school districts and would continue monitoring grants and coordinating with partners as directed.

Village President Scaman emphasized the importance of collaborating with other agencies, noting that previous investments-such as the Township's senior bus-could potentially be expanded or electrified rather than creating entirely new services. She encouraged exploring partnerships and pursuing both transportation and non sustainability specific grants. She also suggested advocating for expanded PACE service, considering options like Zipcar vouchers for residents with hardships. Confirmed that staff should monitor opportunities without moving ahead with a shuttle pilot.

Y.     [RES 26-189](#)     A Presentation and Resolution Authorizing the Adopting of the Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan for the Roosevelt Road Business District

Lakota Group Principal Director of Design Kevin Clark explained that the Lakota Group spent nearly a year developing the updated Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan through extensive community engagement and fieldwork. He noted that the 125 page plan outlines the planning framework, goals, recommendations, and implementation steps, and emphasized his team's familiarity with Oak Park from prior work. Clark described streetscape recommendations aimed at improving safety and aesthetics by calming traffic, upgrading lighting, repairing infrastructure, and adding medians or refuges. He also highlighted opportunities to activate side streets and

cul-de-sacs with public art, small plazas, or events to help spur private investment. Clark emphasized that long term success will require coordinated maintenance and cooperation between Oak Park and Berwyn.

Lakota Group Project Manager Alexis Stein outlined the three phase planning process and reported strong community engagement supporting improvements to safety, walkability, and economic vitality. She highlighted objectives such as creating a cohesive identity, enhancing pedestrian safety, and strengthening collaboration between Oak Park and Berwyn. Alexis summarized the plan's structure, which includes chapters of goals and actionable recommendations based on public input. She also detailed economic development strategies to position Roosevelt Road as a dining, music, and entertainment destination and described tools to support local businesses. Finally, she noted implementation steps like forming a joint committee, establishing shared agreements, and coordinating joint events.

Kimely-Horn Transportation Planner Justin Opitz detailed the mobility recommendations, explaining that residents consistently reported feeling unsafe crossing Roosevelt Road. He described proposals such as enhanced crosswalk markings, pedestrian activated flashing beacons, curb bump outs, traffic calming, and better bike and transit connections. Justin emphasized that changes involving the roadway would require coordination with IDOT but said persistent advocacy and use of crash data could move improvements forward. He also outlined parking strategies, including consistent regulations and shared parking agreements among corridor businesses.

Sightline Planning Founding Principal Jake Seid explained that current zoning along Roosevelt Road was outdated and prevented the kind of mixed use development the community wanted. He recommended modernizing standards related to building height, form, and parking to allow more flexible and context appropriate redevelopment. Jake noted that the zoning recommendations aligned with Oak Park's broader housing and land use initiatives, including Missing Middle Housing discussions. He illustrated potential building types that could fit along the corridor and support revitalization.

Trustee Enyia said he lived near the corridor and strongly related to residents' frustrations about unsafe crossings and underutilized buildings on the Oak Park side of Roosevelt Road. He emphasized the stark contrast between Berwyn's vibrancy and Oak Park's disinvestment, urging the Village to match the energy and activity seen across the street. Enyia stressed that safety enhancements, public spaces, and redevelopment were urgently needed so families could comfortably walk and gather along the corridor. He supported the roadmap presented and encouraged

deeper partnerships with Berwyn and local businesses to activate vacant properties.

Trustee Straw expressed strong support for the plan, but emphasized that its success would depend entirely on disciplined implementation and ongoing maintenance. He noted that elements of the 2001 plan had deteriorated due to lack of follow through, citing overflowing trash cans and neglected streetscape features. Straw highlighted the importance of making Roosevelt Road truly walkable, not just visually appealing, and called for re-examining zoning that has failed to attract redevelopment. He said he favored adopting the plan and hoped the Village would commit to the sustained effort required to revitalize the corridor.

