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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.
IT IS 6:02 PM AND I WOULD LIKE TO - AHMAD, YOU ARE BOOTED.
I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ORDER.
CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE STRAW.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>> PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), PURCHASE OF PROPERTY VALUES FOR THE VILLAGE AND COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

>> SO MOVED.
>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OF MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRUCK AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.
NOT REMEMBERING.
CAN WE DO ALL IN FAVOR?

ROLL CALL.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

WE WILL BE BACK IN ABOUT AN HOUR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT IS 7:22 PM AND I WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE OUR MEETING.

YOU ALL FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> HERE.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

WE ARE MOVING ITEM - WHAT IS IT?

S TO REGULAR AGENDA.

ANY OTHER CHANGES?

MOTION PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTIONED BY TRUSTEE PARAKKAT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STRAW.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY NAY'S?

THEN THE AGENDA IS APPROVED.

AND I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MEMBER 13TH OF OUR REGULAR MEETING IN NOVEMBER 20 REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 28 AND DECEMBER 4.

>> SO MOVED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OF MOTION BY TRUSTEE ENYIA AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE WESLEY.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>> ANY NAY'S?

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

WE HAVE NOT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING?

>>CLERK: YES WE DO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BEFORE WE BOOK - BEGIN THE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE NIGHT WE DO HAVE SOME TRANSCRIPTION EQUIPMENT THAT THE BOARD HAS AND I'M GOING TO ASK OUR DEI DIRECTOR, DOCTOR WALKER IF SHE WOULD PLEASE SHARE HOW THAT WORKS.

>> GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS DOCTOR DANIELLE WALKER AND I'M THE CHIEF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION OFFICER.

AS WE CONTINUE TO HAVE AN INCREASE AROUND OUR LANGUAGE ACCESS, VILLAGE STAFF HAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE DIFFERENT ACCOMMODATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO MAY BE SPANISH-SPEAKING BE ABLE TO HAVE AN ACCESSIBLE PLATFORM TO THE BOARD MEETINGS AS IT RELATES TO VARIOUS ITEMS THAT PERTAIN TO THEM.

FOR TONIGHT IF THERE ARE PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM OUR MIGRANT COMMUNITY, OUR TRUSTEES, VILLAGE MANAGER AND VILLAGE ATTORNEY ARE ALL EQUIPPED WITH THE SAME DEVICE AND WEARING THAT IS CALLED A LISTENING ASSISTANT DEVICE AND SO WE HAVE TWO INTERPRETERS FOR TONIGHT THAT WILL BE PROVIDING INTERPRETATION SIMULTANEOUSLY SO AT THE SAME TIME SO THAT OUR TRUSTEES, OUR VILLAGE MANAGER AND VILLAGE ATTORNEY - WE WILL HEAR THAT IN ENGLISH.

THAT SEGUES NICELY INTO WHAT IS ABOUT TO SAY.

WE ALSO HAVE DEVICES FOR THE PUBLIC AS WELL THAT I HAVE IN THE BACK THAT IS ALSO A TRANSLATION DEVICE.

SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU JUST HEARD WHEREAS WHEN SOMEONE IS SPEAKING UP HERE IN SPANISH OR IF SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT ONLY SPEAKS SPANISH NEEDS TO LISTEN AND TO GET THE INTERPRETING OF THE SPANISH AS WELL, THIS TRANSLATION DEVICE WILL BE ABLE TO ALSO ASSIST IN THAT.

SO LISTENING ASSISTIVE DEVICES FOR OUR TRUSTEES AND WE ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL DEVICES FOR THE PUBLIC.

AGAIN, IF WE ARE PUBLIC COMMENT THAT IS IN SPANISH SO EVERYONE IS ABLE TO HEAR AND UNDERSTAND THOSE WHO ARE SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES IN SPANISH.

AND FURTHERMORE FOR SOME OF THE MIGRANTS I RECOGNIZE, THAT THERE IS ALSO SIMILAR FORMAT FROM A MEETING WE HELD IN NOVEMBER OF WHERE WE WILL ALSO HAVE AN INTERPRETER IN ROOM 101 THAT IS ALSO PROVIDING SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION FOR OUR BOARD MEETING FOR THE DURATION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS AS IT PERTAINS TO OUR MIGRANT COMMUNITY.
OKAY.

THANK YOU, DOCTOR WALKER.

WE WILL TAKE OR NOT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT.

THANK YOU, CLERK WATERS.

>>CLERK: PAUL RUBIO?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: BEFORE I GO INTO THE COMMENT THAT I HAVE BEEN MEANING TO OFFER FOR QUITE A WHILE WANT TO TAKE PART OF MY ALLOTTED TIME TO RECOGNIZE AND TO EXEMPLARY PEOPLE.

ONE IS MY DEBT DOES DOCTOR GRACE ESPOSITO WHO RETIRED AFTER MANY DECADES AT HER PRACTICE NEAR HARLEM AND ROOSEVELT.
SHE WATCHED ME GROW UP.

I REALLY ENJOYED GOING TO SEE THE DENTIST AS IF I WAS GOING TO SEE AN OLD FAMILY FRIEND AND SHE FLAUNTED BELLS AND WHISTLES WALLS IN THE KNOW CAVITY CLUB AND AS I GOT OLDER I WAS ELIGIBLE TO BE IN HER LOYALTY CLUB.

I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE MY GRANDFATHER MARTIN LUKE WHO WAS BORN 100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH ON JANUARY 17, 1924 IN IOWA AND AFTER SERVING IN THE NAVY IN WORLD WAR II AND GETTING AN EDUCATION AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ST. LOUIS, HE MADE HIS WAY TO OAK PARK WHERE HE WORKED IN THIS AREA FOR MANY YEARS IN EDUCATION AND OF COURSE YOU RAISE MY FAMILY, INCLUDING MY MOM ON THE 1100 BLOCK OF S. HIGHLAND AVENUE THEREFORE MY COMMENT REGARDING SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED OVER THE SUMMER.

SO I KNOW IN MY OWN EXPERIENCE THAT LIBRARIES DO SO MUCH GOOD IN OUR COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING BOOKS AND ALSO BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN DIALOGUE ABOUT IDEAS.

I DISAGREE WITH ACTION THE CITY TOOK BY MAKING IT - - ADEQUATELY ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF BOOK BANDS.

THERE ARE EXTREMIST GROUPS THAT USE FEAR TACTICS TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO LIBRARIES, BUT THERE IS ALSO PARENTS THAT ARE CONCERNED WITH THE INCREASE OF MATERIAL WITH MATERIAL THAT THEY FEEL ARE MAKING LIBRARIES UNSAFE PLACES FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

THIS BOOK MAY BE HELPFUL FOR SOME CHILDREN THAT ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THEIR GENDER, BUT THERE MIGHT BE INSTANCES WHERE IT MIGHT - - AND ILS DEGREE, WILL MY CLASSMATES SHARED THAT DISNEY RULES ARE CUSTOMER SERVICE AND ONE OF THEM STATES, THE CUSTOMER MAY NOT ALWAYS BE RIGHT, BUT THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RESPECTED.

I FEEL LIKE THIS RESOLUTION DOES NOT DO ENOUGH TO VALIDATE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF PARENTS AND SHOW THEM RESPECT, IN A SENSE THAT IT JUST

CREATES MORE OF A CONFRONTATIONAL STAND WHERE PARENTS MAY BE FEEL LIKE THEIR CONCERNS DO NOT MATTER.

INSTEAD, WE SHOULD BE FACILITATING DIALOGUE WITH PARENTS REGARDING THEIR OBJECTIONS.

SO I CALL UPON THE VILLAGE BOARD TO REVISIT THIS RESOLUTION SO THAT OAK PARK CAN BE A SANCTUARY, NOT JUST FOR BOOKS, BUT ALSO FOR DIALOGUE ABOUT PEOPLE'S OPINIONS OF THEM.

YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>>CLERK: JOHN DUFFY.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: JOHN DUFFY, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

I'M ALSO A MEMBER ON THE COMMITTEE FOR EXCELLENCE AND EDUCATION. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON EQUITY ISSUES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR 13 YEARS NOW.

THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS, AND A LONG WAY TO GO.

I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE NEWLY FORMED DIVERSITY OAK PARK, WHICH IS INTERVENING AROUND HOUSING POLICIES AND AN EMERGING NEW HOUSING PLAN THAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

FIRST I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENERGY, YOUR TIME, YOUR DEDICATION, THE MOMENTS YOU ARE AWAY FROM YOUR FAMILY WHEN YOU WOULD RATHER BE THERE.

THAT IS TO BE HONORED.

I BELIEVE OAK PARK MAY BE AT A HISTORIC MOMENT COMPARABLE TO 1968, BUT ONLY TIME WILL TELL IF THAT IS TRUE.

DISTRICT 200 ADOPTED A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR RACIAL EQUITY IN 2014, BUT THERE IS SOMETHING SERIOUSLY MISSING, WHICH EQUITY ADVOCATES KNEW RIGHT AWAY.

THERE WAS NO ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM.

I THINK THERE IS SOME LESSONS TO BE LEARNED.

THEY EVENTUALLY WERE ADOPTED IN 2019, FIVE YEARS AGO NEXT MONTH.

I THINK THERE ARE SOME LESSONS THAT THIS BOARD CAN LEARN FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

IT IS CONTENTIOUS WORK.

A POLICY IN THE PROTOCOL FOR ACCOUNTABILITY DON'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING, BUT MORE CONTENTION.

THAT IS THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

YOU ARE DOING THINGS THAT ARE RIGHT AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE AS A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE.

YOU HAVE UTILIZE THE EXPERT GUIDANCE OF GARE, A ORGANIZATION INTRODUCED BY THE CRC SIX YEARS AGO.

YOU ARE ON IT.

YOU HAVE HIRED A FULL-TIME EQUITY ADMINISTRATOR.

THAT IS COMMENDABLE.

YOU ARE CONDUCTING THE FIRST EVER RACIAL EQUITY SURVEY ABOUT PEOPLE'S PERSONAL AND SOCIAL EXPERIENCES AROUND RACE IN THIS COMMUNITY.

IN JUNE, MOST IMPORTANTLY OF 2022, YOU ACCEPTED AN AMAZING CLIMATE STUDY WITH SUSTAINABILITY PLANS, BUT WHAT WAS UNIQUE ABOUT THAT IS IT MODELED RACIAL EQUITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF HOW CLIMATE WAS ACTING AS COMMUNITY, AND GUESS WHAT, THERE ARE SERIOUS DISPARITIES ON WHO IS BEING IMPACTED.

THAT GROUP, WITH YOUR APPROVAL APPROVED PRIORITIZING THE HARM BEING DONE DISPARATELY.

THAT IS ADMIRABLE, BUT I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU ONE STEP FURTHER. BACK TO THE LESSONS THAT DISTRICT 200 AND DISTRICT 97 HAS TAUGHT US. THESE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES, NO MATTER HOW YOU PASS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THEM CAN BE GONE AS FAST AS THEY CAME.

THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION OUR PRESIDENT WILL FOLLOW THESE.

I'M CALLING ON YOU TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER CODIFYING, I GUESS IT IS DONE THROUGH ORDINANCE - WE CALL IT POLICY IN THE SCHOOLS.

IF YOU DO NOT DO THAT, I THINK THERE IS SOMETHING SERIOUSLY LACKING AND IN DANGER OF THIS WORK.

IT CANNOT BE PRESERVED PERMANENTLY.

NOT THAT IT WILL NOT CHANGE, BUT IT COULD BE LOST.

WITH THAT IN MIND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: APPRECIATE IT.

CLERK WATERS, ONE MORE?

>>CLERK: YES.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: HELLO - - OAK PARK THREE YEARS AGO AND I LOVE IT AND IT'S A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY AND I LOVE THAT I CAN COME HERE AND SPEAK.

I RUN A SMALL STARTUP COMPANY THAT DEVELOPS A CANCER DRUG FOR MELANOMA AND WE JUST HIRED OUR FIRST PERSON.

THOUGH I AM THE SECOND EMPLOYEE, BUT THEY MAKE A VERY SMALL SALARY SO I THOUGHT, HEY, WHY DON'T I DO A B&B ON THE SIDE NOW I HEAR THAT YOU WANT TO RAISE THE HOTEL TAX AND I AM HERE TO SAY, DO NOT KILL THE GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGG.

STRANGLE US A LITTLE, BUT DO NOT KILL THE GOOSE.

I WANTED TO SHOW YOU WAS THERE'S A LOT OF RUMORS OUT THERE THAT WE MAKE A LOT OF MONEY AND I HAVE THREE WONDERFUL APARTMENTS AND WE ERR B&B THOSE FOR THE CUSTOMERS, \$175,000 A YEAR.

I MUST SOUND LIKE I'M A MILLIONAIRE, HOWEVER AIR B&B TAKES 15,000. BANKS TAKE 32,000.

THE TAXIS TAKE 43,000.

THE CLEANING TAKES \$31,000.

I AM LEFT WITH \$21,000.

HONESTLY I THOUGHT THAT WHAT I'M DOING THERE - WHEN - - AND NIGHT AND WHEN I'M PUTTING SALT AND CARRYING OLD LADIES I LOVE, I CARRY UP THEIR SUITCASES, I THOUGHT I WOULD MAKE MORE THAN \$21,000.

SO IF THERE WERE NO TAXES OWED MAKE 64, BUT NOW THERE'S \$43,000 IN TAXES AND HOTEL TAX 17, PROPERTY TAX 24%, LICENSING TAX - - KEEP THE TAXES DOWN 397.

NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME, HEY, WE'RE GOING TO ADD THE TAX WE'RE GOING TO GO FROM 4% TO 7.5%.

THAT MEANS OUT OF THE INCOME I COULD HAVE GOTTEN 75.4% IS GOING TO TAXES.

ELLEN THINKING THAT I SHOULD HAVE KEPT IT IN MY RETIREMENT SAVINGS BECAUSE I THOUGHT I WOULD TAKE OUT, WORK A LITTLE BIT IN MY OLD AGE AND MAKE A LIVING.

THAT IS NOT HAPPENING, SO WHAT I AM SAYING IS, DO NOT KILL THE GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGG BECAUSE I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE - AND I'M PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST.

AT LEAST WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE RANKINGS, ME AND MY WIFE, 4.97 RANKINGS ON AIR B&B.

SO WE ARE GOOD.

I WOULD SAY, DO NOT KILL US.

LOOK AT IF YOU RAISE AT 1% A YEAR, LOOK AT IF WE START DROPPING.

IF WE START DROPPING WE ARE RAISING TOO MUCH, THEN STOP.

IF WE DON'T, GO ON AND RAISE IT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT THE MONEY TO OFFSET THE FACT THAT WE COME IN WE ARE TAKING OVER A COUPLE HUNDRED APARTMENTS.

THE COLLECTIVE OF OTHERS.

SO I WOULD MUCH RATHER YOU TAXIS THEN SAY THAT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED.

I THINK WE ARE DOING A GOOD JOB WITH BRINGING IN PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SEE THIS AREA GO TO THE RESTAURANT AND BRING MONEY HERE, BUT WHEN I'M BETTER OFF TAKING 3% OF THE 401(K) I MIGHT CONSIDER IT AND THAT IS MY STORY AND I'M STICKING TO IT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER?

CLERK WATERS?

>>CLERK: KAROLY MAC THERE IS ONE THAT YOU JUST HANDED ME.

>> IF YOU MAKE SURE YOUR DEVICES ARE ON AND THE VOLUME IS UP.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: (SPANISH).

>>CLERK: THAT IS IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: DOES ANYONE WISH TO GIVE PUBLIC, FOR NON-AGENDA AT THIS TIME?

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I'M IMPRESSED.

THAT WORKED QUITE WELL FOR ME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT ON OUR AGENDA, OUR PROCLAMATIONS.

WE HAVE TWO PROCLAMATIONS THIS EVENING.

WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ON JANUARY 2024.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

I HAVE ASKED TRUSTEE ROBINSON IF SHE WOULD PLEASE READ THIS PROCLAMATION ALOUD.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: WHEREAS, PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN OAK PARK, ILLINOIS, WAS FOUNDED IN 1874 WITH FIRST MEETINGS AT THE RIDGELAND DEPOT OF THE CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD;

WHEREAS, THE PROPERTY TRANSFER FROM J.W. SCOVILLE, ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO SHAPED OAK PARK'S DEVELOPMENT, TO RIDGELAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WAS RECORDED IN THE OAK PARK RECORDER ON JANUARY 25, 1889, AND THE CORNERSTONE LAID ON APRIL 6, 1889;

WHEREAS, THE ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT QUEEN ANNE-STYLE CHURCH BUILDING AT 460 LAKE ST., OAK PARK, DESIGNED BY ARCHITECTS PATTON & FISHER OPENED IN 1889 AND WAS DESIGNATED AN OAK PARK HISTORIC LANDMARK IN 1996;

WHEREAS, PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MEMBER OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, IS THE OLDEST STRUCTURE CONTINUOUSLY USED FOR WORSHIP IN OAK PARK;

WHEREAS, THE CHURCH HAS SERVED AS A COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE AND HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HOSTING SPEAKERS SUCH AS JANE ADDAMS AND KNUTE ROCKNE;

WHEREAS, THE CHURCH FOUNDED AND OPENED PILGRIM COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL IN 1966 WHICH HAS ENROLLED THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE FORTUNATE TO BEGIN THEIR EDUCATION IN A POSITIVE, PLAY-BASED ENVIRONMENT;

WHEREAS, THE CHURCH HAS A LONG HISTORY OF WORKING TOWARD JUSTICE, AIDING IMMIGRANTS, AND WELCOMING ALL REGARDLESS OF RACE, ECONOMIC STATUS, GENDER IDENTIFICATION AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION;

WHEREAS, THE CHURCH HAS SERVED AS A FESTIVE MEETING PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY AS HOST TO THE POPULAR OAK PARK FARMERS' MARKET EVERY SATURDAY DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL MONTHS AND HAS HELPED LOCAL NONPROFITS RAISE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR THEIR ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH ITS "DONUT MINISTRY";

WHEREAS, PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IS ACTIVE IN THE WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTING HOUSING FORWARD SINCE ITS INCEPTION AS WEST SUBURBAN PADS (PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER), HOSTING THE ANNUAL WEST SUBURBAN CROP WALK, SUPPORTING THE CHICAGO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, CLUSTER TUTORING, OPRF FOOD PANTRY, THE NIGHT MINISTRY, OP WALK-IN MINISTRY, CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY, THE HUNGER PROJECT, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, PROGRESS CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, AND THE ON-GOING COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS WORK WITH THE CURRENT VENEZUELAN IMMIGRANTS.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LUCIA ROBINSON, ON BEHALF OF VICKI SCHEMING, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY CELEBRATE PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FOR ITS 150 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

I DO BELIEVE WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE TO ACCEPT A PROCLAMATION THIS EVENING?

IS THAT CORRECT, CLERK WATERS?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: 150 YEARS IS A LONG TIME.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD OR TWO?

>>SPEAKER: (SPANISH).

WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.

THERE WE GO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING US CELEBRATE WITH YOU.

LET'S SEE, WE WILL TAKE AN ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

NEXT PROCLAMATION THIS EVENING TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR PROCLAIMING DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 15, 2024.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

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

I ASKED OF TRUSTEE WESLEY WOULD READ IT ALOUD THIS EVENING.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WHEREAS, THE BIRTHDAY OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WHO WAS BORN IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA ON THE 15TH OF JANUARY, 1929, WAS OBSERVED ON THE 15TH OF JANUARY, 2024, TO HONOR HIM AND HIS PERILOUS LIFETIME JOURNEY TO ADDRESS THE RACIAL INJUSTICE OF BLACK AMERICANS; AND THE INTERSECTIONALITY OF ALL SOCIAL INJUSTICES NOT JUST IN THE UNITED STATES BUT AROUND THE WORLD.

WHEREAS, CORETTA SCOTT KING WAS A CIVIL RIGHTS ICON WITHIN HER OWN RIGHT. THE REMARKABLE PARTNERSHIP WITH DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RESULTED NOT ONLY IN FOUR CHILDREN WHO BECAME DEDICATED TO CARRYING FORWARD THEIR PARENTS' WORK, BUT ALSO IN A LIFE DEVOTED TO THE HIGHEST VALUES OF HUMAN DIGNITY IN SERVICE TO SOCIAL CHANGE. WE THANK CORETTA SCOTT KING FOR HER BRILLIANTLY FIERCE DETERMINATION AND FOR REMINDING US THAT WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF A MORE JUST WORLD AND WE MUST ALWAYS CONTINUE TO PUSH FORWARD THROUGH UNFATHOMABLE ADVERSITY TO ACHIEVE JUSTICE.

