



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes – President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, November 04, 2025, 6:00 pm, Village Hall, Council Chambers (Room 201)

- I. **Call to Order:** Village President Scaman called the Meeting to order at 6: 09 P.M.
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- II. **Roll Call Attendance:** Clerk Waters took the roll call 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.

- III. **Agenda Approval.**

President Scaman called for a Motion to approve the Agenda.

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

- 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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- IV. **Non-Agenda Public Comment.**

President Scaman asked whether there were any persons wanting to make public comments. The following persons provided public comments:

Asra S. directed comments at Trustee Wesley, criticizing his use of personal and public Facebook accounts, blocking people from his personal account while "also using it as a public forum."

Trustee Wesley responded to the comments which were directed at him from Asra, defending his use of separate personal and public Facebook accounts.

Paul G. provided comments supporting Trustee Straw and others who have protested in Broadview against the inhumane ways in which people are being treated. Paul also made comments regarding the recent Halloween incident where pepper balls, which he stated are "chemical weapons," should not have been used against "children," and he encouraged the Board to put policies in place to prevent the use of pepper balls against youth ever again.

Aaron M. made comments regarding "video evidence" of the use of pepper balls and chemical munitions by River Forest police in Oak Park during the situation on Halloween which involved teenagers. Aaron encouraged the Board to examine its mission of being a welcoming and sanctuary city, and to clarify policies regarding the use of violence in our community and "not devolve into a fascist state."

There were no other public comments.

V. **Regular Agenda**

- A. [**ORD 25-204**](#). An Ordinance Amending Article 13-7 ("Welcoming Village") of the Oak Park Village Code Regarding the Use of Village Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Purposes.

President Scaman read aloud the title of Ordinance 25-204 as follows: An Ordinance Amending Article 13-7 ("Welcoming Village") of the Oak Park Village Code Regarding the Use of Village Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Purposes.

President Scaman asked for a Motion regarding Ordinance 25-204.

There was a **Motion** by Trustee Eder, seconded by Trustee Leving-Jacobson, to **Adopt** said Ordinance 25-204.

President Scaman then called upon Village Manager Jackson who explained that the Ordinance was drafted due to previous direction by the Village Board to prepare an Ordinance restricting the use of public spaces for civil immigration enforcement.

President Scaman asked whether there were any persons wanting to make public comments on this Agenda item. There were none.

Jackson then introduced Village Attorney Greg Smith who summarized the Ordinance and stated that it was prepared in response to Village Board direction given during a meeting

on October 21 to draft an Ordinance with regulations similar to those adopted by the cities of Chicago and Evanston. Smith further stated that the Ordinance amends the Village's "Welcoming Ordinance" and provides in part that no Village owned property including parking lots, vacant lots and garages may be used as a staging area, processing location or operation space for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement.

Smith added that the Ordinance authorizes the Village Manager to make physical improvements to Village owned properties to implement the restrictions, to post related signage on those properties, and to provide private property owners with signage at no cost delineating nonpublic areas in which people decide to restrict civil immigration enforcement. Smith concluded by stating that enforcement of the Ordinance would occur in the courts and the Village would be able to file suit in court and request a declaration that the violation occurred, that the court enter an appropriate penalty, and that an injunction be entered prohibiting future violations.

Trustee Eder then provided statements supporting the Ordinance, and thanking the Village Attorney for his prompt work on the Ordinance, and, Eder engaged in a question and response session with Attorney Smith clarifying the terms of the Ordinance.

Trustee Leving-Jacobson thanked everyone who was involved in acting upon the request for this Ordinance that restricts the use of public spaces for civil immigration enforcement, and that addresses safety in the community and mitigates harms that are being inflicted upon people including those in Broadview.

Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Kellye Keyes, then delivered an update on actions taken by staff including "enhancing the website" of the Village to provide immigration and refugee information and rights, and the distribution by staff of approximately 9,000 cards with a QR code that links to the immigration resources webpage, and, the limitation of use of the Village Hall parking lot to only employees and individuals "conducting official business in Village Hall."

Trustee Straw thanked Trustee Munoz for "leading the effort within Oak Park Township." Straw listed efforts within Oak Park from businesses and entities including the Oak Park Public Library. Straw also had ICE "whistle packets" available and provided information regarding the packets and video recording of interactions with ICE agents.

President Scaman then stated that any other comments by Board members could be made during the "Call to Board" portion of the meeting.

- President Scaman asked whether there were any further questions or comments from the Board regarding the pending Motion or Ordinance 25-204; there none.
- President Scaman then asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Eder, Leving-Jacobson, Enyia, Straw, Taglia, Wesley; 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.

VI. **Call to Board and Clerk.**

Trustees Enyia, Taglia, Leving-Jacobson and Eder, as well as President Scaman, each gave opinion statements regarding their support for Ordinance 25-204 and other community matters, and voiced support for Trustee Straw and his court case deriving from his protest in Broadview "while exercising his First Amendment Rights."

President Scaman read aloud an "open letter from Illinois officials condemning federal charges against the Broadview Six" including Trustee Straw.

Trustee Wesley gave a statement regarding his activities on social media and his belief in transparency.

Clerk Waters and Trustee Straw passed on providing statements.

VII. **Adjourn.**

There being no further business before the Village Board, a **Motion** was made by Trustee Wesley, Seconded by Trustee Eder, to **Adjourn** this meeting at 7:02 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