



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

7:00 PM

Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Village President Vicki Scaman called the **Regular Meeting of the Village Board** to order at **7:15 P.M.**

II. Roll Call

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

By Phone: 1 - Village Trustee Wesley

Absent: 1 - Village Trustee Eder

III. Agenda Approval

Village Trustee Brian Straw requested to **table Item I until the September 1, 2026 Village Board Meeting.**

It was moved by Village Trustee Brian Straw, seconded by Village Trustee Jenna Leving Jacobson to approve the agenda as amended by tabling Agenda Item I to the September 1, 2026 meeting.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

IV. Minutes

A. [MOT 26-187](#) A Motion to Approve Minutes from the June 16, 2026 and June 23, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Village Board

It was moved by Village Trustee Jenna Leving Jacobson, seconded by Village Trustee Chibuike Enyia, to approve the Minutes.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Barbara C. discussed the process for considering changes to residential zoning and supported a binding referendum. She encouraged broad public education regarding zoning, construction costs, demolition, affordability, and the experience of other communities before any Board or referendum vote.

Kimberly S. stated that significant zoning changes would shape Oak Park's built environment for generations and should proceed through

careful planning, broad public participation, and a communitywide referendum.

Jim P. requested clearer communication regarding prior and planned public engagement on zoning reform. He stated that any changes to single-family zoning should be paired with affordable-housing requirements and suggested first considering vacant parcels for affordable development.

Chris S. referenced the successful ranked-choice-voting referendum and encouraged the Village to use a referendum to build public understanding and support for proposed zoning changes.

Kieran V. shared the history of her Frank Lloyd Wright home and urged the Board to consider how zoning and historic-preservation protections affect neighborhood character and the long-term survival of significant homes.

Jacob E. described the neighborhood and community connections fostered on his single-family block, opposed eliminating single-family zoning, and requested that the issue be submitted to referendum.

John J. supported missing-middle housing and zoning reform as tools to expand housing supply, affordability, and options for residents seeking smaller homes. He urged the Board to proceed with consideration of the Opticos recommendations.

Matthew M. stated that proposed changes to single-family zoning could affect neighborhood character, infrastructure, public services, parking, and property values. He supported additional housing opportunities but requested a referendum on changes of this magnitude.

Frank S. submitted written comments regarding single-family zoning and argued that eliminating it would not necessarily produce affordable housing. He expressed concern that redevelopment could instead replace existing homes with higher-cost housing.

Curtis T. requested comprehensive evaluation and public reporting regarding the Village's Bike Plan and Vision Zero projects. He also questioned using long-term bond financing for improvements with shorter useful lives.

Frank V. supported a balanced mix of single-family homes and small multifamily buildings designed to fit neighborhood character. He encouraged careful planning and protections against development that would overwhelm existing lots.

Cook County Commissioner Tara Stamps honored the life of Christian Wallace, expressed support for his family, and called for truth, transparency, accountability, and justice regarding his death following an encounter with Oak Park police.

Kristin D. and Jason read a community letter regarding the death of Christian Wallace. The letter requested an independent and transparent investigation, accountability for any wrongdoing, a review of Village response and communication practices, and other actions intended to rebuild public trust.

The Village Board **recessed briefly and reconvened at 8:24 PM.**

VI. Proclamation

No proclamations were presented.

VII. Village Manager Reports

Village Manager Kevin Jackson and Chief Financial Officer Kevin Bueso reported that a system issue affected approximately 1,600 accounts. Staff stated that late fees would be reversed, water shutoffs would be placed on hold while the matter was reviewed, affected customers would be contacted, and procedures would be revised to prevent recurrence.

Village Manager Kevin Jackson introduced an update regarding the Missing Middle Housing Initiative and additional public engagement. Development Services Director Craig Failor reported that six community events were being planned for late August, with events on both the north and south sides of the Village. Staff also planned a household postcard, an online property-comparison tool, and public hearings before the Plan Commission, with recommendations expected to return to the Village Board in October.

Discussion focused on releasing the Opticos recommendations before the July 28 Board meeting, promoting materials through Engage Oak Park and other communication channels, and giving residents sufficient time to understand the proposal. Staff committed to making the recommendations available earlier than the normal agenda-posting deadline.

Village Attorney Greg Smith explained that Illinois law permits advisory referenda on zoning matters but does not authorize a binding municipal referendum on the proposed land-use questions. Discussion addressed the complexity and wording of an advisory question, the possibility of placing multiple questions on the ballot, and filing deadlines for the November 3, 2026 and April 6, 2027 elections.

B. [ID 26-431](#) Review of the Board Meeting Calendars for July, August and September 2026

Village Manager Kevin Jackson reported that a motion concerning an advisory zoning referendum was anticipated for the following week. President Scaman noted the addition of a September 22 meeting and related calendar changes.

C. [ID 26-415](#) Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD)/ Records Management System (RMS) Project Update

Police Department representative, Commander Kelly Murphy and West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center Executive Director Brian Stanton presented an update on the CAD/RMS replacement project. Staff reported that configuration, data migration, interfaces, testing, training, and change management were underway and that implementation remained on track for December 2026.

Discussion addressed integration with 911 call information, the project budget, the addition of participating communities, and grant funding. Staff reported that the project remained within budget and that expanded participation and grant funds were expected to reduce Oak Park's cost. Staff agreed to provide updated anticipated savings for future budget discussions.