Trustee Wesley expressed strong support for the Roosevelt Road plan but raised concerns about implementation timelines, noting that many safety improvements depend on slow IDOT approvals. He questioned whether streetscape upgrades alone could energize the corridor and stressed the need for catalyst projects that boost walkability and attract businesses. Wesley emphasized that zoning reform should be a top priority because it is fast, low cost, and can quickly signal commitment to an entertainment focused district. He said updated zoning could build early momentum while larger infrastructure projects are still pending. Overall, he endorsed the plan's direction while calling for practical, realistic steps to ensure its success.

Trustee Taglia supported the plan and said Roosevelt Road felt too narrow, fast, and difficult to navigate safely, making improvements essential. He emphasized Berwyn's clear success and urged Oak Park to study and replicate what Berwyn was doing differently, particularly since many Oak Park storefronts remained empty. Taglia called out certain properties that looked blighted and stressed that the corridor was only as strong as its weakest segments. He argued that funding conversations-especially establishing a special district-should begin quickly to ensure the corridor's long term success.

Trustee Eder said he lived close to the corridor and supported the plan, noting that residents rarely walked along Roosevelt because it felt unsafe despite living nearby. He asked why parts of the 2005 plan were never implemented and learned that poor coordination among municipalities and IDOT challenges were major barriers. Eder also pressed for clarity on whether Cicero could be brought into future coordination, given its role during past streetscape projects. He supported zoning updates.

Trustee Leving Jacobson expressed strong support for the plan and praised the thorough engagement with Berwyn and the public. She asked

for clarity on immediate implementation steps and timelines, emphasizing that safety improvements should be early priorities even though they required coordination with IDOT. She raised concerns about ongoing safety problems at specific properties, like Mike's Place, and encouraged continued partnership with Berwyn to address them. Leving Jacobson also noted that while Roosevelt Road needed investment, North Avenue would eventually require a similar level of focus and revitalization.

Manager Jackson thanked the Board for its feedback and emphasized that the updated Roosevelt Road plan gave staff clearer guidance on how proactively to pursue redevelopment, incentives, and property acquisition along the corridor. He reiterated that an entertainment district would require intentional effort and potentially new tools-such as TIF or special service areas-to support revitalization. He noted that staff had already begun coordinating internally on implementation and had identified potential redevelopment sites. He also stressed the importance of collaborating with Berwyn, Cicero, and even Chicago, since each municipality's involvement would strengthen long term success.

President Scaman agreed that the entertainment district concept should be broad and not limited solely to music, suggesting a mix of uses that would draw diverse visitors. She asked clarifying questions about parcel size, property depth, and opportunities for incubators and restaurants to understand what redevelopment could realistically look like. Scaman emphasized that the Board supported strategic property acquisition and stronger inter-municipal partnerships to revitalize the corridor. She concluded by noting that the plan aligned with broader goals for coordinated investment, and she praised the work done while reminding the Board of similar future needs on North Avenue.

**It was moved by Village Trustee Enyia, seconded by Village Trustee Eder, that this Resolution be adopted. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.**

- Z. [ORD 26-128](#) A Discussion and Potential Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 ("Motor Vehicles and Traffic") Article 3 ("Parking"), Section 15-3-18 ("Electric Vehicle Charging Stations") to Establish Time Limits and Idle Fees for Public Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

A voice vote was taken at 9:59 P.M. to extend meeting beyond 10:00 P.M. Village Trustee Eder motioned, Village Trustee Straw seconded.

Village Trustee Enyia departed at 10:20 P.M.

Director of Development Services Craig Failor explained that the ordinance aimed to establish time limits and idling fees to prevent overuse of public EV charging stations. He emphasized that the purpose of the stations was to serve multiple users while they shopped or dined in the

Village.

Parking and Mobility Services Manager Marlin Jackson reported that many vehicles stayed well beyond their charging time, often 7-8 hours, prompting the need for a three hour time limit, a 30 minute grace period, and a \$0.25 per minute idling fee. They stressed that the goal was equitable access, not revenue generation, and noted that the system could notify users and apply caps. Staff compared fees in nearby communities and confirmed Oak Park's proposal fell in the mid range. He also explained how permits worked and agreed to monitor behavior changes over the next six months.