WHEREAS, DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AS A SPIRITUAL LEADER NOT ONLY OF HIS OWN CONGREGATION BUT OF MILLIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, PURSUED THE PHILOSOPHY OF NON-VIOLENCE IN HIS WORK, AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS TEACHINGS WAS AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AS THE YOUNGEST PERSON AT THE TIME TO RECEIVE THIS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR; AND ALTHOUGH LIFE WAS CUT SHORT AT THE TENDER AGE OF 39 MAY WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT WE ALL CAN ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS FOR THE GREATER GOOD REGARDLESS OF AGE.

WHEREAS, DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SAID "EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT BECAUSE EVERYBODY CAN SERVE." DURING HIS LIFETIME HE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO SERVE THEIR NEIGHBORS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THAT "LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?" THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK MUST BE COMMITTED TO ASKING WHAT ARE WE DOING NOT JUST FOR OUR FELLOW OAK PARKERS BUT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AT LARGE, AS DOCTOR KING EMBODIED THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING BRIDGES AND TEARING DOWN WALLS TO CULTIVATE A UNITED SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, THE ASSASSINATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AT THE AGE OF 39 GREATLY IMPACTED THE NATIONAL AND GLOBAL EFFORT FOR RACIAL EQUITY AND EQUALITY FOR BLACK AMERICANS AND ALL THOSE IMPACTED BY SOCIAL INJUSTICES; AND SERVED AS A PAINFUL REMINDER THAT THE PURSUIT OF EQUALITY CAN COME AT MANY COSTS. BUT NEVERTHELESS, LET US BRAVELY FORGE AHEAD AND LEAN ON ONE ANOTHER TO NEVER CEASE IN OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A PLACE FOR ALL AND WE MEAN ALL.

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK STRIVES TO EMBODY DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S VISION OF A BELOVED COMMUNITY AS A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT COULD COME TOGETHER TO SOLVE ANY SOCIAL ISSUE, DIVISION OR STRUGGLE. ONE OF THE GREATEST STRENGTHS OAK PARK HAS IS THE DIVERSITY OF ITS PEOPLE WHO COME FROM MANY DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE. MAY WE NEVER LOSE SIGHT FOR THIS AS A UNIFIER AND NEVER SOW DIVISION. NOW, THEREFORE, CORY WESLEY, ON BEHALF OF VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES URGE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S

BIRTH AS A TIME OF REFLECTION ON RACIAL EQUITY AND TO BE OF SERVICE TO HUMANITY. THAT ALTHOUGH HIS LEGACY AND THE LEGACY OF HIS WIFE CORETTA SCOTT KING ARE UNPARALLELED, WE ALL CAN AND MUST COMMIT TO CREATING OUR OWN LEGACY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE HERE IN OAK PARK. THEREFORE, THE MOST POIGNANT QUESTIONS WE HERE IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK MUST ASK OURSELVES; WHAT WILL BE THE LEGACY OF SOCIAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN OAK PARK?

WHAT ARE WE WILLING TO SACRIFICE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO BE A LEADER IN SOCIAL JUSTICE?

WHAT WILL THE YOUTH IN OAK PARK INHERIT AND LEARN FROM OUR ACTION OR LACK THEREOF?

AS DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STATED, "THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF A MAN/PERSON IS NOT WHERE HE/THEY STANDS IN MOMENTS OF COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE, BUT WHERE HE/THEY STANDS AT TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSY." MAY US ALL COMMIT TO BANISHING OUR COMFORT ZONES IN THE PURSUIT OF RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CARRY THE SPIRIT OF THE KINGS ALONG THE WAY.

DATED THIS 23RD OF JANUARY 24.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

HEARING NO NAY'S, THANK YOU FOR THE PROCLAMATIONS THIS EVENING AND THANK YOU BOTH FOR READING THEM FOR US.

OR READING THEM ALOUD I SHOULD SAY.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS?

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES, PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, THIS ITEM TONIGHT - I JUST HAVE ONE THING TO REPORT ON AND THAT IS THE UPDATE TO THE BOARD CALENDARS.

SO WE HAVE PUBLISHED THE BOARD CALENDARS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2024.

REFLECTING SPECIAL MEETING TOPICS AND PROJECT INITIATIVES IN RELATION TO BOARD GOALS FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME, AND THAT WOULD BE JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND PART OF APRIL.

I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE ALSO SCHEDULED ONE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIRMED AND A SECOND ONE THAT IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 24.

THE ONE THAT WE HAVE ACTUALLY CONFIRMED IS FEBRUARY 13.

THAT WILL OCCUR PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING ON THAT NIGHT.

THE ONE FOR FEBRUARY 21 WE HAVE NOT YET CONFERRED, WHAT IT IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED, BUT ONCE WE CAN GET COMMITMENT FROM EACH OF YOU THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE THAT EVENING, THEN WE WILL CONFIRM THE SCHEDULE FOR THAT.

THOSE TWO FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE DEDICATED TO REVIEWING SEVERAL FINANCIAL POLICIES.

THOSE ITEMS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE VILLAGE MANAGER, MYSELF, AS WELL AS THE INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR DONNA GADON.

SO YOU CAN ANTICIPATE THOSE TAKING PLACE AS SOON AS WE ARE ABLE TO FIRM UP THE 21ST.

IT'S OVER THE COURSE OF TWO MEETINGS.

IF WE NEED ADDITIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WE CAN WORK TOGETHER AND SCHEDULE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ONCE WE GET TO THAT POINT, BUT WE THOUGHT WE WOULD START WITH TWO.

SO WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO YOU GUYS AND SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CALENDARS AND IF NOT, WE WILL GO AHEAD AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

TRUSTEE BUCHANAN?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: NO MEETING LAST WEEK OF MARCH?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THAT IS CORRECT.

THAT IS PER OUR UPDATED PROTOCOLS THAT WE WILL BE BRINGING BACK FOR ADOPTION, I BELIEVE FEBRUARY 6.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY, THANKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: HOW MANY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS DID WE HAVE SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF 2023?

I THOUGHT WE HAD IT FOUR.

IS THAT ACCURATE?

DO YOU REMEMBER?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING FINANCIAL POLICIES, WE HAD TWO.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: ONLY TWO?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: ONLY TWO.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I THINK WE NEED MORE.

MY RECOLLECTION IS IT WAS THREE OR FOUR TO DO THE FINANCE POLICY, BUT IF YOU ARE SEEING TWO, THEN I GUESS IT IS FINE TO START WITH TWO, BUT I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED BECAUSE THIS HAS NOW PUSHED OUT INTO ALMOST THE END OF FIRST QUARTER.

AND SO IF WE DO TWO MORE AFTER THE 21ST OR EVEN ONE MORE, YOU KNOW WHAT, I'M JUST CONCERNED THAT WE ARE ALREADY ALMOST A FULL QUARTER BEHIND IN TALKING ABOUT WHAT A NEW FINANCE POLICY LOOKS LIKE. SO, YOU KNOW, THERE IS SPENDING THAT HAPPENS AND THAT IS GOING TO START UP - REALLY JUST AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. SO TO GET INTO THAT AND GET INTO THE OTHER DISCUSSIONS I SEE THAT ARE ALREADY PLANNED WITHOUT SORT OF ANY SORT OF FINANCIAL GUARDRAILS IS CONCERNING TO ME. I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT OUT THERE. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING MORE.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: CERTAINLY.

WE CAN WORK WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO SCHEDULE AS MANY MEETINGS AS POSSIBLE TO FIGURE OUT THAT - - I THINK YOU ARE REFERENCING THE TAX LEVY.

THAT IS UNCHANGED.

THE VILLAGE HAS HISTORICALLY USED THE TAX LEVY - IMPOSED A TAX LEVY CAP AT 3%, IT IS STILL IN PLACE, A GUIDED OUR DISCUSSIONS IN THE FALL. I THINK WE ARE IN A SAFE PLACE AT THIS POINT TIME FROM A TIMING STANDPOINT AND DISCUSSING THAT PARTICULAR POLICY, BUT WE WILL HAVE SEVERAL OTHER POLICIES THAT WE DO WANT TO DISCUSS WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING ON IN ADDITION TO THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO INVITE ANYBODY FROM THE PUBLIC TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE CALENDARS.

IT'S HELPFUL FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT IN THE FUTURE WHEN WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME OF THE VERY IMPORTANT GOAL DISCUSSIONS WERE DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO OUR BOARD GOALS.

I APPRECIATE ALL THE EFFORT PUT INTO THAT, INCLUDING THAT PIECE. SO THAT IS ALL FOR VILLAGE MANAGERS REPORT?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: AGAIN, THIS IS JUST MY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE. THE APRIL MEETING, THE ONE ON THE SECOND, THAT IS PRETTY IMPORTANT MEETING.

AND I'M NOT SURE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THAT.

I WAS WONDERING IF THERE WAS ANY FLEXIBILITY TO MOVE THAT EARLIER OR LATER WHEN WE START THE SESSION BACK AGAIN.

I'M THE ONLY ONE AND I WILL FIGURE OUT A WAY.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THAT IS WHERE THE SCHEDULE LANDED BASED ON THE FACILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND WHEN WE THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE DONE WITH THEIR WORK AND READY TO PRESENT THE OUTCOME OF THEIR WORK ALONG WITH THE STAFF.

SO WE CAN GO BACK AND LOOK AT THAT AND IF THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE IT UP WE WILL LET YOU KNOW.

AND GO FROM THERE, BUT I THINK THAT IS WHERE WE LANDED BASED UPON THE WORK THAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE FACILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

THAT WORKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: A THANK YOU.

I WILL KNOW LAST WEEK - I THINK.

I DON'T HAVE KIDS IN SCHOOL ANYMORE.

IT IS?

OKAY.

THEN NEXT WE HAVE OUR VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES.

WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING FROM - AS A LIAISON TO THE COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS?

OKAY.

THE VILLAGE CLERK ALWAYS PROVIDES FOR US A BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCY REPORT IF THERE IS ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON ONE OF OUR COMMISSIONS THEN PLEASE REACH OUT TO CLERK WATERS AT CLERK@OAK-PARK.US AND SHE WILL HELP YOU THROUGH THAT PROCESS.

WE ALSO HAVE A CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION THAT ASSISTS IN REVIEWING THOSE APPLICATIONS AND RECRUITMENT EFFORTS.

THANK YOU.

WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE AND I THINK SINCE IT IS JUST ONE NAME I CAN GO AHEAD AND DO THAT, CHRISTINA.

RON ROMAN, POINT AS MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NO NAY'S?

I APPRECIATE ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMISSIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO RON ROMAN.

I WANT TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF S.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.
>> YES.
>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

REGULAR AGENDA.

I AM JUST WONDERING - STAFF, DO YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE OF S FIRST OR GO STRAIGHT TO T?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE CAN ADDRESS S IF THAT'S OKAY WITH THE BOARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ITEM - - VILLAGE BOARD GOALS AS REVIEWED AT THE JULY 10, 2023, JULY 11, 2023, JULY 17, 2023 AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 BOARD MEETINGS.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.
>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ITS GOALS.

EACH ELECTION CYCLE THE BOARD UPDATES ITS GOALS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS AND THIS PAST SUMMER WE SPENT THREE MEETINGS DELIBERATING OUR PAST PERFORMANCE ON OUR PREVIOUS GOALS AND ALSO WORKING TOGETHER TO DEVELOP GOALS FOR THE NEXT CYCLE, INCLUDED WITH THAT WAS WORKING TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY AND ARTICULATE A VILLAGE VISION TO ENCAPSULATE THESE GOALS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON THE WORK OF THE STAFF.

I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF THE BOARD AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF THE STAFF.

WE REALLY APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH THE BOARD, NOT JUST WITH THE VILLAGE MANAGER, BUT ALSO THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT HEADS PARTICIPATED IN THAT PROCESS AS WELL.

WE APPRECIATED THAT AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS OF W VILLAGE MANAGER LISA SHELLEY IN WORKING WITH THE VILLAGE MANAGERS OFFICE AS WELL AS OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND MYSELF, AND THE BOARD MEMBERS TO COME TO CONSENSUS TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS AMONG THE BOARD ON THESE ARTICULATED GOALS - PROPOSED GOALS TONIGHT THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION GOING TO TURN OVER TO DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER LISA SHELLEY TO SEE IF SHE HAS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO OFFER AND AFTER THAT WE WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU TO TAKE THEM THROUGH THE GOALS OR FACILITATE DISCUSSION AROUND THE GOALS.

>> THE ONLY THING I WANT TO ADD IS ALSO IN THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL FIND A VISION YOU WORKED ON DURING THAT TIME AS NOTED HERE YOU UPDATED THE CORE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES AND THEN AS MANAGER JACKSON SAID, KEY PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES, YOU PROVIDED MUCH OF THAT INFORMATION AS

WELL AS THE DEPARTMENTS THEMSELVES AND THEIR STAFF FILLED IN KEY PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES RELATED TO THE GOALS AND THEY ARE ALL CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT AND THE DEPARTMENTS ARE HERE AS WELL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THEY WILL COME DOWN AND ANSWER ANYTHING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

DISCUSSION.

WHO WOULD LIKE TO START US OFF?

TRUSTEE PARAKKAT?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THANK YOU.

SO I WAS THE ONE WHO PULLED THIS ITEM OFF OF CONSENT.

SO I'M PUTTING OUT MY HAND TO JUST START THE DISCUSSION AS WELL, BUT BEFORE I DO THAT I WANT TO THINK STAFF, KEVIN, AND LISA, AND EVERYBODY ELSE WHO WAS INVOLVED BECAUSE I THINK THE PROCESS WORKS REALLY WELL. WE HAD A ROBUST SET OF CONVERSATIONS.

LOTS OF DEBATE.

SO THE CONVERSATION WAS REALLY PRODUCTIVE.

THE REASON I PULLED THIS OUT IS BY AND LARGE I AGREE WITH THE GOALS WE AGREED TO AS A COLLECTIVE, BUT THERE IS ONE AROUND THIS WHOLE AFFORDABILITY ASPECT AND THE 3% LEVY AND THAT GOAL - WE SHIFTED FOCUS TO A FISCAL POLICY AND TO LUCIA'S POINT EARLIER - SO WE DON'T HAVE A FISCAL POLICY AT THIS POINT, SO WE ARE GOING TO PREPARE THAT SO THERE IS GOING TO BE THE FISCAL POLICIES AND DISCUSSIONS THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL DO AND THAT IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE INFORMED LITTLE BIT BY THE FINANCIAL PLANNING EXERCISE THAT GIVES US ADDITIONAL INPUTS AND PARAMETERS THAT GUIDE THE FISCAL POLICY.

SO THAT PROCESS IN MY MIND IS GOING TO TAKE WAY MORE THAN A COUPLE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN ISOLATION.

SO WHAT I AM PROPOSING IS, UNTIL WE HAVE THAT FISCAL POLICY THAT WE CAN SIGN OFF ON, LET'S KEEP THE AFFORDABILITY GOAL FROM A LEVY PERSPECTIVE AS A GUARD RAIL FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SET EXPECTATIONS ACROSS STAKEHOLDERS AND WHEN WE HAVE THAT OTHER FISCAL POLICY FRAMEWORK THAT WE CAN ALL AGREE ON, WE CAN SWITCH THAT OUT AND SAY THAT BECOMES THE NEW GOAL, RIGHT?

SO IN THE INTERVENING PERIOD WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THAT IS GOING TO END OR WHEN THAT IS GOING TO BE IN PLACE.

WE CONTINUE JUST ON THAT SPECIFIC GOAL WHERE WE ARE AS OF TODAY BEFORE ADOPTING THIS GOAL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

I MEAN, WE CAN RESPOND, BUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO JUMP IN.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO CLARIFY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHERE WE STAND RIGHT NOW.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT FINANCIAL POLICIES, WE HAVE A SET OF FINANCIAL POLICIES THAT THE BOARD ACTUALLY ADOPTS EACH YEAR AS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS.

SO THERE ARE POLICIES THAT ACTUALLY GUIDE HOW WE PREPARE AND MONITOR OUR BUDGET AND OUR FINANCES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

I WILL TELL YOU THAT THE 3% LEVY CAP HAS BEEN A HISTORICAL PRACTICE OF THE VILLAGE AND HAS BEEN ARTICULATED IN THE GOAL, IN THE BOARD GOALS, BUT IT HAS NOT YET EVOLVED TO AN ACTUAL FINANCIAL POLICY THAT IS AMONG ALL THE OTHER POLICIES, FINANCIAL POLICIES THAT GOVERN HOW WE DO OUR WORK.

I THINK THE BOARD'S ATTEMPT THIS SUMMER TO LOOK AT THAT AND LOOK AT IT PROSPECTIVELY IN TERMS OF ALL OF THE ANTICIPATED FUTURE LARGE PROJECTS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED AS AN ATTEMPT TO SAY, HEY, I REALLY WANT TO SPEND SOME TIME LOOKING AT OUR FINANCIAL POLICIES, AND THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR OF WHAT IS ON THE HORIZON AND WHAT WE ALREADY KIND OF COMMITTED TO IN TERMS OF FACILITY PROJECTS, LARGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

SO I THINK THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WORK THAT IS AHEAD OF US WILL ALLOW US TO ACTUALLY CREATE A POLICY THAT DOESN'T EXIST THAT WILL BE NOW A PART OF ALL OF OUR FINANCIAL POLICIES, AND TO DO IT IN A WAY THAT ACTUALLY SYNCS UP WITH ALL OF OUR OTHER GOALS.

CONCURRENT WITH THAT EFFORT YOU WILL SEE IN THE BOARD GOALS THAT THE BOARD CAME TO CONSENSUS THAT IT MAKES SENSE FOR US TO DO SOME LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING, GETTING SOME OF THESE LARGER ANTICIPATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SUCH.

SO I DO ENVISION - WE ARE AS A STAFF ALREADY ACTUALLY WORKING TOWARDS PUTTING A PLAN TOGETHER TO WORK ON THAT LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN, IN ADDITION TO THAT WE ARE REVIEWING ALL OTHER POLICIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN REVIEWED IN QUITE SOME TIME.

THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE WHEN WE COME BACK - WHEN WE COME TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

WE ARE NOT ONLY GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THE TAX LEVY POLICY, BUT WE WILL TALK ABOUT SEVERAL OTHER POLICIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN REVIEWED IN QUITE A LONG TIME.

IN THE SPIRIT OF ACTUALLY AT SOME POINT THERE WILL BE A CONVERGENCE BETWEEN THOSE REVIEWS - REVIEWS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING.

SO I DON'T THINK WE ARE IN A PLACE WHERE WE ARE SAYING, HEY, WE'RE PULLING BACK FROM THE 3% LEVY.

AS YOU CAN SEE RECENTLY WITH OUR BUDGET DISCUSSIONS, WE DID ACTUALLY CONTINUE TO COMMIT TO THE 3% LEVY CAP AND I DON'T THINK WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT WE MOVE AWAY FROM THAT AND AS MUCH AS WE ARE SAYING, HEY, LET'S GET TO WORK AND START ACTUALLY LOOKING AT IT IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT OUR FUTURE - WHAT IS IN FRONT OF US ACTUALLY DO IT IN A TRANSPARENT WAY THAT ACTUALLY RESPONDS TO ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE WANT TO DO.

SO WE THINK THAT IS REALLY WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO THIS SUMMER AND WHERE WE LANDED IN THAT CONVERSATION.

SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T INADVERTENTLY SAY OR INDICATE THAT SOMEHOW WE ARE MOVING AWAY FROM THE 3% CAP BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT DONE THAT YET. WHAT WE HAVEN'T DONE IS HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT CHANGING THAT. OR DOING SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT MORE ELABORATE TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO OUR OVERALL FINANCIAL CONDITION.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: YEAH, I GET THAT. WE HAVE NOT DONE THAT YET, BUT WITH THE ADOPTION OF TODAY'S BOARD GOALS, THE 3% LANGUAGE DOES NOT EXIST IN THOSE GOALS, RIGHT? TODAY'S ADOPTION - IF WE ADOPT IT AS IS, THEN THAT WOULD TAKE US AWAY FROM THAT GOAL WITHOUT THE FINANCIAL OR FISCAL POLICY DISCUSSIONS OR FISCAL PLANNING CONVERSATIONS, OR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS. I AM TALKING ABOUT HERE FORWARD. ALL I AM SUGGESTING IS THE BRIDGE, RATHER THAN LEAVING IT OPEN ENDED BETWEEN TODAY'S ADOPTION AND WHEN WE WILL HAVE SOME OF THESE CONVERSATIONS AND LAND THEM, THE DAY OF WHICH IS UNKNOWN. THAT PERIOD IS WHERE WE RETAIN THE GUARDRAILS THAT WE HAVE AT THIS POINT TO BE REPLACED BECAUSE ULTIMATELY IT IS THE SAME GROUP THAT WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS THAT AND REPLACE THAT, RIGHT? RATHER THAN LEAVING IT OPEN ENDED, WAIT FOR THAT PERIOD FOR THAT ONE GOAL IS WHAT I AM SUGGESTING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE WILL LEAVE THAT TO THE CONVERSATION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS.