VIII. Village Board Committees

This section is intended to be informational.

If there are approved Minutes from a recent Committee meeting of the Village Board, the Minutes will be posted in this section.

Pending Committee Meeting Minutes

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2026

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from July 2, 2026

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2026

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2026

No Village Board Committee reports were presented.

IX. Citizen Commission Vacancies

D. [ID 26-412](#) Board and Commission Vacancy Report for July 14, 2026

Village President Vicki Scaman announced that information regarding current citizen commission vacancies is available through the Clerk's Office and encouraged interested residents to apply by contact the office via

email.

X. Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments

- E. [MOT 26-195](#) **A Motion to Consent to the Village President's Appointment of:**
 Board of Health - Kristen Delarosa, Appoint as Member
 Citizen Involvement Commission - Suzen Riley, Appoint as Commissioner
 Civic Information Systems Commission - Kurt Roskopf, Reappoint as Commissioner
 Historic Preservation Commission - Kelly Mitchell, Appoint as Commissioner

Village Clerk Christina M. Waters read the names aloud.

It was moved by Village Trustee Straw, seconded by Village Trustee Leving Jacobson, that this Motion be approved.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

XIV. Consent Agenda

- F. [RES 26-234](#) **A Resolution Amending the Renewal of the Annual Software License and Support Maintenance Agreement dated December 15, 2014, with CityView, a Division of N. Harris Computer Corporation, for the Village's Permitting, Licensing and Inspection Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$176,792.20**

Village President Scaman noted that Trustee Eder had additional questions regarding CityView that could be addressed during a future contract renewal.

Village Trustee Brian Straw moved and Village Trustee Jim Taglia seconded to approve the Items under the Consent Agenda.

The roll call was as follows:

XV. Regular Agenda

- G. [MOT 26-194](#) **Motion by Trustee Taglia and Trustee Wesley to Review E-Bike/Scooter Regulations and Recommend Ordinance Changes to Improve Safety, Including Seeking Input from the Transportation Commission and Board of Health in Advance of the Study Session**

Agenda Items G and H were considered together.

Village Manager Kevin Jackson introduced a multi-department presentation involving the Police, Health, Communications, and Law Departments. Staff described the growth in e-bike, e-scooter, and motorized mobility use; classifications and age restrictions contained in pending state legislation; recommendations from the Transportation Commission and Board of Health; and a proposed local ordinance

mirroring the anticipated statewide requirements.

Staff outlined an education-first approach supported by targeted enforcement for unsafe or egregious conduct. The Police Department described planned data collection and deployment in areas with high ridership. The Health Department presented the “E-Ready” safety campaign emphasizing helmets, use of bike lanes, compliance with traffic laws, one rider per device, and awareness of risk. Communications staff described online resources, printed materials, social-media outreach, and coordination with schools and other community partners.

Board discussion focused on helmet requirements and state preemption, the practical difficulty of identifying device classes and rider ages, safe and equitable enforcement, racial disparities in bicycle and traffic stops, sidewalk riding, parental responsibility, signage, school and community partnerships, helmet giveaways, expanded bicycle infrastructure, and the need to emphasize education and prevention before enforcement. Staff agreed to explore additional outreach, signage, data reporting, and community partnerships.

Village Attorney Greg Smith explained that Senate Bill 3484 had been sent to the Governor and that the Board could revisit the local ordinance if the state measure did not become law. The Board then voted on the Ordinance.

It was moved by Village Trustee Jim Taglia seconded by Village Trustee Cory Wesley to approve this Agenda Item.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

H. [ORD 26-150](#) An Ordinance Amending the Oak Park Village Code Regarding E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and Motorized Mobility Devices

During consideration of the Item, the Board approved a motion by voice vote to **continue the meeting beyond 10:00 P.M.**

It was moved by Village Trustee Brian Straw seconded by Village Trustee Chibuike Enyia to approve this Agenda Item.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

I. [MOT 26-190](#) A Motion by Trustee Straw and Seconded by Trustee Leving-Jacobson Directing Staff to Prepare a Text Amendment Altering the Maximum Heights in the H District Zoning for the Area Comprising Rush Hospital to 60 feet on Maple, south of Monroe; 60 feet on Wenonah; and 80 feet on Maple north of Monroe

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It was moved by Village Trustee Straw, seconded by Village Trustee Leving

Jacobson, that this Motion be tabled.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

XVI. Call to Board and Clerk

Village Clerk Christina Waters No Comments

Village Trustee Chibuike Enyia No Comments

Village Trustee Brian Straw No Comments

Village Trustee Jim Taglia No Comments

Village Trustee Jenna Leving Jacobson No Comments

Village Trustee Cory Wesley discussed e-bikes, bicycling, and alternative mobility as opportunities for transportation, sustainability, economic development, and community improvement. He encouraged continued investment in infrastructure and consideration of these benefits alongside education and enforcement.

Village President Vicki Scaman supported continued investment in bicycle infrastructure and noted the need for additional bicycle racks.

XVII. Adjourn

It was moved by Village Trustee Straw, seconded by Village Trustee Wesley, that this be approved.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M., Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,
Christina M. Waters
Village Clerk