Village Trustee Wesley expressed interest in significantly higher idling fees, suggesting Oak Park match Evanston's \$1 per minute rate. He raised concerns that the Village should generate more revenue from its charging stations. He asked questions about permit holders and reiterated his preference for operating the system more like a profitable utility. While he supported the ordinance overall, he pushed for stronger financial incentives to deter long idling.

Village Trustee Straw opposed a \$1 per minute rate and raised concerns about fairness and avoiding excessive penalties. He asked about exempting permit holders, including overnight parkers, from idling fees and supported considering a higher rate only if paired with a cap aligned with existing parking citation amounts. He emphasized that the purpose of the system was to promote turnover, not create extreme financial burdens.

Village Trustee Eder expressed concerns about penalizing renters or residents without home chargers. He stated that revenue generation should not drive the policy and focused instead on motivating behavior change. He questioned whether a low cap might inadvertently undermine incentives to move vehicles. After hearing comparisons to other municipalities, he said the staff recommendation seemed reasonable and supported it.

Village Trustee Leving Jacobson said she supported the staff recommendations and emphasized incentivizing users to move cars when charging was complete. She asked whether idling was increasing and how future EV adoption might impact demand. She suggested the Village may eventually need to expand its charging infrastructure. Overall, she indicated she was comfortable approving the change.

Village Trustee Taglia expressed concern that very high fees might negatively affect visitors, especially hotel guests unfamiliar with the rules. He agreed with the rationale for a fee cap and supported moving forward with staff recommendations. Taglia believed the new rules would quickly change user behavior.

Village Manager Jackson indicated that staff could explore alternative cap structures if the Board wanted to balance behavior change and fairness. He clarified that any future adjustments to the ordinance would require a code modification.

Village President Scaman said she supported the staff recommendation and asked for a follow-up if behavior did not change within six months. She cautioned against high fees that might discourage EV adoption and noted that affordability remained important. Scaman supported adding a fee cap and encouraged clear communication for hotel guests and other visitors.

Village President Scaman asked for a friendly amendment to add a \$50 cap.

Village Trustee Straw moved to amend the ordinance to include a \$50 cap on idling charges. Village Trustee Eder seconded the amendment.

**It was moved by Village Trustee Straw, seconded by Village Trustee Eder, that this Ordinance be adopted as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.**

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

Village Trustee Wesley reflected on a prior discussion about the reusable bag fee and argued that the equity issues raised then were not comparable to the equity concerns being discussed around EV charging. He noted inconsistency in how equity was being invoked across topics and expressed discomfort with the comparison. Wesley emphasized that the two situations were fundamentally different.

Village Trustee Eder celebrated Earth Day Eve and thanked the many individuals and groups contributing to Oak Park's climate leadership. He listed recent accomplishments, including the climate action plan, building benchmarking, electrification policies, bike plan, energy navigators, rebates, and efficiency programs. Eder praised community members, volunteers, and staff for their ongoing commitment. He concluded by expressing pride in the Village's sustainability progress.

Village Trustee Leving Jacobson wished everyone a happy Earth Day and thanked those who organized the Arab American Heritage Celebration. She said the event was joyful, well executed, and clearly the result of significant effort. She expressed appreciation for the work that went into creating such a meaningful community gathering.

Village Clerk Waters initially passed on comments but later congratulated JB C. III for being named to the 2026 U19 Men's National Team. She highlighted several community observances, including Black Maternal

Health Week, Week of the Young Child, and Volunteer Appreciation Week. Waters emphasized that these events reflected the community's shared commitment to care, equity, and civic engagement. She thanked all who consistently showed up to support Oak Park.

Village President Scaman thanked speakers and highlighted existing local transportation support programs, such as taxi coupons and transit discounts. She suggested expanding access to such programs for more residents.

## **XVII. Adjourn**

It was moved by Village Trustee Straw, seconded by Village Trustee Eder to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deputy Clerk Carswell