TRUSTEE ROBINSON, DID YOU WANT TO JUMP IN AT THIS TIME?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: MANAGER JACKSON, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT THE 3% STILL BEING A GOAL? YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHING WHEN WE WERE DISCUSSING THE CALENDARS. THE 3% IS STILL A GOAL? IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE SAYING?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I WOULD SAY, YEAH. STILL HE GOAL BECAUSE AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NOT CHANGED THAT. IT HAS BEEN A PRACTICE. IT IS NOT A FORMAL POLICY THAT THE BOARD HAS ADOPTED, AND SO I THINK WHEN WE GET TO A POINT WHERE THE BOARD IS READY TO ADOPT A SPECIFIC POLICY RELATED TO THE LEVY, THAT THAT IS WHEN YOU ARE GOING TO SEE THE SHIFT BASED UPON THE OUTCOME OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS OF WHERE WE ARE NOW WHERE WE HAVE BEEN. AND I THINK THERE IS EVIDENCE OF THAT, JUST THROUGH OUR RECENT BUDGET PROCESS.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: RIGHT. BUT I AM THINKING MORE PROSPECTIVELY, RIGHT? SO NOT WHAT WE'VE DONE JUST A MONTH OR SO AGO, BUT MOVING FORWARD, - I MEAN IT WAS FORMALLY ADOPTED AS A BOARD GOAL. SO IT IS NOT IN THE CURRENT BOARD GOALS DRAFT THAT WE ARE GOING TO VOTE ON TONIGHT.

SO I THINK THAT IS REALLY THE ISSUE.

IF YOU COULD SPEAK TO THAT, THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT IN WHAT WILL BECOME THE ADOPTED BOARD GOALS THAT WE HAVE PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO. I THINK, YOU KNOW, YOU GAVE A NOD TO STAFF, BUT I THINK, REALLY, YOU SET UP A SERIES OF BOARD GOAL DISCUSSIONS THAT WERE REALLY, VERY WELL DONE.

YOU SET UP A FORMAL FACILITATION PROCESS, SINCE I HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD, WE HAVE NEVER DONE.

WE HAVE NEVER HAD THE BOARD GOALS CONVERSATION FACILITATED IN THE WAY IT WAS.

SO, I MEAN, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TO THAT, AND THAT REALLY WAS - THAT REALLY CAME FROM YOU.

SO THINK JUST TO CONTINUE TO BE AS DELIBERATE IN THE PROCESS THAT WE STARTED OVER THE SUMMER, WHICH WAS DONE VERY DELIBERATELY AND I THINK VERY WELL, I THINK IT DOES MAKE SENSE, GIVEN WE HAVE THESE FINANCE POLICY DISCUSSIONS PUSHED OUT BECAUSE WE WERE DEALING WITH THE EMERGENCY OF THE MIGRANT RESPONSE.

WE HAD A TRUNCATED BUDGET CYCLE.

THOSE ALL HAVE SOME IMPACT AND SO I AM NOT SEEING ANY SORT OF HARM OR ANY REASON WHY WE WOULDN'T WANT TO DO BOTH.

HAVE THE STATED 3% AND ALSO PROCEED WITH THE FINANCE POLICY BECAUSE I AM STILL VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BRIEFLY, AND IF THERE IS MORE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD, THEN PLEASE DO.

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS QUITE A BIT DURING THE GOALS AND IT WAS A REALLY ENCOURAGING SETTING, AND IT WAS NICE FOR EVERYBODY TO BE ABLE TO KIND OF TALK ASPIRATION ONLY AND FREELY, AND INTERACT WITH OUR DIRECTOR HEADS.

AND STAFF.

WHAT WE WERE DOING IN THAT MOMENT THEN IS WE WERE REALLY THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE, RIGHT?

WE WERE THINKING ABOUT THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH.

THE GUIDANCE THAT THE VILLAGE MANAGER STILL IS OBLIGATED TO - I'M GOING TO USE THE WORD "GUIDANCE" BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND IS THE CURRENT - THE CURRENT GUIDANCE THAT STAFF HAS TO OPERATE ON UNTIL WE CHANGE IT IN THE IDEA OF A GOAL IS THIS DISCUSSION OF OUR IMPROVING OURSELVES, IMPROVING OUR PROCESS ASPIRATIONAL AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN MISSING.

I THINK WHAT I AM HEARING ALSO - AND I HEAR OFTEN FROM THE SPORT TABLE IS ACCOUNTABILITY.

ACCOUNTABILITY FROM US TO OUR CONSTITUENTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY BETWEEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR STAFF.

YOU KNOW?

THAT IS COMMITTED.

AND IT HAS BEEN VALIDATED.

IT IS REALLY KIND OF AN ACCOMPLISHMENT AT THIS POINT ALREADY WHERE THE POLICY, AS IT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED BY THE VILLAGE MANAGER AS WE TALKED ABOUT IN THE BOARD GOALS AS I AM QUITE PROUD OF IS GOING TO ONLY INCREASE THAT TRUE ACCOUNTABILITY.

TRANSPARENCY TO OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR THE FUTURE BOARDS IN A WAY THAT THAT POLICY KIND OF DICTATES THEN A PROCESS OF UNDERSTANDING WHERE - HOW YOU SET THAT LEVY, THAT LEVY GOAL BEFORE YOU START YOUR GOAL SETTING PROCESS AND HOW YOU PLAN FOR THE FUTURE SO THAT, YOU KNOW, WE ARE ENGAGED WITH OUR COMMUNITY AS WE WORK TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES THAT ARE EXPECTED OF US, THAT ARE OUR OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY.

I'M FINE WITH IT AS IS.

HOW DO OTHERS ON THE BOARD FEEL?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ARE WE SEEING 3% IS THE CURRENT GUIDANCE OR NO?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: 3% IS THE CLEAR CURRENT GUIDANCE.

ANYTHING ELSE WOULD BE - NO, THAT IS INACCURATE.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON, 3% REMAINS YOUR GUIDANCE UNTIL NEW POLICY IS SET?

PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES.

LET'S LOOK AT IT LIKE THIS.

IT HAS REALLY BEEN A PRACTICE.

YOU HAD IT AS A SPECIFIC BOARD GOAL.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE WERE TO PUT IT BACK AS A GOAL, THEN WE NEED TO FIND A PLACE TO PUT IT BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IS YOU SAID OUR GOAL FOR THE COMMUNITY IS AFFORDABILITY AND WE HAVE THREE PARTIES.

WE WANT TO REMOVE ECONOMIC BARRIERS.

WE WANT TO LIMIT THE TAX LEVY FOR A SPECIFIC POLICY, RIGHT?

AND I THINK A STARTING POINT IS TO START WHERE YOU LEFT OFF AT THE 3%.

SO THOSE POLICY DISCUSSIONS SHOULD START THERE AT THE 3% CAP AND CONSIDER OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE AND ALL THE THINGS YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING ON.

THE THIRD PRIORITY IS PURSUE GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS UNDER COMMUNITY AFFORDABILITY.

THE QUESTION THAT BECOMES IS LIMITING THE TAX LEVY TO A SPECIFIC CAP. THAT IT GOAL OR PRIORITY?

AND I WOULD SAY BUILDING ON WHAT PRESIDENT SCAMAN WAS SAYING, TO ACTUALLY GET YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE TAX LEVY IN A ACTUAL FINANCIAL POLICY IS ACTUALLY STRONGER.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT IS MY POINT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: RIGHT, RIGHT.

BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT THERE YET.

WHAT YOU HAD IS YOU HAD A, HEY, LIMIT THE TAX LEVY TO 3%.

NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF EVERYTHING ELSE YOU ARE DOING.

SO NOW YOU ARE MOVING IN A DIRECTION TO PUT THAT 3% CAP IN THE CONTEXT OF ALL THE WORK YOU ARE DOING AND ACTUALLY CALLING IT OUT AS THIS IS ONE OF THE WAYS IN WHICH WE ARE GOING TO ACHIEVE COMMUNITY AFFORDABILITY AMONG OTHER THINGS.
AMONG OTHER PRIORITIES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: INTENTIONALITY IS STRONGER.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: SO I GUESS FOR ME, LIKE I GET ALL OF THAT AND I AGREE WITH IT.

I'M ALL IN ON THE FINANCIAL POLICY IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS.
USING ACTUAL DATA AND CONTEXT AND SO ON AND SO FORTH TO DRIVE THIS DISCUSSION FORWARD.

I DO SEE THIS - LIKE THERE'S A BIT OF A TRANSITION PERIOD.
TONIGHT WE WILL ADOPT BOARD GOALS THAT REMOVE THE PREVIOUS BOARD GOALS OF 3% AND THEN EVENTUALLY WE WILL CREATE A BOARD POLICY, A BOARD FINANCIAL POLICY THAT WILL ADOPT, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER LEVY FUTURE LOOKS LIKE.

IN THE MIDDLE THERE, RIGHT, ARE WE STILL SAYING THAT STAFF IS STILL WORKING UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT ALL SPENDING WILL BE IN LINE WITH THE 3% LEVY?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: ABSOLUTELY BECAUSE THAT IS ADAPTED BOARD POLICY WITH THE BUDGET, RIGHT?
UNTIL YOU ADOPT A DIFFERENT STANDARD, THEN THAT IS THE STANDARD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THEN I AM OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: QUESTION ON THAT.

LET'S SAY HYPOTHETICALLY, LET'S PLAY THIS FORWARD.
SO WE ADOPTED TODAY.

NEXT WEEK, FOR SOME REASON WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY AND WE'RE NOT ABLE TO HAVE THE FINANCIAL POLICY DISCUSSIONS, THE FINANCIAL PLANNING OR WHATEVER UNTIL THE NEXT BUDGET CYCLE.
WHENEVER THAT HAPPENS TO BE.

ARE YOU SAYING THAT WITHOUT US SAYING THIS IS A BOARD GOAL, ADOPTING A NEW BOARD GOAL THAT IS POINTING TO A FINANCIAL POLICY THAT DOES NOT EXIST, THE NEXT BUDGET CYCLE OR THE NEXT SET OF DISCUSSIONS WILL BE 3%?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: IT WILL BE 3% UNTIL YOU CHANGE IT.
YOU ALREADY SAID THE 3%.

A.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SIMPLE ANSWER IS YES.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: WE ARE NOT CHANGING IT BECAUSE THERE IS NO POLICY.

YOU HAVE A PRACTICE, RIGHT?

YOU HAVE A PRACTICE OF DOING AND YOU JUST EXERCISE THAT PRACTICE AND YOU ADOPTED THAT STANDARD.

AT THE END POLICY WHEN YOU ADOPTED THE BUDGET.

YOU WILL BE ADOPTING ANOTHER BUDGET AND FISCAL YEAR 25 NEXT DECEMBER.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: MY CONCERN IS COMING FROM THE FACT THAT THERE IS A PERSON WHO IS TRYING TO MAKE THIS A COMMUNITY, RIGHT? THEY ARE PLANNING TO MOVE INTO THIS COMMUNITY OR THERE IS A DEVELOPER OR SOMEBODY WHO IS TRYING TO INVEST IN THIS COMMUNITY. AT THIS POINT, YOU KNOW, WHETHER WE COLLECT GUIDANCE, GOAL, POLICY. THERE IS SOME KIND OF A BENCHMARK THAT THEY CAN MAKE DECISIONS OFF OF. POSITIONS TO INVEST IN THIS COMMITTEE, DECISIONS TO MOVE INTO THIS COMMUNITY.

THERE IS A BASIS FOR IT.

I GO, THERE WILL BE A FISCAL POLICY DOCUMENT, WHICH AT THIS POINT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED AND DOES NOT EXIST IS THE BASIS FOR A DECISION THEY NEED TO MAKE OR AN INVESTMENT THEY NEED TO MAKE IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO WRAP THEIR HEAD AROUND.

I'M TRYING TO LOOK AT THAT SCENARIO AND SAY, YOU KNOW, IF IT EXISTS, IT EXISTS, BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO DEFEND OR PROJECT INTO THE WORLD AS A MEASURE.

THAT IS WHERE I'M COMING FROM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THIS IS MORE HONEST.

3% IS THE GUIDANCE THE VILLAGE MANAGER IS ON.

3% IS WHAT THE NEW BUSINESS OWNER OR ANYBODY MOVING INTO OUR COMMUNITY WOULD BE STEERED TOWARDS HIS 3%, BUT TO KNOW THAT A FINANCIAL POLICY IS COMING FORTH IS MORE HONEST.

THAT MEANS THAT THAT MAY CHANGE IN AT LEAST THAT PERSON HAS A HEAD'S UP THAT THAT MAY CHANGE.

IT IS GOING TO BE CHANGED IN A VERY TRANSPARENT WAY.

MORE TRANSPARENTLY BECAUSE IT WILL BE AN EDUCATIONAL PROCESS WITH US AT THE BOARD TABLE AT AN OPEN MEETING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY CAN WATCH HOW IT IS WE COME TO THAT NUMBER, RATHER THAN IT JUST BEING A NUMBER THAT HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE.

SO THIS IS MORE HONEST.

3% IS VERY CLEARLY - IT HAS BEEN STATED NOW ON THE RECORD IN THIS MEETING, IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

WE ARE HAVING THE SAME CONVERSATION FOR AT LEAST THE THIRD TIME, 3% IS THE GUIDANCE FOR THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO COME BACK.

IF NO FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HAPPENED AND THE VILLAGE MANAGER CAME BACK WITH A BUDGET THAT WAS BASED ON 5%, HE WOULD BE NOT FOLLOWING BOARD DIRECTION.

PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THAT IS THE ASSURANCE I WANT.

NOW IT IS ON PUBLIC RECORD THAT 3% IS OUR NUMBER, RIGHT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT WAY 100 TIMES.

THANK YOU.

TRUSTEE STRAW?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SORRY, I JUST WANT TO SAY - 3% IS OUR CURRENT NUMBER ENDING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION, WHICH YOU ARE ON AND YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN.

I AM COMFORTABLE ADOPTING IT AS IS BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, AS WE TALKED ABOUT DURING THE GOALSETTING PROCESS, 3% IS AN ARBITRARY NUMBER THAT WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING OFF OF.

HAVING AN EVIDENCE-BASED DISCUSSION OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS, WHAT RESOURCES ARE WE ABLE TO LEVERAGE? WHAT IS INFLATION DOING?

ALL OF THESE FACTORS, COMING UP WITH A FINANCIAL POLICY BASED ON ALL OF THE FACTORS AND MAKING THAT INFORMED DECISION I THINK IS THE REASON WHY WE ADOPTED THIS IS A GOAL - 3% IS UNTIL THE GOAL IS ARRIVED AT BY OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY OUR BOARD IS THE CURRENT POLICY. IT IS THE BRIDGE TO WHAT OUR GOAL IS ESTABLISHING HERE.

SO GIVEN THAT I AM CERTAINLY COMFORTABLE ADOPTING THE VILLAGE BOARD GOALS AS THEY EXIST NOW AND I DO URGE EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO READ THESE VILLAGE BOARD GOALS BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD STUFF IN HERE.

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE TAX LEVY BY NOW, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD EXCITING STUFF IN HERE OTHER THAN JUST THE TAX LEVY.

I DEFINITELY ASK YOU TO CONSIDER TAKING A LOOK AT IT AND READING AND SEE, WHAT THIS YEAR'S BOARD IS HOPING TO ACCOMPLISH IN THIS COMMUNITY GOING FORWARD.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: QUICKLY RESPOND TO THAT.

I THINK THE 3% IS NOT ARBITRARY.

IF YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORICAL NUMBERS FOR INFLATION OVER 120 YEARS, RECORDS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED, THAT AVERAGES TO 2.8.

SO THE 3% IS SOMETHING THAT CREATES A BENCHMARK BASED ON HISTORICAL DATA.

IT IS TRUE THAT FOR A GIVEN YEAR, DEPENDING ON WHAT IS HAPPENING, WHETHER IT IS A PANDEMIC OR A RECESSION OR WHAT HAVE YOU, THERE SHOULD BE THE LATITUDE FOR US TO DISCUSS POLICY IN A MORE CONCRETE FASHION BASED ON THE MACROECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AND DECIDE AND ADJUST, BUT THAT DOES NOT MAKE THE 3% ARBITRARY.

I JUST WANT TO POINT THAT OUT IN TERMS OF NUMBERS, AND YES, THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER GOOD GOALS.

IN BRINGING THIS UP BECAUSE THIS ONE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE COMMUNITY AFFORDABILITY IS IMPORTANT.

I WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER REASON WHY I AM FIGHTING FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

I WAS AT 4th grade CLASS IN LINCOLN LAST WEEK PRESENTING TO THEM AND WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY AND I ENDED THAT DISCUSSION WITH A QUESTION ABOUT, OKAY, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DO?

ONE OF THE KIDS SAID, CAN YOU MAKE IT A LITTLE CHEAPER?

THAT IS THAT FOURTH-GRADERS COMMENT TO ME.
NOW I AM HAVING THIS CONVERSATION FOR THAT FOURTH-GRADER AND HIS FAMILY.

IT DOES NOT REALLY, REALLY MATTER WHETHER WE ALL AGREE TO EVERYTHING THAT IS DISCUSSED HERE, BUT SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE TO DO IT FOR THE PEOPLE WE ARE DOING IT FOR AND THAT IS THE NATURE OF THIS DISCUSSION.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: MENTIONING THE OTHER GOALS WAS NOT ANY KIND OF DIG OR RESPONSE TO YOU.

IT WAS JUST CALLING OUT FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT THERE IS SOME GOOD STUFF IN HERE.

AND I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE SEMANTICS, BUT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ARBITRARY AND RANDOM IF WE WERE GOING BY THE HISTORICAL AVERAGE IS 2.8, NOT THREE.

2.8 IS NOT ARBITRARY IT IS RUNNING, WHATEVER.

WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE ON A REGULAR BASIS AND SET EVIDENCE-BASED GOALS FOR THE YEAR.

NOT FOR THE LAST CENTURY.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: ALL I'M SAYING IS AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NOTHING, RIGHT?

THAT IS WHERE I'M COMING FROM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT'S THE PART THAT IS NOT ACCURATE. I APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION, BUT I DO WANT TO STATE THAT FOR ME FOR WHAT I HEARD - WHAT I HEARD IN THE BOARD GOAL DISCUSSIONS AS WE ALL CARE ABOUT AFFORDABILITY AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHY I AM SUPPORTING THE BOARD POLICY, AND THAT THIS IS AFFORDABILITY, NOT INTO THE FUTURE. THERE IS NOT GOING TO HAVE TO KEEP ELECTING IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO THE VOTERS OF OAK PARK, THE PERSON WHO CHAMPION 3% EVERY SINGLE ELECTION SEASON BECAUSE YOU WILL HAVE A FINANCE POLICY THAT WILL OUTLIVE THOSE OF US THAT ARE SITTING HERE UNTIL A FUTURE BOARD CHANGES IT. SOMETHING THAT HAS NOT EXISTED BEFORE.

AND HAS BEEN ASKED FOR BY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

I HAVE NOW BEEN ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR DECADES AND THE CONSISTENT THING I HEARD FROM RESIDENTS AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR GOVERNMENTAL BODIES WORKING TOGETHER BETTER.

AND THAT IS ALSO IN HERE, AS WELL AS ALL OF THE OTHER WAYS THAT, YOU KNOW, LIVING IN OAK PARK CAN BE PHYSICALLY - - THE ANALYSIS THAT WE PLAN ON DOING ON OUR FEES AND OTHER WAYS - OTHER STRATEGIES THAT SPEAK TO AFFORDABILITY IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT THE FOURTH-GRADER MIGHT HAVE BEEN RESPONDING TO.

I DON'T THINK IT IS JUST THE TAX BILL THAT COMES THAT MIGHT BE MAKING THAT FAMILY FEEL AS IF OAK PARK IS EXPENSIVE.

NOW IF WE COULD PLEASE MOVE ON IF WE ARE REALLY GOING TO SPEND THIS AMOUNT OF TIME ON EVERY TOPIC.

I UNDERSTAND IT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU, IT IS IMPORTANT TO I BELIEVE ALL OF US, RELEASE I WILL SAY I.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I'M GLAD YOU GOT THAT POINT.

OKAY, NEXT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: RIGHT.

YOU KNOW WHAT, I WILL VALIDATE FOR A SECOND THAT I DO THINK THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT CHAMPIONED THAT IN THE PAST HAD ALL THE BEST INTENTIONS AND DID A GOOD JOB TO THAT POINT.

SO THANK YOU.

OTHER COMMENTS ON - TRUSTEE BUCHANAN?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU.

I KNOW WE DON'T WANT TO SPEND ALL EVENING ON THIS, HOWEVER, IF RAVI DID NOT PULL IT OFF OF CONSENT I WOULD HAVE.

PAGES 12 AND 13 ARE MISSING.

I DON'T THINK THEY ARE MISSING, I THINK THE NUMBERING IS INCORRECT. NO BIGGIE.

BUT THIS LOOKS VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE GOALS THAT WERE SET WHEN I PREVIOUSLY RAN AND I ALWAYS GO BACK TO THE FIRST TIME WHERE WE SAW THEM AND NEVER SAW THEM AGAIN.

THE SECOND TIME WE SET THEM AND WE DID STICK TO THEM, BUT IT WAS MUCH SHORTER.

SO I'M TRYING TO GET MY HEAD WRAPPED AROUND THE AMOUNT OF DETAIL IN THESE GOALS.

MANY OF WHICH WE DID NOT TALK ABOUT IN THE GREAT MEETINGS - I REALLY DID APPRECIATE THE FACILITATING MEETINGS ON OUR GOALS THAT WE HAD, BUT THERE IS A LAW IN HERE THAT WE DID NOT DISCUSS AND IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE A VERY DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK FOR VILLAGE STAFF.

SO SOME OF THESE ARE CLEARLY NOT MY GOALS BECAUSE FOR EXAMPLE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT A USE DEFENSE PROGRAM IS ON PAGE 8. I DON'T KNOW WHAT A SAY MY NAME EXERCISE IS ON PAGE 16.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT A "WILL YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR" EXERCISE IS ON PAGE 17.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT A NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY IS ON PAGE 21.

SO I AM A LITTLE HESITANT TO VOTE FOR THIS DOCUMENT WITH SO MUCH I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH.

NOW GIVEN - I HAVE BEEN REMINDED BY OUR PRESIDENT THAT YOU GAVE THESE TWO US A MONTH AGO AND HAVE REPEATEDLY ASKED FOR OUR FEEDBACK.

I PLEAD GUILTY TO READING THESE FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY.

AFTER THE INITIAL SKELETON DOCUMENT WE GOT BACK IN AUGUST, WHICH IS WHAT WE ACTUALLY TALKED ABOUT.

SO I GUESS I AM JUST EXPRESSING MY DISCOMFORT.

AM INTERESTED TO HEAR WHAT MY COLLEAGUES REACTION IS TO ALL THIS CONTENT THAT IS CLEARLY NOT OUR STATED GOALS FROM THOSE MEETINGS.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: IF I CAN RESPOND IF YOU WILL.

FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF THESE THAT WE DID DISCUSS AND THEY ARE REFLECTED DURING OUR SESSIONS, SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE NOT DISCUSSED, BUT WHAT WE DID DO AND WE WERE VERY DELIBERATE ABOUT THE PROCESS WE WERE TRYING TO STRENGTHEN THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE STAFF AND THE BOARD AND COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS, AND ALSO PRESERVE OUR PRIOR COMMITMENTS THAT THE BOARD HAS OPINED ON IMPULSIVE.

FOR EXAMPLE WE TAKE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP.

YOU GUYS ADOPTED A REORGANIZATION PLAN, STOOD UP AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP OFFICE.

THE REGISTRY HAS TO BE CREATED TO EFFECTUATE THAT.

SO WE ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE WORK OF THE BOARD TO ACTUALLY MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND REORGANIZE THE VILLAGE TO STAND UP THAT DEPARTMENT THAT THERE IS STAFF WORK THAT IS GOING TO BE HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT 18 MONTHS TO MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS AND IN THAT SUPPORT YOUR GOALS TO INCREASE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

THAT IS ONE EXAMPLE.

I THINK THE USE DEFENSE PROGRAM WE DID DISCUSS THE SUMMER AS PART OF THE EQUITY GOAL PROCESS.

SOME OF THE OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT OUR STAFF INITIATED OR, AGAIN, JUST AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE THAT ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD'S GOALS AND PRIORITIES AND TO SHOW THAT, HEY, THERE ARE SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES THAT ARE ADVANCING YOUR GOALS AND YOUR PRIORITIES OVER AND BEYOND THE PRIORITIES THAT YOU ARE DECLARING THAT YOU WANT TO HAPPEN SPECIFICALLY.

SO SOME OF IT IS CARRYOVER FROM PRIOR COMMITMENTS.

SOME OF IT IS NEW PRIORITY PROJECTS THAT WE THINK ARE IN SYNC WITH YOUR GOALS AND PRIORITIES AND WILL HELP YOU ACHIEVE THEM AND SO THAT IS WHAT YOU SEE IS INTEGRATION HERE WHERE YOU HAVE NOW A VISION.

YOU HAVE GOALS AND THEN YOU HAVE PRETTY CLEAR SPECIFIC PRIORITIES AND SOME SPECIFIC STAFF ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE THOSE PRIORITIES.

SO IT IS ALL HERE AND IT IS ALL TRANSPARENT AND IT ALL SHOWS EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE THAT IS OF HIGH PRIORITY TO ACTUALLY ACHIEVE ALL OF THESE AREAS.

RIGHT?

SO IF YOU DO NOT PUT THEM IN, THEY ARE GOING TO HAPPEN UNLESS YOU DIRECT US NOT TO DO IT.

BY PUTTING THEM IN IT SHOWS YOU, HEY, HERE ARE THINGS THAT THE BOARD HAS SAID THAT THEY WANT TO SEE THAT IS NOT HAPPENING.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT THE STAFF IS SAYING, YES, WE HEAR YOU, WE THINK THESE ARE SOME THINGS THAT CAN HELP BOLSTER YOUR GOALS, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF YOUR GOALS AND YOUR PRIORITIES, AND ALSO HERE ARE SOME

THINGS THAT YOU ALREADY ADOPTED THAT WE THINK YOU STILL WANT TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH THOSE PARTICULAR GOALS. SO THAT IS WHAT YOU SEE.

IF THERE IS SOMETHING THERE THIS SUMMER THAT YOU DID NOT ADD AND IS NEW, IT IS BECAUSE WE SAID, WE HAVE SOME CONTINUING PROJECTS THAT YOU PROBABLY OPINED ON AND GIVEN DIRECTION ON THAT WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO CARRY FORWARD AND THEN THERE'S SOME NEW ACTIVITIES THAT WE THINK ARE CONSISTENT WITH AND PLUMMETING YOUR PRIORITIES FOR ALL OF THESE BUCKETS.

SO THAT IS KIND OF THE GENERAL FRAME, BUT WHAT WE WANTED TO DO IS HAVE ALL THE STAFF HERE TODAY TO ANSWER ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND CLARIFY ABOUT ANY OF THOSE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU DID NOT RECOGNIZE YOU JUST NEEDED MORE INFORMATION ON AND SO FORTH.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I APPRECIATE THAT AND I HAVE A HIGH LEVEL OF TRUST IN OUR STAFF THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE GOING TO BE IN LINE AND DOVETAIL NICELY WITH THE GOALS THAT WE STATED IN OUR MEETINGS. THERE ARE TWO THINGS HERE THAT I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE REMOVED.

THE FIRST ONE IS TO DEVELOP A GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM.

NOW A FELLOW CHURCH MEMBER OF MINE FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM AND I HELPED FACILITATE HER BRINGING TO US THE CHANGE IN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW GUN BUYBACKS IN OAK PARK, HOWEVER MY BACKGROUND WORK REVEALED THEY DO NOT WORK AND AM WONDERING - SO I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT DEVELOPING A GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM. WE ARE ALLOWING NONPROFITS TO HAVE THEM, THEY HAVE TO COME UP WITH THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE WEAPONS.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I THINK THIS IS ONE WHERE WE GOT MORE DIRECTION ON THIS LAST SPRING.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I THINK WE ASKED OUR DEPARTMENT TO HOLD THE GUN BUYBACK.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: CORRECT. WE WOULDN'T PAY FOR IT.

YEAH, I THINK WE HAD A VERY HEALTHY BOARD CONVERSATION AROUND THIS ISSUE AND WE GOT SPECIFIC DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD TO WORK ON IT. SO I THINK PUTTING IN THE GOALS IS A REFLECTION OF THAT.

IF WE WANT TO PAUSE ON THIS AND RETURN BACK AND EXPLAIN WHAT THAT - WE CAN GO BACK AND LOOK AT THAT SPECIFIC DIRECTION, BUT I THINK THE INTENTIONALITY HERE IS REALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT THE BOARD HAS ALREADY GIVEN US DIRECTION TO WORK ON.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I REMEMBER THE CONVERSATION.

I DON'T THINK THERE WAS VILLAGE BUYING IT WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS - THAT IS NOT WHERE WE ENDED THAT CONVERSATION AND THE PROGRAM EXISTS, BUT I DON'T THINK THERE WAS ANY MONEY INVOLVED. THAT IS MY RECOLLECTION AND I COULD BE WRONG.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: MANY OF THESE ARE EITHER INITIATIVES THAT STILL NEED TO BE DEVELOPED AND BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION, RIGHT?

SO BY SAYING THAT WHAT WE HAVE HEARD - AND TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE BOARD'S DIRECTION THAT, HEY, YOU WANT TO SEE GUN SAFETY IN THE VILLAGE AND THUS HAVING THAT DELIBERATE CONVERSATION, WE ARE TRYING TO REFLECT THAT HERE IN THE GOAL STATEMENTS SO THAT WHEN WE DEVELOP THAT - IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS A BOARD PRIORITY FOR GUN SAFETY AND THERE WAS SOME INTEREST IN THE BUYBACK, WHETHER IT'S A PARTNERSHIP OR WHAT HAVE YOU. I KNOW I AM CERTAIN THAT WE HAD THAT CONVERSATION AND WE ALWAYS WILL BE MAKING AN ATTEMPT TO BE IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE PREVIOUS DIRECTION. WHAT WE ARE SPELLING OUT HERE IS NOT SPECIFICS AROUND A SPECIFIC PROGRAM, BUT AN INITIATIVE THAT WILL BE FURTHER DEVELOPED AND BROUGHT BACK FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER.

I DON'T KNOW, CHIEF JOHNSON, IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SHARE ON THAT?

I WANT TO SAY AS SHE'S COMING UP, I MEAN, WE'RE DEALING WITH THIS TONIGHT.

IF THERE'S INTEREST IN US JUST NOT DOING ANYTHING RELATED TO A GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM WE CAN CERTAINLY MAKE THAT REVISION TONIGHT.

>> GOOD EVENING, WE HAD CONVERSATIONS AROUND SUPPORTING A LOCAL ORGANIZATION, MOMS, AND ANOTHER ORGANIZATION AROUND SUPPORTING AT AND PARTICIPATING IN, BUT NOT SPONSORING IT FINANCIALLY.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: CORRECT.

I DO REMEMBER THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHAT WOULD BE THE NEXT STEPS IF WE APPROVE THIS IN THE GOAL TONIGHT?

IS THIS SOMETHING THAT WOULD COME BACK SO WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROGRAM WOULD LOOK LIKE OR IS THIS SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD JUST BE GOING FORWARD AND DOING?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THIS IS SOMETHING WE WOULD BRING BACK, PARTICULARLY IF THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME TYPE OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT, SOME TYPE OF NEW PROGRAM THAT REQUIRES BOARD POLICY OR DIRECTION.

WE WOULD BRING IT BACK.

SO FOR EXAMPLE, LET'S TAKE ALTERNATE CALL RESPONSE.

WE HAVE NOT DEVELOPED A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR THE BOARD TO ACTUALLY APPROVE.

THAT IS ACTUALLY GOING TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD IN FEBRUARY WHERE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A STUDY SESSION DISCUSSION AROUND STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE CALL RESPONSE, BUT THE BOARD HAS ACTUALLY BEEN VERY CLEAR THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ALTERNATIVE CALL RESPONSE AND THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DEDICATED STAFF PUTTING EFFORT TO THAT END.

AND SOME BUDGET, RIGHT?, BUT HAVING IN HERE YOU DON'T HAVE ALL THE SPECIFICS ABOUT WHAT THOSE PARAMETERS ARE AND WE HAVE NOT HAD THAT

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT FOR YOU TO SAY, HEY, WE AGREE, WE THINK YOU SHOULD GO IN THIS DIRECTION AND THIS IS WHAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE. ON A LOT OF THESE MAY BE LIKE THAT WHERE WE HAVE NOT DEVELOPED THE PROGRAM YET AND WE WOULD BE BRINGING IT BACK TO THE BOARD TO DISCUSS IT AND GET FURTHER DIRECTION.

AGAIN, THIS IS A POLICY DOCUMENT SO TONIGHT, THAT IS WHY WE DISCUSS IT SO IF THERE IS NOT AN INTEREST IN SOMETHING SPECIFICALLY, WE CAN REMOVE IT TONIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: IF I UNDERSTAND YOU CORRECTLY MANAGER JASON, THERE ARE THINGS IN HERE THAT WE DID NOT DISCUSS DURING OUR BOLD DASHBOARD GOALS BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN SHORED UP WITH DIFFERENT PROCESSES TO EFFECTUATE THOSE GOALS?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PREVIOUS DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I GUESS MY QUESTION IS THEN RELATED TO RAVI, ABOUT THE BUDGET.

ARE THERE THINGS IN HERE THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF THE 2024 BUDGET THAT WE HAVE APPROVED SO THAT SHOULD WE WANT TO SORT OF EXPLORE THE PROCESSES THAT YOU HAVE ADDED WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT A BUDGET AMENDMENT?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: EITHER A BUDGET AMENDMENT OR YOU WOULD BE LOOKING AT EVALUATING THE NEXT BUDGET CYCLE OR FUTURE BUDGET CYCLE, BUT THE WORK ON THE POLICY ANALYSIS, CREATING ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO THE BOARD'S INTEREST AROUND THAT TOPIC, YOU WOULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF GETTING THAT STAFF WORK IN THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SAY, OH, YEAH, WE LIKE THIS ALTERNATIVE AND HOW MUCH DOES THAT COST?

THEY COST THIS AMOUNT.

IS IT BUDGETED?

NO IT IS NOT.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A BUDGET AMENDMENT NOW AND SUPPORT IT NOW OR RECONSIDER AS PART OF THE FY 25 BUDGET PROCESS.

THAT IS HOW POLICY WORKS GENERALLY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: YEAH.

SO LONG AS IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE ARE THINGS THAN IN THE BOARD GOALS. THE BOARD GOALS THEN ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN HOW THEY HAVE OPERATED IN THE PAST.

IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE WILL BE THINGS IN THE BOARD GOALS THAT WILL WARRANT FOR DISCUSSION AND WE MAY DECIDE NOT TO DO FROM A PROCESS PERSPECTIVE BECAUSE WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO FUND IT AT THE LEVEL THAT IT NEEDS TO BE FUNDED.

WHICH MEANS WE NO LONGER SUPPORT THAT GOAL.

RIGHT?

AS LONG AS WE ARE CLEAR ON THAT, WE MAY SPUR THE GOAL, BUT NOT LIKE THE PROCESS RECOMMENDATION THAT STAFF COMES BACK WITH AND PERHAPS THAT IS MOTIVATED BY THE FACT THAT IT WAS NOT IN OUR 2024 BUDGET.

PERHAPS IT IS MOTIVATED BY OTHER THINGS, BUT WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT LOCKING OURSELVES INTO THIS DOCUMENT WHEN IN FACT, TO SUSAN'S POINT, THERE ARE THINGS IN HERE THAT WE HAVE REALLY NOT FULLY DISCUSSED.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: LIKE WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED WHAT THE OUTCOME OF A VISION ZERO PLANNING PROCESS IS.

WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE OUTCOME OF A HOUSING STUDY.

WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE OUTCOME OF AN ECONOMIC ELEMENT STUDY.

SO WE CAN TAKE THE APPROACH WHERE WE REMOVE ALL THOSE THINGS FROM THE BOARD GOALS AND WAIT UNTIL THEY - I WOULD SAY THAT I THINK THESE THINGS ARE OF PRIORITY TO THE BOARD AND THAT WHEN YOU ARTICULATE THAT THEY ARE A PRIORITY, THEN IT HELPS THE STAFF TO DEFINE ITS WORKLOAD, AND SO THERE IS A WORKLOAD STAFF EFFORT TO ACTUALLY GET THESE INITIATIVES TO A POINT WHERE YOU CAN MAKE SOME DECISIONS ABOUT HOW FAR YOU WANT TO GO WITH THEM.

I FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE COME BACK IN THE SPRING AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING STRATEGY, YOU WILL HAVE TO OPINE - THERE WILL BE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AROUND THAT AND SO YOU WILL HAVE TO GIVE THE STAFF SOME DIRECTION ON HOW FAR YOU WANT TO GO WITH THAT?

RIGHT?

SIMILARLY WITH VISION ZERO.

SIMILARLY WITH AN ECONOMIC VITALITY STRATEGY.

SO THESE ARE THINGS THAT ARE HERE THAT HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED PREVIOUSLY BY THE BOARD THAT YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN, BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC BUDGET TIED TO THEM YET.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY.

I'M NOT SUGGESTING WE REMOVE ANYTHING GREAT AND JUST MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S NO BUILT-IN FRUSTRATION, RIGHT?

SO IF THE BOARD IS SAYING, NO TO A SPECIFIC STAFF RECOMMENDATION - WE HAVE THE ROOM TO STILL SAY NO AND STILL SUPPORT THE BOARD GOAL, RIGHT? WE JUST MAY NOT LIKE THE PROCESS THAT IS RECOMMENDED.

IT DOES NOT MEAN WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE BOARD GOAL.

AND WE CAN FLUSH THAT OUT IN THE CONVERSATION, BUT I THINK SUSAN RAISES A GOOD POINT THAT THIS IS NOW JUST - NOT JUST GOALS, BUT PROCESSES AS WELL, WHICH ARE YET TO BE DISCUSSED.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES.

TO BE CLEAR, THEY ARE GOALS SPECIFIC INITIATIVES THAT THE BOARD HAS IDENTIFIED, BUT THE WORK DOES NOT STOP ON THE PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS UNLESS YOU SAY STOP.

SO WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS HAVE FIDELITY TO THE PRIOR COMMITMENTS AND TO YOUR INTEREST IN TRYING TO REFLECT THEM BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT, YOU KNOW, YOU MAY NOT HAVE AWARENESS OF ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON THAT RELATE TO A PARTICULAR PRIORITY THAT IS OF INTEREST TO YOU.

AND THEN, YOU KNOW, WE MAY HAVE TO REMIND YOU ABOUT SOME OF THE PREVIOUS POLICY COMMITMENTS, WHICH WE WERE TRYING TO DO THAT A LITTLE

BIT DURING THE GOALSETTING PROCESS BECAUSE WE DID PRODUCE A DOCUMENT THAT KIND OF GAVE A COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY OF ALL THE PRIOR COMMITMENTS THAT STILL YET ARE UNFULFILLED AND IF THERE WERE AN INTEREST IN CONTINUING THOSE THAN WE WOULD CONTINUE TO REFLECT THE NEXT STAGES OF THOSE INITIATIVES AND THE UPDATED GOALS.

IF THERE WERE NO INTEREST IN MOVING FORWARD ON ANY OF THOSE THEN WE WOULD JUST TAKE THEM OUT AND AGAIN I WOULD SUBMIT THAT THERE - THIS IS REALLY JUST ABOUT THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO DEVELOP CONSENSUS ABOUT WHAT WE WANT THE STAFF TO FOCUS ON OVER AND BEYOND THEIR BASELINE ACTIVITIES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: SO IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT OUR GOALS REPRESENT ON ESTIMATED ASPIRATIONS OR (WORD?) AND BECAUSE IT IS ON ESTIMATED AND IT'S ASPIRATIONAL IT'S NOT FULLY BAKED INTO THE BUDGET AND WHAT YOU HAVE DONE CURRENTLY IS THE GOALS PROVIDED, YOU HAVE TAKEN ONGOING OR IN-FLIGHT INITIATIVES AND NEW INITIATIVES, PROPOSED INITIATIVES THAT ALIGN WITH THE GOAL AND PUT THAT UNDER THERE, KNOWING THAT IT IS NOT FULLY REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET, BUT YOU FREED CONTAINERS FOR IT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I THINK THAT IS FAIR.

THAT'S WHY USE THE EXAMPLE OF THE HOUSING STUDY, VISION ZERO, ECONOMIC VITALITY.

LIKE WE CANNOT TELL YOU RIGHT NOW WHAT THE BUDGET ESTIMATE IS FOR ANY OF THOSE UNTIL THE WORK IS DONE AND WE HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH YOU ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THOSE ACTIVITIES.

SO THOSE ARE SOME REALLY GOOD EXAMPLES OF INITIATIVES THAT THE BOARD SAYS, HEY, WE WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: WHERE I'M COMING FROM TO LUCIUS POINT, THERE IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE SOME LEVEL OF PRIORITIZATION AMONG THESE THINGS, BASED ON WHAT WE CAN AFFORD AT A FUTURE POINT, JUST BECAUSE IT'S A GOAL DOES NOT MEAN WE CAN MEET THE GOAL.

WE WILL HAVE TO PRIORITIZE BETWEEN THAT BASED ON THE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS AND OTHER STAFF CONSTRAINTS THAT WE MAY HAVE.

THAT IS GOING TO BE THE REALITY.

INTERESTING THAT SHOULD BE THE CONSISTENT EXPECTATION.

IS THAT A FAIR STATEMENT?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I DON'T KNOW.

I THINK THAT'S MY OBLIGATION.

YOU DON'T GET TO BE VILLAGE MANAGER.

THAT'S FUNDAMENTAL TO THE POLICYMAKING PROCESS IS TO EVALUATE THE FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, EVEN THE POLITICS AROUND ANY INITIATIVE IF YOU ARE REALLY DOING FULL STAFF WORK AROUND THE STUFF.

WHAT WE TRY TO DO - THIS IS NOT REALLY - STAFF IS REALLY TRYING TO APPROXIMATE THE INTEREST OF THE BOARD.

AND SO OUR INTEREST IS REALLY SUPPORTING YOU AND REALLY TRYING TO REFLECT THE REALITIES AROUND THE PARTIES AND THE VISIONS THAT YOU HAVE, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE THE BUSINESS CONVERSATIONS AROUND WHAT THOSE MEAN.

THAT'S WHY I KEEP USING ALTERNATIVE CALL RESPONSE.

WE HAVE HAD A YEAR AND 1/2 OF STAFF EFFORT TONIGHT AND WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE BUDGET, BUT WE STILL YET HAVE SOME CONVERSATIONS TO HAVE.

IN ORDER TO REALLY GET TO THE BOTTOM LINE OF WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST. WE WOULD NOT BE WORKING ON THAT IF THE BOARD DID NOT ARTICULATE THAT, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

IF YOU DID NOT ARTICULATE THAT AS AN INTEREST, WE MAY RAISE IT IF WE DON'T GET ANY DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD THEN IT JUST GOES AWAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WOULD LIKE TO PUT THIS CONVERSATION BACK ON TRACK.

JUST TO BE CLEAR - SUSAN, I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR HONESTY.

OUR VILLAGE MANAGER DID PROVIDE THESE GOALS TO US IN 2023 AND WE HAVE HAD THEM AS THEY SIT ON OUR AGENDA TODAY FOR AT LEAST A MONTH AND THE LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY THAT IS IN HERE TO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE TO REACH OUR GOALS, IT IS JUST VERY HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO READ THIS AND VISUALIZE THAT AND WHILE I DON'T WANT TO BE PROVIDING DIRECTION TO OUR STAFF TO SPEND TIME ON STRATEGIES THAT WE DON'T SUPPORT, I THINK THERE ARE TIMES WHEN, YOU KNOW, THAT FIRST STEP OF LEARNING MORE ABOUT IT - THE EXAMPLE YOU SHARED ABOUT THE GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM, YOU AT THIS POINT NO MORE ABOUT THAT THAN WE DO.

SO THAT IS AN EXAMPLE WHERE AS LONG AS IT IS NOT COMMITTING CHIEF JOHNSON'S TIME TO A MAJOR PROJECT, I STILL WOULD BENEFIT AND I THINK THE COMMUNITY WOULD BENEFIT FROM UNDERSTANDING SOME OF WHY THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING WE DO NOT SUPPORT SO THEN BRINGING - HAVING IT COME BACK - FOR THAT EXAMPLE MY VOTE WOULD BE TO LEAVE IT IN THERE WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING.

BUT I JUST WANT TO STATE THOUGH - MY DIRECTION THEN TO THE REST OF THE BOARD HERE IS IF THERE ARE ITEMS IN HERE THAT YOU REALLY DON'T SUPPORT STAFF SPENDING THEIR TIME ON, THEN SPEAK UP.

OTHERWISE, WE - YOU CAN ALSO CONTINUE TO ASK QUESTIONS.

THE IDEAL WOULD HAVE BEEN TO EMAIL THESE QUESTIONS OVER THE LAST MONTH, BUT ALL GOOD.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: IT'S OKAY.

YOU DID A GREAT JOB.

YOU EMAILED YOUR QUESTION.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: ABSOLUTELY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THERE WERE FOUR MEETINGS BEHIND THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA, BUT I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT TOPIC TO DISCUSS DURING A REGULAR AGENDA ITEM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS BECAUSE FROM A MANAGEMENT SIDE OF THE HOUSE, AGAIN, OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO SUPPORT THE BOARD AND COMMUNITY PRIORITIES, BUT THEN THERE IS A MANAGEMENT COMPONENT TOWARDS LIMITATION FOR WORKLOAD AND EXPECTATION, AND TRYING TO HAVE THAT CONNECTIVITY ALL THE TIME WITH THE BOARD AND HAVE THE PARTNERSHIP THAT SYNERGISTIC ELATION TO. IMPORTANT, SO FOR THE GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM, IF YOU STRIKE OUT, LIKE IF YOU WANT CHIEF JOHNSON TO PARTNER WITH SOMEONE IN THE COMMUNITY, IF YOU STRIKE IT OUT TONIGHT, THEN SHE IS NOT GOING TO WORK ON THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT IS WHAT I MEAN.
IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU REALLY DON'T WANT STAFF TO SPEND TIME ON.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THAT SHE WILL NOT WORK ON IT AT ALL.
IF IT COMES UP AGAIN WILL SAY, OH, YOU TOLD US HE DID NOT WANT US TO WORK ON THAT.

SO IT IS REALLY JUST US TRYING TO HAVE A FIDELITY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MY RESPONSE TO SUSAN'S IS I DON'T KNOW AS MUCH AS SHE KNOWS ABOUT THIS AND I MAY BENEFIT FROM THAT RIGHT UP. HOW DO OTHERS FEEL?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: YES, I'M NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT.
I LIKE THE DOCUMENT, RIGHT?
WHEN I LOOK AT IT I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHERE THE COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN IS HERE, TOO.
SO I LOOK AT THE FIRST THREE PAGES, RIGHT?
THE FIRST THREE PAGES WE INCLUDE IN OUR PICTURES BECAUSE WE ARE AWESOME.
OR THE THINGS I REMEMBER US TALKING ABOUT DURING THE GOALSETTING SESSION.
LIKE THOSE WERE THE HIGH-LEVEL BUCKETS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT.
WE TALKED ABOUT COMMUNITY AFFORDABILITY AND WE GOT ONE, TWO, THREE PRIORITIES.
THAT'S WHAT WE WENT THROUGH IN THE GOAL SETTING SESSION AND THAT'S WHAT CAME OUT OF IT.
THEN WHAT HAPPENED IS THAT YOU AND STAFF ADDED ADDITIONAL ITEMS HERE TO SHOW HOW YOU WOULD GET THERE, CORRECT?
AND I GET THAT.
SO LIKE YOU HAVE GOT A - KIND OF LIKE A MASTER CATEGORY AND THEN YOU HAVE ALL THE TASKS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO GET YOU TO THE SUCCESS IN THAT CATEGORY, RIGHT?
I DO THIS FOR A LIVING AND THAT IS WHAT HELPS.
WHERE I THINK THE BREAKDOWN WAS IS THAT THE BOARD HAD EXPLICIT INPUT INTO EVERYTHING ON PAGES ONE, TWO, THREE AND DID NOT HAVE EXPLICIT INPUT ON EVERYTHING ELSE.
FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF DEBATING IT AND GOING INTO THIS DOCUMENT MAY THINK THAT IS WHERE KIND OF THE COMMUNICATION KIND OF BREAKS DOWN BECAUSE - AND I THINK WHAT YOU DO HERE IS ALSO.

I OH YEAH, I REMEMBER TALKING WHAT THAT IN THAT.

I KNOW HOW THAT ROLLS UP INTO THIS.

DID NOT ANTICIPATE SEEING IN THIS DOCUMENT IN THIS WAY.

NOW I LIKE THIS.

I REALLY DO LIKE SEEING IN THIS DOCUMENT IN THIS WAY BECAUSE IT ALLOWS ME TO KEEP TRACK OF THE GOALS, THESE PRIORITIES AND THE THINGS THAT NEED TO GET DONE AND AS THEY GET DONE TO CROSS THEM OFF.

LIKE OKAY, YEAH, WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE THING.

I THINK THE ONE THING IS WE PROBABLY - AND ITEMS WERE WE DID NOT HAVE ANY EXPLICIT INPUT, I THINK THERE MIGHT BE A FEELING THAT WE WANTED TO HAVE MORE EXPLICIT INPUT ON THOSE THINGS GOING ON TO THE LIST BEFORE THEY WENT ON TO THE LIST AND I THINK THAT MIGHT BE WHERE SOME OF THE BREAKDOWN IS.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I APPRECIATE THE FEEDBACK AND I WOULD RATHER US - THERE IS A WAY TO ADDRESS THAT.

WE CAN REDLINE THIS AND GO BACK AND WE HAVE ALL OF THE SORT OF DOCUMENTATION FROM THE SESSIONS THIS SUMMER AND WE CAN HIGHLIGHT ALL THOSE THINGS THAT THE BOARD THAT WE TALKED ABOUT AND THEN HIGHLIGHT THE THINGS - THE KEY PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD'S GOALS AND PRIORITIES LIKE YOU DESCRIBED.

THAT IS WHAT WE DID IS WE ADDED THE KEY PROJECTS THAT WILL HELP IMPLEMENT SOME OF THOSE THINGS.

AND WE CAN COME BACK AND YOU CAN HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME TO LOOK AT IT AND PROVIDE SOME INPUT, SOME MORE INPUT ON SOME OF THOSE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT ON BECAUSE I THINK THE GOAL IS REALLY TO COME UP WITH A FULL CONSENSUS AROUND WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?

AND IT'S HELPFUL FOR THE STAFF AND ME BECAUSE WE HAVE CLEAR DIRECTION AS TO WHAT IS ON THE TABLE AND WHAT IS IN PLAN AND WHAT IS NOT. TIME IS ALWAYS OF A LIMITED NATURE AND THE RESOURCES ARE ALWAYS LIMITED SO MANAGING TOWARDS CONSENSUS AROUND WHAT ARE THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES AND WHAT DO WE WANT TO TAKE OFF THE LIST IS ALWAYS HELPFUL. I WOULD NOT HAVE A PROBLEM BRINGING THIS BACK IF THAT IS THE WILL OF THE BOARD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE - I LOVE THIS FOR MY, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THIS BECOME A LIVING DOCUMENT SO AS WE TRAVERSE THROUGH TIME, WE SEE THOSE THINGS BEING CHECKED OFF AS COMPLETE OR NEW THINGS BEING ADDED IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACES, THAT WAY WE HAVE THIS LIVING DOCUMENT TO REFER BACK TO AND WE CAN SEE WHERE WE ARE AS IT COMPARES TO CERTAIN BOARD GOALS AND THE PRIORITIES UNDER THEM.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YOU WILL SEE THAT. THERE WILL BE A REPORTING FUNCTION THAT ATTACHES TO THIS AND I THINK THAT MY INTENT IN WORKING WITH THE TEAM WAS TO STRENGTHEN THE PROCESS.

THAT IS ONE ELEMENT THAT WAS IN FOCUS, WHICH IS EACH YEAR AS WE GO THROUGH THE BUDGET CYCLE, THINGS CHANGE.

THE ENVIRONMENT CHANGES.

DIFFERENT THINGS COME INTO PLAY.

SO AS WE ARE GOING THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS, YOU HAVE THAT DOCUMENT, WHICH IS YOUR GENERAL COMMITMENT TO YOUR CHARITIES AND PRIORITIES.

YOU CAN MOVE THINGS AROUND AS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS.

SO IT BECOMES A LIVING DOCUMENT AS PART OF YOUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS UNTIL YOU UPDATE THE PRIORITIES AND GOALS AGAIN.

I THINK WE HAVE ALIGNMENT ON WHAT YOU ARE THINKING.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ABSOLUTELY, COOL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: FOR THE RECORD, KEVIN SAID HE WAS GOING TO DO THIS.

LAST JUNE.

HE SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO GO BACK IN EACH DIRECTOR HAD WAS GOING TO HAVE THEIR OBJECTIVES UNDER EACH GOAL.

JUST SAYING, THAT WAS PART OF THE DEAL.

OH, I APPRECIATE Y'ALL.

DOES ANYONE ELSE WISH A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENT?

OH, SORRY.

I SHOULD NOT BE LAUGHING.

NO?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I ALREADY AGREE.

I AGREE WITH HOW THIS LAYOUT IS AND THAT'S WHAT I ASSUMED WHEN I LOOK THIS OVER HIS IT IS THEM GIVING US THE ROADMAP AND LETTING US DECIDE HOW WE WANT TO GO WITH THAT.

I AGREE.

I APPRECIATE ALL THE DETAIL THAT GOES INTO THIS BECAUSE THIS IS FAR MORE DETAIL THAN JUST LAYING OUT WHAT OUR GOALS ARE, BUT LIKE EVERYONE IS SAYING, IT IS A LIVING DOCUMENT, SOMETHING THAT IS A LITTLE MORE TANGIBLE AND UNDERSTANDABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SAY, OKAY, HERE ARE THE GOALS, HERE'S HOW WE GET TO THOSE GOALS AND HERE'S WHAT OUR STAFF IS DOING.

IF WE DON'T LIKE THE DIRECTION THAT IT IS GOING OR WE THINK IT IS EATING UP TOO MUCH STAFF TIME OR BEING ABLE TO EVEN ANALYZE THE DOLLARS ON SOME OF THESE THINGS AND SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT, THIS IS NOT REALLY HIT OUR PRIORITY FOR RIGHT NOW.

MAYBE THIS IS SOMETHING WE KICKED ON THE ROAD TO NEXT YEAR SO I APPRECIATE ALL OF THIS PROGRAMMING FOR US.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL OF US ARE VOTING YES WHEN WE HIT 10:00 P.M.. JUST TO SAY.

OKAY, SO ARE WE TAKING A VOTE, FOLKS?

THERE IS A MOTION ON THE TABLE.

CLICK ORDERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.
>> AS.
>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.
>> YES.
>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

REGULAR AGENDA.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CARCASS FOR SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITIES FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICE WITH A REQUESTED FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$1,944,000.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

SO VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON WILL DO AN INTRO AND WE WILL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: SURE.

AS PART OF ITEM T AND ITEM U, THE NEXT ITEM, WE WANT TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF WHERE WE ARE, A STATUS UPDATE ON OUR RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY AND ALSO TRANSITION PLAN AS IT RELATES TO WORKING WITH THE ASYLUM SEEKING MIGRANTS.

AND KEIRA CHAIN, SHE IS GOING TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON BEHALF OF THE TEAM.

SO WE ARE PREPARED TO DO THAT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE BOARD DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM T AND OBVIOUSLY IT WILL PROVIDE - A PRESENTATION WILL PROVIDE CONTEXT FOR THE NEXT ITEM.

THAT SAID I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: APPRECIATE THAT.

SORRY.

>> AN INDIVIDUAL HAS A PREPARED LETTER.

THEY ACTUALLY LEFT IT AND THEY WENT TO GET IT, SO THEY PREPARED A LETTER WITHIN OUR TIMEFRAME.

>> I WILL BE READING THE LETTER IN ENGLISH.

I AM WRITING THIS THANK YOU LETTER TO GUIDE OUR FATHER AND OUR MOTHER VIRGIN MARY AS WELL AS THE SPIRITS OF MOTHER EARTH, AND TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF OAK PARK.

I AM ADDRESSING YOU ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY, MY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN MY COUNTRY OF COLUMBIA ALL THE VENEZUELANAS THAT SHARE THE YMCA WITH ME. WHEN I CAME TO THE UNITED STATES CONCRETELY TO THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND THEN OAK PARK, I ARRIVED AS MOST MIGRANTS.

SICK AND TIRED OF WALKING.

MANY MILES TO DIFFICULTIES IN DANGER.

WE ARRIVED IN CHICAGO ON OCTOBER 10.

IT WAS MY BIRTHDAY AND ON THAT DAY ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS HOW AM I GOING TO GET HOUSING AND CLOTHING TO CHANGE INTO, SINCE WE HAD NOT TAKEN A BATH IN MANY, MANY DAYS.

I WAS WORRIED AS TO HOW WILL I GET A JOB AND HOW WILL I MAKE A LIVING? AND HOW TO EVEN CALL MY FAMILY, BUT AS I TALK TO OTHER FOLKS I REALIZED THAT WE ALL HAD THE SAME WORRIES.

TODAY I'M HERE TO THANK EVERYONE IN OAK PARK FOR IMPLEMENTING A POLICY OF ECONOMIC SUPPORT AND RECEIVING US WITH OPEN ARMS, AND MEETING OUR MIGRANT NEEDS.

I KNOW IT IS NOT EASY, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE WHEN GOODWILL EXISTS IN OUR HEARTS.

I ASSUME THAT GOD WILL BLESS YOU WITH MORE THAN WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO US.

I WANT TO THANK OAK PARK TOWN AGAIN, AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS.

THANK YOU (NAME?) AND ALL OF THE PRIESTS IN THE UNITED STATES EPISCOPAL CHURCHES THAT GAVE US MIGRANTS REFUGE IN THEIR CHURCHES.

THIS IS WHAT WE CALL, LOVE THY NEIGHBOR.

HEAVENLY FATHER, BLESS YOU ALL, AND THANK YOU AGAIN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>> GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

KEIRA CHAIN, ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER AND HR DIRECTOR.

AS MANAGER JACKSON MENTIONED, I'M HERE TONIGHT TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE RELATED TO BOTH ITEMS T AND U AND THEN, YOU KNOW, HAPPY TO GO INTO A LITTLE MORE DETAIL WITH SOME OF THE NEW INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE.

SO I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THERE IS A MEMO ATTACHED TO ITEM U THAT OUTLINES MUCH OF THE ACTIVITY THAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE BOARD'S LAST MEETING IN DECEMBER.

SO THAT IS AVAILABLE TO OBVIOUSLY THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND IT'S ALSO AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE AGENDA ITEM.

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF KEY UPDATES THAT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE ARE COMMUNICATED HERE FROM THE MEMO AND ALSO SOME CHANGES SINCE THE MEMO WAS ISSUED BECAUSE THE INTENT WAS TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION LAST WEEK, AND OBVIOUSLY THE MEETING WAS CANCELED DUE TO THE WEATHER.

SO SINCE THE JANUARY 16 MEMO WAS ISSUED, TWO ADDITIONAL FAMILIES HAVE RESETTLED INTO OTHER HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH COMMUNITY EFFORTS,

AND ONE INDIVIDUAL HAS ALSO COMPLETED SOME OUTMIGRATION TO ANOTHER STATE, BRINGING THE CURRENT TOTAL POPULATION OF THE VILLAGES TEMPORARY SHELTER PROGRAM TO 152 INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING 51 CHILDREN.

SO WE DO SEE THAT FOLKS ARE MAKING DECISIONS, HAVE THE AGENCY TO MOVE AND TO WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS ON NEXT STEPS THAT MAKE THE MOST SENSE FOR THEM.

IN TERMS OF THE FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS.

SO THERE ARE SEVERAL UPDATES TO THE BUDGET SINCE YOU LAST SAW SOME PROJECTED EXPENSES IN NOVEMBER.

SOME OF THE KEY UPDATES THAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE ARE CLEAR.

THE VILLAGE BEGAN PROVIDING - THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN PROVIDING DINNER AT THE CARLTON AND THE YMCA SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE PROGRAM AND THAT IS WHAT THE ORIGINAL BUDGET INCLUDED FUNDING FOR.

EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 12, THE VILLAGE DID BEGIN PROVIDING BREAKFAST AND LUNCH, IN ADDITION TO THE DINNER AT THE CARLTON HOTEL AND BEGAN PROVIDING LUNCH AND DINNER AT THE YMCA.

SO YOU WILL SEE THE LINE ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH FOOD AT BOTH THE CARLTON AND THE YMCA HAVE HAD AN INCREASE SINCE THE LAST BUDGET PROJECTION THAT YOU SAW IN NOVEMBER.

ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS UPDATED SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAMMING FROM BEYOND HUNGER.

THAT'S A NEW EXPENSE THAT YOU WILL SEE ON THE MOST RECENT PROJECTION IN THAT MEMO AND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME INCREASED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LEGAL SERVICES.

THE PRIMARY ONE BEING THE VILLAGE PROVIDING INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENT REVIEW FOR EACH HOUSEHOLD SO THEY GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR SPECIFIC UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCE AND THEIR PATH TO ASYLUM AND WHAT THEY NEED TO BE GATHERING AND WHAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO AND HOW THOSE DOCUMENTS MAY IMPACT THEIR APPLICATION.

THAT IS WHERE YOU SEE THE MAJORITY OF CHANGES WITHIN THE BUDGET PROJECTIONS THAT THE VILLAGE PROVIDED IN THE MOST RECENT MEMO AS COMPARED TO THE LAST INDICEMENT THAT YOU SAW NOVEMBER.

JUST THE SAME SORT OF UPDATE WITH REGARD TO LEGAL.

SO ALL OF THE ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN THE VILLAGES PROGRAM HAVE GONE TO A GROUP WORKSHOP TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT ASYLUM PROCESS IS.

FOLKS AT THE YMCA HAVE ALREADY HAD THAT INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENT REVIEW COMPLETED FOR THEM AND FOLKS WHO HAVE POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS HAVE ALSO HAD THAT INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENT REVIEW TAKE PLACE.

WE ARE WORKING TO SCHEDULE THE INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MIGRANT FAMILIES WHO ARE LOCATED AT THE CARLTON AND ALSO WITH THE FOLKS WHO ARE AT GRACE EPISCOPAL AND THOSE WILL BE SCHEDULED, WE HOPE BEGINNING NEXT WEEK, BUT WE ARE STILL FINALIZING THOSE DETAILS, AND THOSE ARE IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS BECAUSE THEY REALLY ALLOW FAMILIES

TO UNDERSTAND THEIR UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES AND WHAT THEIR PATHWAY FORWARD WILL BE.

IN TERMS OF FUNDING.

SO THE VILLAGE HAS EXHAUSTED THE ORIGINAL \$400,000 IN THE SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITIES AND ASSISTING ASYLUM-SEEKERS GRANT FUNDING, AND THAT OCCURRED THROUGH THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

WE CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH COOK COUNTY ON THE \$350,000 IN GRANT FUNDING THAT THE COUNTY NOTIFIED US THAT THEY WOULD BE AWARDING US. SO WE HAVE A GRANT APPLICATION AND WE ARE SIMPLY FINALIZING INVOICING AND WHAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO COUNTY FOR JANUARY'S EXPENSES.

THE BIGGEST UPDATE TONIGHT IS REALLY RELATED TO ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE - - BEING OPEN UP FOR ROUND TWO.

SO THE GRANT FUND, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS HAS \$11 MILLION THAT IS AVAILABLE TO NON-CHICAGO MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE DIRECTLY SUPPORTING ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

WE HAD BEEN HAVING CONVERSATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE STATE REGARDING OTHER POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO TEMPORARY SHELTER AFTER FEBRUARY 29.

HOWEVER, WITH THE OPENING OF THE GRANT, THE STATE DIRECTED US TO APPLY FOR THAT GRANT WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CONTACTS FROM THE GRANT ADMINISTRATORS AS WELL TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE AWARE THAT THAT GRANT IS AVAILABLE TO US AND ENCOURAGE US TO APPLY.

STAFF IS RECOMMENDING IN ITEM T THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD APPROVED THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS WITH THE REQUESTED FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$1.944 MILLION.

THE PURPOSE OF THE FUNDING IS REALLY TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE OFFRAMP FROM THE VILLAGE - THE CURRENT VILLAGE TEMPORARY SHELTER PROGRAM AND THERE ARE THREE MAIN COMPONENTS TO THE GRANT REQUEST.

SO \$1.2 MILLION IN FUNDING IS FOR A POTENTIAL TEMPORARY SHELTER, WHICH WOULD OPERATE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND WOULD BE RUN BY AN AREA NONPROFIT.

SO IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THAT SHELTER SPACE COULD SERVE APPROXIMATELY 100 ASYLUM-SEEKERS FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS.

STAFF WOULD BE - HAVE BEEN ASSISTING IN TERMS OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND SOME PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NONPROFIT GROUP, HOWEVER, STAFF WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED SHOULD THE OPERATION COME TO FRUITION NOT BE INVOLVED IN DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF THAT SHELTER SITE.

IT WOULD BE RUN BY THE NONPROFIT.

THE SECOND COMPONENT OF THE GRANT REQUEST IS \$360,000 IN FUNDING FOR LEGAL SERVICES, WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR BOTH LEGAL FILING FEES FOR THE ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND ALSO FOR THE ATTORNEY RETAINERS THAT IT WOULD TAKE TO GET THEM TO AND THROUGH THE ENTIRE ASYLUM PROCESS THAT WOULD INCLUDE TPS.

THAT WOULD INCLUDE EMPLOYEE AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT.

THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE ASYLUM APPLICATION ITSELF.

SO THIS WOULD BE FUNDING THAT COULD BE INCLUDED TO MAKE SURE THAT ASYLUM-SEEKERS ARE ABLE TO APPLY FOR ASYLUM. HAVE THE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED. AND SET THEM UP FOR THE ABILITY TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS OF WORKING AND BEING INDEPENDENT. STAFF WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN ANY LEGAL RELATIONSHIP THAT WOULD EXIST BETWEEN THE ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS ONCE RETAINED. THE THIRD COMPONENT OF THE GRANT REQUEST IS FOR \$300,000 IN FUNDING FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS TO BE USED FOR RENT. REALLY THROUGH THE APPLICATION OR AWARD WINDOW REQUIRES THAT THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED BY JUNE 30 OF 2024. SO THIS FUNDING COULD BE ADMINISTERED BY THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE WITH THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS ACTING FOR THOSE FUNDS AND STAFF WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE. THERE IS ALSO \$40,000 THAT STAFF IS RECOMMENDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, GIVEN THE SORT OF WORK RELATED TO ADMINISTERING THE GRANT. ENSURING THAT DOCUMENTATION IS APPROPRIATE, ETC. THE HOPE IS THAT THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE ARE - REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT ORIGINALLY THEY WANTED TO EXEMPT ADMIN FEES FROM THE GRANT. I THINK THEY HAVE BEGUN TO REALIZE THAT THEY ARE SIGNIFICANT MINISTRY OF WORK THAT GOES INTO THESE PROGRAMS AND WHILE THE INTENT IS THAT STAFF ARE NOT INVOLVED AT THE VERY HIGH LEVEL THAT THEY ARE AT THIS POINT FOLLOWING THE OFFRAMP, THAT THERE WOULD STILL BE SOME WORK. SOME OF THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE DONE BY AN EXTERNAL COORDINATOR OR THE VILLAGE COULD BE REIMBURSED FOR SALARIES OF FOLKS WHO ARE STILL SPENDING A PORTION OF THEIR TIME DOING THAT WORK. SO THAT WOULD BE THE INTEGRITY OF THE GRANT FUNDING REQUEST. SO PROVIDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION, THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS HAS INDICATED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE AN UPDATE FROM THEM ABOUT APPROVAL OF FUNDING WITHIN FIVE DAYS. SO WE WOULD KNOW VERY QUICKLY IF WE ARE TO RECEIVE ANY FUNDING BECAUSE EVEN IF THE BOARD APPROVES THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT, IT IS NOT A GUARANTEE THAT THE VILLAGE WILL RECEIVE ANY FUNDING THAT COULD BE PASSED THROUGH TO OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR ADMINISTRATION. WE WOULD KNOW VERY QUICKLY WHAT THE STATUS OF THAT WOULD BE AND THAT QUICK TURNAROUND WOULD HELP SUPPORT ANY IMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT ARE WORKING THROUGH THESE EFFORTS. I WILL ALSO SAY THAT WE DO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH STAFF AT THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

THOSE FOLKS THAT WE'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THROUGH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAVE ADVOCATED STRONGLY FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS CURRENTLY IN OAK PARK TO REMAIN IN OAK PARK.

DESPITE SORT OF DIMINISHING SERVICE LEVELS IN THE CITY, CHICAGO IS STILL THE ONLY LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HAS A SHELTER SYSTEM AT THIS TIME.

AND OFFRAMP TO CHICAGO WOULD MEAN COORDINATING THE RETURN OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS TO THE LANDING ZONE FOR INTAKE INTO CHICAGO SHELTER PROGRAM. THE LAST TIME WE SPOKE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHICAGO THAT INDICATED THAT SHELTERS WERE FULL.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES MAY CHANGE, BUT THAT IS THE INFORMATION WE ARE GETTING FROM CHICAGO.

SO WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE GRANT OPPORTUNITY WOULD PRESENT A REASONABLE OFFRAMP AND STATE FUNDING THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR US TO TRANSITION WORK AWAY FROM STAFF TIME AND ALSO WOULDN'T BE TIED TO ANY LOCAL FUNDS.

THERE IS A SECOND AGENDA ITEM TONIGHT SO THAT WOULD BE REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION THROUGH FEBRUARY 29. STAFF DO RECOMMEND THE ADOPTION OF THAT EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION THROUGH THE 29TH.

FOR ONE REASON REALLY TO ENSURE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY AS THE SHELTER PROGRAM THAT THE VILLAGES CURRENTLY OPERATING.

BUT PROBABLY THE PRIMARY REASON OR AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT REASON IS REALLY TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE VILLAGES ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR COUNTY FUNDS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE TO FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING RELATED TO THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS.

SO WE HAVE FOUND THAT BEING UNDER AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION, THE COUNTY IS INTERESTED IN OUR EMERGENCY DECLARATION.

WE HAVE INCLUDED IT WITH OUR GRANT APPLICATION AND THAT SHOULD SOMETHING LIKE THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TYPE OF PROGRAM BE ISSUED AT A FEDERAL LEVEL - HAVING AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION IN PLACE FOR OURSELVES WOULD STRENGTHEN THE DECLARATION.

THAT IS MY UPDATE FOR TONIGHT.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF STAFF HERE, IN ADDITION TO MYSELF, INCLUDING LISA SHELLEY, DOCTOR WALKER, AND VANESSA MATHENY, IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS.

WE HAVE ALSO INVITED SOME FOLKS THAT ARE PARTNERS THROUGH THIS PROCESS TO BE PRESENT HERE.

I BELIEVE THAT LINDA SCHULLER IS ON ZOOM SOMEWHERE.

I CANNOT SEE HER.

PHIL GIMENEZ IS HERE FROM THE YMCA AND THERE IS ALSO SEVERAL FOLKS FROM THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANYBODY FROM C EDMONDS?

>> THERE IS NO ONE HERE FROM THE NONPROFIT THAT WOULD OPERATE A TEMPORARY SHELTER.

I HAVE SOME INFORMATION THAT I COULD SHARE MORE DETAILS REGARDING THAT SHELTER PROGRAM, BUT NOBODY WAS ABLE TO BE IN ATTENDANCE TONIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAN JUST A QUICK QUESTION AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE TRUSTEES.

IS THAT NONPROFIT WORKING TO BE IN A POSITION TO TAKE NEW MIGRANTS OR ARE THEY ONLY WORKING TO ADDRESS THE MIGRANTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN OAK PARK?

>> MY UNDERSTANDING IS THERE IS A COMMITMENT TO THE CURRENT ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN THE COMMUNITY AND NOT TO EXPANDING TO FOLKS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY IN OAK PARK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE THEY NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO DO THAT AND IS THAT THEN PERMANENT STRUCTURE?

DO THEY HAVE PLANS OF HOW THAT WOULD BE USED IN THE FUTURE?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN SHARED WITH ME, DESPITE THE QUESTION BEING ASKED ABOUT A POST JUNE 30 USAGE OF THE SPACE.

THE COMMUNITY NONPROFIT IS FOCUSED ON THE TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR A FOUR MONTH PERIOD THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR A TRANSITION OUT OF THE VILLAGES CURRENT SHELTER PROGRAM.

GET RESIDENTS THROUGH THE COLD EMERGENCY WEATHER AND ALSO THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

THAT SHELTER WILL ALSO BE FOCUSED ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT PROGRAM, BUT IT IS FROM MY UNDERSTANDING A FOUR MONTH PROGRAM.

THERE IS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AS PART OF THE ESTIMATED COST ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATING THE SHELTER.

SO THERE WOULD BE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY THAT IF APPROVED, THE STATE WOULD FUND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

WHO WOULD LIKE TO START US OFF THIS EVENING?

OKAY.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: SO THIS NONPROFIT WHO SHALL NOT BE NAMED. I FRANKLY DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION SO I CAN SAY THAT WITH A STRAIGHT FACE.

IF WE GET THIS GRANT, DOES THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS KNOW THAT IT IS A PASS-THROUGH AND THAT IT IS A SEPARATE ENTITY.

THAT IT WILL BE ON THE HOOK TO DELIVER ALL THE SERVICES STIPULATED IN THE GRANT?

>>SPEAKER: SIMILAR TO THE GRANT THAT WE COMMITTED TO THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS LAST SEPTEMBER I BELIEVE IT WAS, THIS PROGRAM IS REALLY DESIGNED TO BE A PASS-THROUGH PROGRAM AS WELL.

WE ARE REQUIRED TO NAME ALL OF OUR PARTNERS IN THE PROCESS WITH - IN OUR GRANT APPLICATION.

SO METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS IS AWARE OF WHO WE BELIEVE WE WOULD BE WORKING WITH.

OBVIOUSLY SUBJECT TO PROGRAM AMENDMENT IF NEED BE.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: GOOD.

SO THIS IS A BROAD SPECTRUM OF SERVICES, RIGHT?

WHICH THIS ENTITY THAT SHALL NOT BE NAMED MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE PROVIDED IN THE PAST, BUT WE ARE SETTING IT UP.

IF FOR SOME REASON, SAY ONE MONTH INTO THIS THOSE SERVICES OR THE SERVICE QUALITY OR THE SERVICE ITSELF DOES NOT MATERIALIZE, THEN WHO IS ON THE HOOK IN TERMS OF PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES?

IS IT GOING TO BE THE VILLAGE OR NO?

>>SPEAKER: THE WAY IT GRANT OPERATES AS IT IS ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS.

SO THE GRANT WILL REIMBURSE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED.

IF NO SERVICES ARE PROVIDED, THEN THERE IS NO FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: OKAY.

OKAY.

THE CONTRACT WOULD BE BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS?

>>SPEAKER: WE WOULD SIGN CONTRACT SIMILAR TO, WE HAVE A SMASS CONTRACT CURRENTLY IN EFFECT.

WE WOULD SIGN A CONTRACT WITH OR AGREEMENT WITH METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS REGARDING THE PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE APPLIED FOR THROUGH OUR GRANT FUNDING GRID WE WOULD ALSO SUBSEQUENTLY SIGNED AGREEMENTS WITH ANY PARTNER WE ARE WORKING WITH AND THAT WOULD OUTLINE THE TERMS OF THE RELATIONSHIP AND WHAT THE REIMBURSEMENT STRUCTURE LOOKS LIKE AND WHAT THE ANTICIPATED COSTS OF THE PROGRAM ARE.

THE VERY RIGOROUS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT AND SO WE WOULD WORK TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR PARTNERS UNDERSTOOD WHAT THOSE WERE NOT THAT WAS CLEARLY ARTICULATED IN ANY CONTRACT WE WOULD SIGN WITH THEM.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THE REASON I'M ASKING THAT IS THE PREVIOUS GRANT APPLICATION, WE KNEW THE PARTNERS WHERE WE HAD SOME DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE IN THOSE PARTNERS AND THE PRIOR HISTORY OF PROVIDING HISTORY AND THAT'S WHY WE BROUGHT THOSE TOGETHER.

IN THIS CASE WE ARE TAKING A LITTLE BIT OF A LEAP OF FAITH AND THE PASS-THROUGH ENTITY WITH SIGNING THE CONTRACT.

SO I'M TRYING TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT - I LIKE THE FACT THAT WE ARE MAKING SURE THAT IT DOES NOT BLOW BACK ON THE STAFF FOR THE MOST PART THROUGH THIS GRANT PROCESS AND THAT WAS MY PRIMARY QUESTION COMING INTO TODAY, BUT MY WORRY IS IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN, THEN WOULD IT STILL END UP BEING ON US AS A VILLAGE?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: I CAN ANSWER THAT.

NO.

I WILL NOT DRAFT THE AGREEMENT SO IT WILL FALL BACK ON THE VILLAGE.

NO.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANKS, KEIRA.

THAT IS VERY EXCITING.

VERY SUPPORTIVE OF ALL THESE ITEMS.

(SPANISH).

I AM JUST THINKING THE PEOPLE WHO GIVE THEIR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO HEAR FROM THEM AND THEY REMAIN SUPPORTIVE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS IS GOING TO BE A PASS-THROUGH.

WELL DONE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY SO JUST TO CLARIFY A COUPLE THINGS.

YOU SAID WE HAVE 152 INDIVIDUALS.

THAT IS BETWEEN THE TWO VILLAGE MANAGED SITES.

THAT ALSO INCLUDE GRACE EPISCOPAL?

>>SPEAKER: THAT'S 14 INDIVIDUALS AT GRACE EPISCOPAL.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: IF WE HAVE SPENT THE 400,000 IN SMASS AND THE PREVIOUS SMASS GRANTS IN SEPTEMBER, DID WE ALSO SPEND THE \$150,000 MATCH IN OUR BUDGET?

>> WE ARE STILL RECONCILING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

\$388,000 ROUGHLY HAS BEEN COMMITTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH THE SMASS GRANTS.

THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL \$60,000 IN OUTSTANDING INVOICES THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED THAT ARE BEING REVIEWED AND THERE ARE STILL SOME INVOICES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COMMITTED FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER.

SO WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY EXHAUSTED THE \$400,000 IN GRANT FUNDING.

WE ARE, AS A SHARE, WE SHARED \$350,000 FROM COOK COUNTY THAT IS ALSO REIMBURSEMENT BASIS.

SOME OF THE MONEY THAT WAS PART OF THE ORIGINAL EITHER \$150,000 IN ARPA LOST REVENUE ALLOCATED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

SOME OF THAT FUNDING, YOU KNOW, IS BEING USED IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THOSE EXPENSES THAT MAY EXCEED THE \$400,000 OR MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE UNDER THAT GRANT.

HOWEVER, THOSE EXPENSES WILL ALSO BE SUBMITTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COUNTY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY?

>> FOR ANYTHING THAT WAS NOT COVERED IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER AND THEN JANUARY AND THEN EXPENSES THAT WE MAY INCUR IN FEBRUARY IF WE HAVE NOT EXCEEDED THE 350.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: MANAGER JACKSON WHEN YOU GIVE THE MEMO UPDATES THAT IS VERY HELPFUL.

IF WE COULD HAVE THE OVERALL BUDGET TALLY BECAUSE I DEFINITELY FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING LOST IN WHAT THE PRIORITY OF WHAT FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT FROM WHAT PART AND SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT A REIMBURSEMENT, YOU KNOW, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS HAVE THAT REIMBURSEMENT REALLY REIMBURSE THE CONVERTED ARPA FUNDS BECAUSE IF WE CAN USE THOSE - IT IS NOT ARPA MONEY ANYMORE, BUT IF WE COULD USE IT AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR A FEDERALLY APPROVED ARPA PURPOSE, I WOULD STILL BE INTERESTED IN THAT, BUT IT IS JUST A LITTLE HARD FOR ME TO KNOW, AGAIN, THE PRIORITY OF SPENDING, WHICH PART OF MONEY IS BEING SPENT FIRST.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: DEFINITELY, WE CAN DO THAT.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: KEIRA, YOU MENTIONED, WHO BROKE OUT THESE NUMBERS?

IS THIS IN THE GRANT?

IS STAFF DOING THIS AS SORT OF A WAY TO BUDGET THE NEW SMASS GRANT?

>> ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE 1.2?

THIS IS STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION RELATED TO WHAT PROGRAMMING WOULD APPLY UNDER A NEW APPLICATION.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: YOU SAID THE 360 AND LEGAL SERVICES CAN BE USED FOR MIGRANTS WHO ARE NOT PART OF THE VILLAGE MANAGED SITES, CORRECT?

SO IT SOUNDS LIKE THOSE CAN BE USED - THEY CANNOT?

>> THAT WOULD BE A POLICY DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD OF HOW THAT FUNDING COULD BE USED.

THE STAFF AND BEEN OPERATING UNDER THE PREMISE AND DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD THAT SERVICES THAT WE ARE PROVIDING ARE FOR MIGRANTS OR ASYLUM-SEEKERS WHO ARE PART OF THE VILLAGE'S CURRENT PROGRAM AND SO THAT IS WHAT HAS BEEN - CALCULATIONS HAVE BEEN DONE BASED ON THOSE NUMBERS AND THAT IS HOW WE HAVE PROCEEDED WITH OUR ACTION.

IF THERE WAS DIFFERENT BOARD DIRECTION TO APPROACH HER IN A DIFFERENT WAY, THEN WE WOULD FOLLOW THAT DIRECTION.

>> I DON'T WANT TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE FAMILIES WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF EITHER THE LEGAL SERVICES AND/OR THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE WERE NOT AT EITHER OF THOSE LOCATIONS, RIGHT? WE HAVE TALKED BEFORE ABOUT WE HAVE TWO COMMUNITIES OF MIGRANTS FORMING IN OAK PARK AND ONE IS HOUSED AT EITHER OF THOSE LOCATIONS WERE GRACE EPISCOPAL, BUT THEN WE DO HAVE OTHER INDIVIDUALS HERE THAT VERY WELL MAY NEED THOSE SERVICES AND SO TO WHATEVER EXTENT WE CAN KEEP THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN MIND AS WE ADMINISTER THE LEGAL SERVICES IN THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE, I THINK WE SHOULD REALLY DO THAT. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE SIGHT OF THIS OTHER GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP.

SO THE \$40,000 IN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, I WOULD PREFER STAFF COMPLETELY ROLL OFF OF THIS EFFORT AND THAT IS OUTSOURCED IN SOME WAY. \$40,000 IS NOT A LOT OF MONEY.

SO I WANT YOU TO FIGURE OUT THE DETAILS OF THAT, HOWEVER I WILL SAY, I PERSONALLY HAVE A GROWING LIST OF EMOTIONS THAT NEEDS STAFF'S ATTENTION.

AND NO OTHER BOARD MEMBERS HAVE THINGS THAT ARE WAITING FOR STAFF TO GET BACK TO AND ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN FUNDING AND SUPPORTING THIS EMERGENCY EFFORT, I REALLY DO THINK THAT WE NEED STAFF TO GET BACK TO THEIR BUSINESS AS USUAL JOBS.

AND SO THAT IS JUST MY INPUT ON THAT.

ARE YOU WANTING US TO TALK ABOUT ITEM U NOW, TO JIM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADD THAT ON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: UNSUPPORTIVE OF ITEM T.

WHICH IS THE APPLICATION OF THE GRANT, THE NEW SMASS GRANT. NOT OF ITEM U THOUGH.

WHICH IS THE EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY ORDER AS IT IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN.

I THINK IT IS TOO BROAD AND HERE'S MY ISSUE WITH IT.

IT IS ALLOWING - IT IS ALLOWING FOR THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS THAT GO BEYOND ITS EXPIRATION AND THAT IS ACTUALLY WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE CURRENT EXTENSION, THAT IS WHY IT NEEDS TO BE EXTENDED, RIGHT?

THE EMERGENCY ORDER RIGHT NOW AND FEBRUARY 6, BUT IT WAS USED TO PROCURE HOUSING THROUGH THE END OF FEBRUARY.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: NO.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: WHY DO WE NEED AN EXTENSION THEN?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: TO PROCURE HOUSING THROUGH THE END OF FEBRUARY.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THEY HAVE NOT RENEWED.

NO.

THIS WOULD BE TO RENEW THEM AND ANY OTHER CONTRACTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN PLACE.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: CURRENTLY WE ACTUALLY HAVE NO SERVICES SET UP.

>> NOTHING PAST FEBRUARY 6. THAT IS WHY WE NEED THIS.

WE HAVE CONTRACTS AND SLURRY TO THOSE, OTHERWISE I AM GOING TO BE DOING A LOT OF WORK TO BRING THESE BACK TO YOU.

>> WHILE THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME JUSTIFICATION WHILE WE WERE ON BREAK, I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THESE DISCUSSIONS, AND I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO SORT OF FLUSH OUT, EVEN FOR OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING AND ALSO FOR THE COMMUNITY WHAT SERVICES ARE BEING EXTENDED, WHAT IS BEING PROVIDED.

ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT ARE SORT OF MOVING PIECES.

SO IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THOSE WERE ALREADY EXTENDED, BUT IF THEY WERE NOT EXTENDED, THAT IS FINE.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE - AND OBVIOUSLY I'M INTERESTED IN THE REIMBURSEMENT, BUT AM INTERESTED IN RELEASING THIS AND AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

THE EMERGENCY ORDER - GOING TO REALLY WHAT WE'RE ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO DO WITH THE SMASS GRANT, WHICH WAS A PASS-THROUGH. WE ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING BACK TO THAT ORIGINAL GOAL.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THAT WOULD BE THE PLAN.

THAT IS WHY EVERYTHING EXPIRES FEBRUARY 6 AND I NEED TO DO SOME WORK BASED UPON IF THIS IS RENEWED.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: IF WE EXTEND U AND STENNETT THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, WILL WE GET THE GRANT BACK FOR BOARD DISCUSSION? YOU ARE GOING TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT, BUT IT COULD BE A SMALLER AMOUNT.

CERTAINLY THAT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: SO IT'S A QUESTION, ARE WE GOING TO BRING IT BACK FOR BOARD APPROVAL?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: WE WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE IT IF IT'S A DIFFERENT RENT AMOUNT, RIGHT?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: ITEM T IS ALREADY APPLIED FOR AND TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT TO EFFECTUATE THE GRANT. SO IT IS ALL WRAPPED UP IN T, BUT UNDER U, EVERYTHING THAT THE VILLAGE IS PROVIDING - IF THAT IS RENEWED, ALL OF THOSE CONTRACTS WILL END FEBRUARY 29.

AT THE END OF THE DAY THAT DAY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: SHOULD THERE BE A CHANGE TO THE GRANT ALLOCATION TO US? WE INITIALLY APPLIED FOR \$7.5 MILLION GRANT AND WE GOT SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THAT AND WE DISCUSSED IT. JUST WANT MAKE SURE THAT AN EMERGENCY ORDER IS NOT GOING TO PREEMPT THAT SAME PROCESS FROM HAPPENING THAT WE WOULDN'T THEN HAVE IT COME BACK TO US FOR A DISCUSSION SO WE CAN - ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS AS FUNDAMENTAL OF A CHANGE AS THE DOLLAR AMOUNT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: WE CAN BRING IT BACK, BUT THE GRANT IS TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES POST FEBRUARY 29.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: WHAT IS THE CONNECTION OF T AND U?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: CORRECT.

WE NEED U TO GET US THROUGH EVERY 29TH AND WE NEED T TO GET US THROUGH FEBRUARY 29.

>> I GUESS I WAS TRYING TO DISCUSS BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: IT IS IMPERATIVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE WILL HAVE INTRODUCTION TO THAT THAT WILL HELP ANSWER SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: STICKING WITH LIBERTY FOR NOW, WITH THOSE UNDERSTANDINGS UNSUPPORTIVE OF T.

>> I JUST WANTED TO SAY, AS FAR AS THE \$40,000 FOR THE ADMIN - I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO CALL IT, FEE, AS SOMEONE WHO WORKS AT A UNIVERSITY WHERE THE INDIRECT RATE IS 59% OF DIRECT COSTS, THIS IS 2% OF THE OVERALL GRANT AND I THINK THAT IS FAIR FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SERVICES WE ARE PROVIDING.

>> SO YOU ARE NOT COMMENTING ON WHERE YOU WANTED TO GO, YOU ARE JUST MAKING NOTE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I ALREADY SAID I SUPPORTED BOTH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GREAT.

DO YOU HAVE ANY RESPONSE TO THE IDEA OF THAT BEING A PASS-THROUGH TO AN OUTSIDE AGENCY FROM TRUST TO ROBINSON'S COMMENTS?

WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT AND JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND AS WE ARE DISCUSSING THIS IS THAT EVEN JUST AS A PASS-THROUGH, THERE IS STILL A VILLAGE TIME AND PARTNER AGENCIES, IF THEY NEED FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATION STAFF, THEN THAT COULD BE IN THE PASS-THROUGH THAT WE GIVE TO THEM AS OTHERWISE OUTLINED, RIGHT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THEY WOULD GET SUPPORT THROUGH THE DIRECT GRANT.

SO IT WOULD BE FOR THE IMPACT ON OUR STAFF.
RIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO WE CERTAINLY WOULD WANT TO GET REIMBURSED CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT VILLAGE STAFF HAS SPENT TO DATE ON THE CURRENT EMERGENCY ORDER.

WE WOULD NOT WANT TO NOT PAY OURSELVES BACK FOR THAT IF WE COULD.
DOES THAT PROVIDE ANY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE STILL DO NEED SOME MINISTRY OF SERVICES FOR EVEN THIS GRANT, CORRECT?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES WE DO.

WE WOULD BE THE PASS-THROUGH IN THE IS SOME ADMINISTRATOR WORK THAT HAS TO OCCUR AS PART OF THAT.

THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOUNT FOR PRINCIPALLY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: AND FOR STAFF TO DO THAT?

>> EXACTLY.

PROCESS AND PAYMENTS.

IT IS A LITTLE TIME-CONSUMING AND WE HAVE TRIED TO ACCOUNT FOR THAT WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

>> YOU ARE SAYING THAT STAFF WOULD BE DOING THAT EITHER WAY?

>> YES.

WE ANTICIPATED THIS IN SEPTEMBER WHEN WE APPLIED FOR THE GRANT ORIGINALLY THAT THERE WOULD BE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WORK THAT WOULD NEED TO HAPPEN IN ORDER TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT.

>> SURE.

I THINK THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER AND EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A RETURN TO OUR ORIGINAL IDEA, THE FACT IS THAT WE HAVE SPENT BUT THE END OF FEBRUARY WE WOULD HAVE SPENT MANY MONTHS WITH

HAVING STAFF DIVERTED, WHICH IS NOT THE ORIGINAL POSITION THAT WE WERE IN AND SO WHEN WE LOOK AT THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN PUSHED OFF, WE HAVE SOME CATCH UP WORK TO DO AND MAYBE YOU CAN SPEAK TO STAFF RESOURCES AND NOW NOT JUST RETURNING TO REGULAR JOBS, BUT REALLY HAVING STAFF THAT THEY HAVE TO CATCH UP ON. AND ALSO HAVING STAFF BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PIECE.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YEAH, I MEAN THE REALITY IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO STAFF TIME OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS AND SO WE ARE MOVING AWAY FROM THE END THINGS HAVE GOTTEN - SOME OF THE BURDEN THERE HAS BEEN SOME RELIEF BECAUSE OF OUR LEARNING AND GROWING, AND WITH THE PROCESS, BUT STILL A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, BUT WHAT WE ARE ENVISIONING IS POST FEBRUARY 29 THAT THAT IMPACT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE, AND YES, WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO CATCH UP. WE PRODUCED THE CALENDARS TONIGHT TO REFLECT THOSE COMMITMENTS AND SO WE ARE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION IN FEBRUARY 29 YOU SEE A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN OUR COMMITMENT TO THE EFFORT AND YES, WE JUST HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS STILL YET SOME IMPACT FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE STANDPOINT.

WE ARE GOING TO BE A PASS-THROUGH.

JUST WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT THAT, BUT IT IS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT IT HAS BEEN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE STRAW?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT IN THIS GRANT APPLICATION SMASS COULD COME BACK AND GIVE US A PORTION - WE WILL FUND THIS PROGRAM THAT YOU APPLIED FOR AND NOT THAT PROGRAM?

>> SURE.

THE REVIEWERS WILL LOOK AT OUR APPLICATION AND THEY WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION OF WHAT THEY WANT TO FUND US AT.

THINK ABOUT THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR \$7.4 MILLION IN THE SUBSEQUENT 150 AND THEN AN ADDITIONAL 250.

SO I THINK THAT THE GRANTORS AND THAT THE STATE HAVE TRIED TO BE AGILE AS WELL.

NOTICING WHAT THE NEEDS ARE AND TRY TO IDENTIFY HOW TO GET RESOURCES TO COMMUNITIES WHO ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THESE EFFORTS, BUT THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES.

WE'VE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CITY, THE COUNTY, AND THE STATE. FUNDING COMES WHEN FUNDING COMES AND IT DOES NOT COME SOMETIMES.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SURE.

AND WHEN A FAMILY IS RESETTLED FROM OUR CURRENT SHORT-TERM TEMPORARY SHELTER, WHAT IMPACT DOES THAT HAVE ON BUDGET COSTS FOR ACROSS THE VILLAGE?

>>SPEAKER: SO WE HAVE DAILY RATES HER ROOM AT THE CARLTON HOTEL. AS FAMILIES EXIT, WE WOULD PAY A REDUCED RATE.

WE HAVE ONLY REALLY BEGUN TO SEE THAT IN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, FAMILIES MOVING OUT IN ANY LARGE VOLUME.

THERE IS THE QUESTION OF ARE THOSE ROOMS HABITABLE AND WHEN AFTER THE MOVE OUT JUST TO TO THE HOTEL ROOMS ARE NOT TRADITIONALLY DESIGNED TO HOUSE THAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND THEIR BELONGINGS FOR SUCH AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

SO BRINGING THOSE ROOMS BACK INTO SERVICE AS PART OF THAT PROCESS AS WELL.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OKAY.

SO ANYTHING WE ARE ABLE TO DO TO ACCELERATE THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATION RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE HAS A POSSIBLE BUDGETARY IMPACT FOR US IN OUR CURRENT SHORT-TERM SHELTER SITUATION.

>> YEAH.

I WOULD SAY AS SORT OF THE NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT ARE RECEIVING VARYING LEVELS OF SERVICE THROUGH THE VILLAGE PROGRAM DECREASES, THAT THAT DECREASES THE OVERALL COST THE VILLAGE AT LARGE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WITH THE UNNAMED IMMUNITY NONPROFIT TEMPORARY SHELTER, IS THERE ANY SORT OF FLEXIBILITY IN THOSE COSTS AS THE POPULATION OF MIGRANTS IN OAK PARK IT CHANGES? AS THEY SECURE LONGER-TERM HOUSING THROUGH THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE?

>>SPEAKER: THERE HAS NOT BEEN A DISCUSSION OF THAT WITH THAT GROUP.

I WOULD SAY, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE HOOK AND DAGGER THROUGHOUT THIS. THE GROUP IS VERY INVESTED IN THIS ISSUE AND THEY WANT TO ENSURE THAT FUNDING IS POSSIBLE AND THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THIS INITIATIVE TO MOVE FORWARD.

BEFORE - I'M SURE THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD IF FUNDING DOES BECOME AVAILABLE IN THE LOT MORE DETAILED INFORMATION COULD BE SHARED, BUT AT THIS POINT, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IF THIS IS EVEN FEASIBLE FROM A FUNDING PERSPECTIVE AND YET STILL FEASIBLE TO BECOME OPERATIONAL IN THE TIME THAT IS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 29 DATE SHOULD THE BOARD EXTEND.

THOSE CONVERSATIONS I THINK ARE YET TO HAPPEN IN HYPOTHETICAL SHELTER SHOULD THE STATE FUND IT, SHOULD WE BE ABLE TO GET IT OPERATIONAL?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: HOW MANY MIGRANTS WOULD THAT TEMPORARY SHELTER BE ABLE TO HOUSE?

>>SPEAKER: THEY HAVE PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE OF 80 TO 120. OUR TARGET AND THERE IS ABOUT 100.

THAT SHELTER WOULD BE FOCUSED - OUR CURRENT UNDERSTANDING ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES.

THAT WOULD BE THEIR PLAN.

SO I THINK THERE IS SOME PLUS OR MINUS AND I THINK THERE IS SOME SPACE IN THERE WITH THAT NUMBER AS WELL.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: PART OF THAT QUESTION IS 80 -100 AND RIGHT NOW WE ARE AT 151 MIGRANTS IN THE THREE VILLAGE SITES. AS THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT INCREASE, THE PAST FEW WEEKS WE'VE ALREADY DECREASED HOW MANY MIGRANTS HAVE BEEN RESETTLED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS?

>>SPEAKER: IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS WE HAVE SEEN 19 IS THAT THE SHELTER PROGRAM TO THE RESETTLEMENT FOR OUTMIGRATION. THERE WAS ALSO SOME MOVEMENT OF FOLKS PRIOR TO EVEN THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE EFFORTS WITH FOLKS MOVING TO CHICAGO FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS OR OTHER TYPES OF OUTMIGRATION AS WELL. SO WE HAVE SEEN OVERALL A REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN THE VILLAGES PROGRAM.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OKAY.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: YOU SAID WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE HERE?

DO WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE MOVED OUT OF VILLAGE HOUSING ARE DOING?

>>SPEAKER: I THINK OF SOMEBODY FROM THE TASK FORCE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING ANY UPDATE ON THAT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I GUESS WILL YOU ALL INTRODUCE YOURSELVES FIRST, >> I AM BY A (NAME?), I AM BRAIN (NAME?), PHILIP GIMENEZ, BETTY ZAMORA.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING AND FOR BEING HERE TONIGHT.

WE HEARD ABOUT A NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN RESETTLED. CAN YOU GIVE US ANY GENERAL INFORMATION ON SORT OF HOW THAT IS GOING, WHAT KIND OF LIVING SITUATIONS THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE. SORT OF WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE BECAUSE I THINK THAT AS WE ARE CONSIDERING THIS IN UNDERSTANDING THIS IS HELPFUL TO KNOW WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE AS COMPARED TO WHAT SERVICES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN THE PAST.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE DID HAVE A LARGE FAMILY TAKEN INTO CARE THROUGH A PARSONAGE AND CONGREGATION IN LAGRANGE. SO THEY HAVE BEEN KIND OF WRAPPED AROUND IN SERVICES BY THEM. WE HAVE HAD ANOTHER FAMILY RELOCATE LOCALLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN, AGAIN, TAKING THEM AND PROVIDED SOME WRAPAROUND CARE FOR THEM AS WELL AND THEN ANOTHER FAMILY THAT WAS KIND OF HELP THROUGH DIFFERENT EFFORTS, BUT LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT WANTED TO SEE THEM, YOU KNOW, MY GOING BACK TO CHICAGO AND THEN AGAIN LOCALLY.

SO TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE EVERYBODY HAS BEEN WRAPPED AROUND WITH SOME SORT OF CARE OR COMPANIONSHIP AFTER OUR EFFORTS.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: AND HOW MANY OF THE MIGRANTS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE OAK PARK PROGRAM HAVE SIGNED UP THROUGH THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE TO POTENTIALLY BE RESETTLED?

>>SPEAKER: WE HAVE ABOUT 140 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. INDIVIDUALS THAT MAKE UP THE FAMILIES.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THAT IS 140 OF THE 151 OR THAT INCLUDES THE FOLKS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN RESETTLED?

>>SPEAKER: THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THEM.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OKAY.

AND WHAT WITH THE OVERALL COST BE - WHAT IS THE BUDGET TO RESETTLE 140 INDIVIDUALS?

>>SPEAKER: WE ACTUALLY BROUGHT SOME DOCUMENTATION IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IT.

YOU CAN TAKE IT OVER TO THAT SIDE.

WE ARE LOOKING AT AROUND \$900,000.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OKAY.

AND OF THAT, 300 WOULD HOPEFULLY BE COMING THROUGH THIS SMASS GRANT?

>>SPEAKER: THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO OUR EFFORTS FOR SURE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WHERE WERE YOU EXPECTING THE OTHER 600,000 TO COME FROM?

>> FROM OTHER FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, OTHER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, DONORS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

SO IT IS REALLY A COLLECTIVE EFFORT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: AND WHAT IS THE RESETTLEMENT PROCESS LOOK LIKE? I GUESS, WHEN A FAMILY GETS RESETTLED, WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE FOR THEM?

WHAT IS THE PERIOD THAT THEY ARE BEING PROVIDED HOUSING FOR?

>>SPEAKER: I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO A PRIOR QUESTION.

THIS IS JUST MY SUGGESTION OFF-THE-CUFF.

IF FOR WHATEVER REASON IF THE UNNAMED ENTITY IS NOT ABLE TO PULL THROUGH, YOU MAY WANT TO RE-DIVERT SOME OF THAT IF YOU GET THE GRANT TO THE COSTS YOU ARE PAYING FOR THE RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS.

JUST AN IDEA.

I WILL START THE SECOND QUESTION HERE IN TERMS OF I GET A PHONE CALL. I'M PART OF THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE, BUT I'M ALSO ONE OF THE INDEPENDENT SITES.

WE HAVE COMPLETED OF THE 20 - WHAT I WOULD SAY 25 UNITS.

ABOUT 20-21 HAVE COMPLETED THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

I THEN RECEIVE A PHONE CALL OR AN EMAIL AND THEY GIVE ME THE PROFILE OF WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR BASED ON THE SPACE AND THE REQUIREMENTS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE.

I LITERALLY GO DOWN MY ROSTER, I HAVE SOME CONVERSATIONS WITH THE NARROW IT DOWN AND GO BACK TO THAT PARTICULAR POTENTIAL RESETTLEMENT LOCATION AND SAY I HAVE TWO OR THREE POTENTIALS AND THIS IS WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE.

THERE'S A THOUGHTFUL CONVERSATION AROUND ALL THE CONSIDERATIONS BOTH FROM A PERSPECTIVE OF THE POTENTIAL Y RESIDENT AND ALSO THE PARTICULAR SITE.

AT SOME POINT THERE IS AN IDENTIFICATION OF ONE SINGLE AND THEN THERE IS A COMMUNICATION AROUND, OKAY, WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS AND THERE IS A CONVERSATION, SO THERE IS SOME AGENCY HAPPENING FROM BOTH ENDS, RIGHT?

AT LEAST FROM THE Y'S PERSPECTIVE, I FEEL LIKE THEY ARE MY RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THEY ARE RELIEVED AND MOVED SOMEWHERE ELSE. THERE IS AN INTENTIONALITY THAT HAPPENS THERE THAT MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO A GOOD PLACE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: HOW LONG IS THE FAMILY RESETTLED FOR?

>> ALL OF MY EXPERIENCES, WHICH HAVE BEEN THREE, WHICH RESETTLE ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE UNITS IS ANYWHERE BETWEEN 12+ MONTHS.

>> I WOULD ADD THAT THERE IS SOME CASE BY CASE TO A LOT OF THIS IN TERMS OF A LOT OF LANDLORDS COMING TO THE TABLE WITH DIFFERENT TERMS.

SO THE TASK FORCE HAS COMMITTED BETWEEN SIX AND 12 MONTHS WITH THE GOAL OF 12 MONTHS FOR EVERY UNIT NO.

SO THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, BUT WE ARE NOT GIVEN THE URGENCY OF FEBRUARY 29 SO WE ARE NOT WALKING AWAY FROM SIX-MONTH LEASE OPPORTUNITIES.

FOR PRIVATE LANDLORDS THAT HAS BEEN ADVANTAGEOUS TO TEST THE WATERS OF THE SITUATION.

>>SPEAKER: ALSO ADDS A LEVEL OF STABILITY FROM A LEGAL SERVICES PERSPECTIVE AS YOU CAN IMAGINE.

AN APPLICATION FOR ASYLUM TRIGGERS A CLOCK, FIVE MONTHS LATER IS WHEN THEY ACTUALLY GET TO SEE THE EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION.

OUR GOAL OF A 12 MONTH ACTUALLY ALLOWS THE GRANT MORE STABILITY.

ONCE THE WORK AUTHORIZATION IS ISSUED, WHICH IS A FIVE-YEAR COMMITMENT IT HELPS OUT A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT.

ASYLUM CASES THAT I'M CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN, I'M STARTING TO SEE DATES PUSHING TO 2028.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THEN TO THAT POINT FOR THE \$360,000, AND THIS IS GOING BACK TO STAFF FOR THE \$360,000 IN LEGAL SERVICES, WHAT ASYLUM-SEEKERS WHO ARE PLACED INTO A RESETTLEMENT SITUATION BE ELIGIBLE FOR THOSE LEGAL SERVICES?

WE ARE NOT SAYING THAT YOU ARE OUT OF THE HOUSING - I'M JUST TRYING TO CONFIRM THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO SAY LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED IN AN APARTMENT WHERE NOT PROVIDING THOSE LEGAL SERVICES ANYMORE.

>> THE \$360,000 IS AN ESTIMATE OF FUNDING TO PROVIDE THE FULL SERVICE LEGAL PROCESS SUPPORT TO ALL ASYLUM-SEEKERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY PART OF THE VILLAGES PROGRAM.

IF FOLKS ARE RESETTLED INTO OTHER PLACES, OTHER COMMUNITIES EVEN.

OUR INTENT WILL HAVE BEEN TO HAVE ALREADY MADE THAT PAYMENT FOR THOSE FOLKS AND THEN THAT LEGAL SUPPORT WILL FOLLOW THEM WHEREVER THEY ARE IN THE OAK PARK COMMUNITY OR BEYOND.

>>SPEAKER: ALSO WANT TO CALL OUT IN THE MATTER OF LEGAL SERVICES, AS KEIRA POINTED OUT, WAS IN FRONT OF THE BOARD IS TO DEAL WITH THE MIGRANT POPULATION, WHO IS UNDER YOUR CARE.

I AM ALSO WORKING WITH FOLKS WHO ARE IN EUCLID TODAY I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH FOLKS WHO ARE LOOKING AFTER THE (WORD?) FOLKS AS WELL.

IN MY IDEAL WORLD, AND IN ADDITION TO THAT - I THINK IT WAS KEIRA, WE'VE HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN ON INDIVIDUALS UNDER THEIR CARE AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE VILLAGE.

I GET THIS QUESTION A LOT.

BUT WHAT KIND OF SERVICES CAN WE PROVIDE?

I'VE ALWAYS SAID THE WORK I'M CURRENTLY LOOKING AT, WHICH ARE NOW CONSIDERING AS PLAN B IS WORKING WITH NONPROFIT IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS AND CREATING ASYLUM CLINICS, OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING IT'S GRANT PROPOSAL I WOULD ALSO YOU - (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

THEY ARE LOOKING AT GETTING THEM THROUGH PROCESSES, AS WELL AS THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT CALGARY MEMORIAL, AND POTENTIALLY OTHER FAMILY UNITS - (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

I KNOW FAMILIES THAT HAVE TAKEN ON INDIVIDUALS AND WE CAN CREATE A PROCESS AND GRANT THEM THE ABILITY TO SEE THEM THAT WAY.

>>SPEAKER: I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT THE \$360,000 THAT IS IN THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION REFLECTS AN ESTIMATE OF THE LEGAL COSTS FOR THE 161 OR WHATEVER THAT NUMBER WAS OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD FOR THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM.

SHOULD THERE BE DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD TO EXPAND IN ANY WAY, JUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE \$360,000 ESTIMATE WAS BASED UPON THE FOLKS CURRENTLY IN THE VILLAGES PROGRAM.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: YEAH.

I THINK IT WAS TRUSTE ROBINSON WHO SPOKE TO POTENTIALLY EXPANDING THOSE LEGAL SERVICES TO SERVE OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO MIGHT HAVE THOSE NEEDS AND I WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT AND I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING ON GETTING THE GRANT APPLICATION OUT TOMORROW.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO AMEND TO INCORPORATE TRUSTE ROBINSONS RECOMMENDATION ON EXPANDING THOSE LEGAL SERVICES TO OTHER FAMILIES, I WOULD BE IN SUPPORT OF THAT.

AND WHAT MR. GIMENEZ SAID REGARDING, YOU KNOW, IF THE 1.2 FOR THE TEMPORARY SHELTER DOES NOT GO THROUGH, I WOULD BE IN SUPPORT OF LOOKING AT REALLOCATING SOME OF THAT FUNDING TO THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS AND THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE BECAUSE I THINK - I THINK THAT THE SUCCESS THAT WE ARE ALREADY STARTING TO SEE WITH ABOUT 20 PEOPLE BEING

RESETTLED IN LONG-TERM SITUATIONS AND THE FACT THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT FOOD FOR \$900,000 RESETTLING THAT MANY PEOPLE IN JUST A YEAR, THESE ARE JUST NUMBERS - \$900,000 FOR 90 PEOPLE FOR A YEAR IS LESS THAN \$1.2 MILLION FOR 100 PEOPLE FOR FOUR MONTHS.

I THINK THERE IS A STRONG ARGUMENT THAT REALLOCATING FUNDING WHERE POSSIBLE IN THIS DIRECTION MAKES SOME ECONOMIC SENSE.

>>SPEAKER: PROVIDED THAT THAT IS THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD, RIGHT, WE WOULD STILL HAVE TO HAVE PROGRAM CHANGE APPROVAL BY OUR GRANTOR, BUT CERTAINLY THAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN SEEK. I WILL SAY THAT BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT RESTRICTION TO THE TIMING OF THE FUNDING, THE 12 MONTH LEASE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO US BECAUSE THAT SHORT-TERM HOUSING ASSISTANCE IS ONLY FOR THE PERIOD FOR JUNE 30, 2024.

SO THAT RESTRICTION WAS PART OF HOW \$300,000 WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE POTENTIAL AMOUNT THAT COULD COVER FOR A SHORTER WINDOW OF TIME, BUT I TAKE THE FEEDBACK AND WE ARE LOOKING TO HEAR DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD AND PROVIDED THE GRANT IS APPROVED AND WE RECEIVE THE FUNDING, WE WOULD CERTAINLY KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS ACROSS ANY OF THE PROGRAMMING AND ADVISE IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES WITH PROGRAMS BECOMING OPERATIONAL, POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO CHANGES IN OUR GRANT AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHAT IS THE TURNAROUND TIME FOR THE GRANT?

>>SPEAKER: WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE GRANTORS THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HEAR BACK REGARDING OUR APPLICATION WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF APPLICATION.

SO THEY UNDERSTAND THE URGENCY OF OUR REQUEST AND THE TIMELINESS THAT IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BECOME OPERATIONAL AND PROVIDE THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT THAT WE ARE RECOMMENDING OR REQUESTING AND SO THEY DID SAY THAT WE WOULD HEAR BACK NEXT WEEK IF WE SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TOMORROW.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

I DO IMAGINE BOTH PARTIES ARE IN NEED OF FUNDING IMMEDIATELY, RIGHT? IN ORDER TO MEET OUR GOALS.

SO AS CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE WITH BOTH PARTIES, CAN WE BE UPDATED TO THEIR NEEDS AND, YOU KNOW, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IF WE COULD NOT RECEIVE FUNDING FOR AS MANY MIGRANTS IN THE COMMUNITY AS POSSIBLE - IT IS WITHIN THE PARAMETERS THAT WE HAVE LAID OUT.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD?

YES.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: LET'S ASSUME ALL OF THIS GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN, WHICH I HOPE IT DOES.

WHAT HAPPENED ON JUNE 30 - WHAT HAPPENS ON JUNE 30?

>>SPEAKER: UNLESS THERE WAS DIFFERENT DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD THE FOLKS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM IN A TEMPORARY SHELTER

WOULD NEED TO BE RELOCATED TO A PLACE THAT IS PROVIDING TEMPORARY SHELTER.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT?

>>SPEAKER: THAT IS AN EXCELLENT QUESTION.

I THINK THAT THE VILLAGE WOULD SUPPORT AN EFFORT IF NEED BE, BUT WE WOULD BE SEEKING DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTE PARAKKAT.

>>SPEAKER: CAN I ADD SOMETHING?

THERE IS PART OF THE PLAN TO ENSURE THAT AS MANY OF THE FOLKS CAN BE SOMEWHAT SELF SUSTAINABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SO THERE IS SOME GRAY AREA THAT SOME OF THEM, MAYBE NOT ALL WOULD BE SELF SUSTAINABLE.

THERE IS NOT POTENTIAL.

THERE IS A FINE POINT THERE THAT YOU CAN START TO PUSH AND PLAN INTO YOUR DESIGN.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I THINK WE PROBABLY NEED A PLAN FOR WHAT HAPPENS ON JUNE 30.

AND THEY DID NOT WANT TO HAVE TO SAY THAT TONIGHT, BUT IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE CAN TRANSITION INTO THIS FOUR-MONTH PROGRAM AND FROM THERE THE RELOCATION WORKS WITHIN THAT FOUR MONTHS AND WE ARE GOOD, BUT WE MAY NOT BE.

I WOULD RATHER BE THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ON JUNE 30 NOW THEN START THINKING ABOUT IT ON JUNE 15.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTE PARAKKAT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

CLARIFICATION ON THE EXPANDED LEGAL SERVICES POINT THAT WAS MADE.

AS PART OF THIS GRANT RELATIONSHIP IS GOING TO BE WITH JUST THE ENTITY THAT SHALL NOT BE NAMED, BUT IF WE WERE TO PROVIDE EXPANDED SERVICES, WOULD THAT INCLUDE OTHER ENTITIES?

HOW DOES THAT WORK?

THE MECHANICS OF AN EXPANDED LEGAL SERVICE.

>>SPEAKER: WE HAVE TO NAME ALL THE PROVIDERS WE ARE WORKING WITH IN RELATION TO THE GRANT.

IF WE WERE SEEKING ADDITIONAL PROVIDERS OR PARTNERS TO WORK WITH, THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE GRANTOR.

SO WE WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT CHANGES IN OUR PROGRAMMING AND THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH US THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.

IT HAS BEEN A FLEXIBLE PROGRAM IN A LOT OF WAYS UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE LEARNED MORE ABOUT HOW TO OPERATE A SHELTER PROGRAM AS WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING A SHELTER PROGRAM.

WE WOULD BE WORKING WITH THEM AND DETERMINE IF WE WOULD MAKE THAT ADJUSTMENT AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROVIDERS IF NECESSARY.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THAT IS THE ONLY QUESTION I HAD.

FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE IT WILL BE EASIER TO PUT THE GRANT IN WITH SOME SMALL MODIFICATIONS TOMORROW IN THE INTEREST OF TIME?

IS THAT STILL THE TIMELINE WE ARE LOOKING AT?

>> WE WANT TO SUBMIT IT TOMORROW BECAUSE I WANT TO KNOW IF WE ARE GOING TO GET FUNDING SOONER, RATHER THAN LATER. FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.

THERE IS DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD TONIGHT THAT WOULD MODIFY WHAT WE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD, THEN WE WOULD MAKE THOSE ADJUSTMENTS AND IDEALLY STILL CEMENT TOMORROW.

>> WITH THAT IN MIND I WANT TO EXTEND WHAT COREY WAS MENTIONING. SO WE NEED A PLAN FOR JUNE 30 FOR SURE, BUT ALSO IF - LET'S SAY THE GRANT DOES NOT COME THROUGH, THEN WE NEED - FEBRUARY 29, RIGHT?

>>SPEAKER: I ALLUDED TO THE PLAN FOR FEBRUARY 29 THAT WE ARE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND THEY ARE THE ONLY LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT IS OPERATING A SHELTER PROGRAM AT THIS TIME. SO WE WOULD BE COORDINATING WITH THEM FOR RETURNING FOLKS TO THE LANDING ZONE THAT IS NOT STAFFS PREFERENCE AND IT'S CERTAINLY NOT THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S PREFERENCE AS WELL, BUT THAT IS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR THE VILLAGE PROVIDED THAT THERE IS NOT ANOTHER ALTERNATE SHELTER OR THAT FOLKS DON'T GET OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EITHER THE SETTLEMENT TASK FORCE OR OTHER FOLKS WHO ARE WORKING IN THIS IN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: OKAY.
YEP.

I THINK IT IS CURRENTLY LAID OUT IN TERMS OF A PASS-THROUGH FOR THIS GRANT, I AM DEFINITELY SUPPORTIVE OF GOING FOR THE GRANT IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT - THE PASS-THROUGH AND EVEN WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF EXPENSE OF A \$40,000, WHICH IS NOT MUCH.

I WOULD BE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PRESIDENT SCAMAN, I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE A VOTE TO EXTEND THE MEETING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT WENT FROM 9:45 PM TO 10:00 P.M.. WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING PAST 10:00 P.M. THIS EVENING.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: UNDER DURESS I WILL SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY NAY'S?

WE MAY MOVE ON.

THANK YOU.

ALTHOUGH WE MAY BE COMING TO A CLOSE AND FAIRLY SOON IT SOUNDS LIKE. OKAY.

WE LARGELY HAVE SUPPORT FOR SUBMITTING THE GRANT AS IS.

WE WILL TAKE THE VOTE FOR THAT IN A MOMENT.

SEEING AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO THE LEGAL SERVICES AS POSSIBLE. ONGOING CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH THE TASK FORCE, COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS AND HOW WE CAN ASSIST.

MAYBE WHEN WE HEAR BACK, HOPEFULLY THAT TURNAROUND TIME IS AS SURE AS WE THINK AND THEY TRUST BECAUSE FROM WHAT I CAN TELL THE DILIGENT WORK OF STAFF TO BE WORKING WITH SMASS AND METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS AND HUMAN SERVICES, THEY ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THOSE PARTNERS.

I REALLY DO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VARY MUCH THANK PRESIDENT (NAME?) OF COOK COUNTY FOR COMING THROUGH WITH THE DOLLARS THAT HAVE ALLOWED US TO AT THIS POINT START TO PAY OURSELVES BACK FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE ASYLUM-SEEKERS SITUATION AND OUR MIGRANTS HERE IN OAK PARK.

SO MAYBE THAT IS THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO GET THE TOTAL FROM SMASS AND THEN WE CAN START TO START HAVING DISCUSSION, WHAT EXACTLY DOES THIS LOOK LIKE TO TRY TO ALLEVIATE THE SITUATION FOR ALL OF OUR MIGRANTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: WHILE I'M IN SUPPORT, THE ONLY THING I'LL SAY IS IT'S BASED ON THE CONFIRMATION THAT IT WILL BE ON THE PASS-THROUGH BASIS - - STAFFS INVOLVEMENT WILL BE A PRIMARY FOCUS IN TERMS OF CURTAILING THAT.

THAT IS ONLY THING.

>> CAN I ADD SOMETHING REALLY QUICK?

I KNOW BRIAN, SOME OF THE THINGS YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT OR WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THEY LEAVE OAK PARK OR WE SETTLE, RIGHT? PART OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS CREATED A KIND OF COMPANION PLAYBOOK OR WOOD PLAYBOOK SO WE CAN ALLOW PEOPLE - WE KNOW JUSTIN, HERE YOU GO, HAVE A GOOD LIFE.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE TAKING CARE OF SO WE HAVE CREATED A PLAYBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE TO PROVIDE FOLKS AND CONNECT THEM WITH FOLKS WHO CAN HELP SUPPORT THEM THROUGH THIS NEXT PHASE, HELP THEM GET HOOKED UP WITH RESOURCES OR WHATEVER IT IS THEY MAY NEED TO FOLLOW THROUGH SO WE ARE HAPPY TO SHARE THAT WITH YOU IF NEEDED, BUT ANOTHER PIECE I'M HEARING TONIGHT IS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN AFTER JUNE 30. WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER FEBRUARY 29 AND I THINK WE HAVE DONE SOME REALLY GOOD WORK HERE THE MORE YOU CAN SUPPORT US IN WHAT WE'RE DOING, - THE LESS YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT FEBRUARY 29 AND JUNE 30. YOU CAN HELP THEM IN THE LONG RUN.

HOPE YOU GUYS MOVE ON AND HELP YOU MOVE FORWARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DO AGREE AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT IT HAS BEEN PRETTY CLEAR TO ME THAT OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE HAVE REALLY RESPONDED TO - WE DON'T WANT TO SEE KIDS MOVE FROM SCHOOL, TO SCHOOL, TO SCHOOL.

THAT'S WHAT I'M HEARING FROM THE NONPROFIT THAT SHALL NOT BE NAMED AND THEIR REASON FOR WANTING TO GO THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR.

SO OUR COMMUNITY HAS STEPPED UP AND WANT TO THANK YOU, WANT TO THANK OUR STAFF AND ALL THE HARD WORK.

I THINK WE HAVE SET A SOLID EXAMPLE FOR HOW COMMUNITIES CAN REALLY WORK TOGETHER TO TAKE ON AN EMERGENCY MOMENT VERY DIFFICULT AGENDA. AND WILL CHANGE LIVES FOREVER.

OKAY.

IF THERE IS NO FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEM T, PLEASE GO AHEAD. IF THERE'S SOMEBODY ELSE THAT WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING, YOU DID SIT THROUGH A LOT OF OTHER CONVERSATIONS.

OKAY.

CLEAR QUARTERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> AS.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> IS.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

LAST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DISASTER AFFECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE TO PROVIDE AID AND SUPPORT TO ASYLUM-SEEKERS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> MOTION BY TRUSTEE ENYIA AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> STAFF RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION.

>> OKAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: - THIS IS HOW WE GET AFTER 10 O'CLOCK, FOLKS.

PAUL?

I THINK IF I CAN NOW ANSWER A QUESTION THAT MAYBE HELPS US. DO WE SEE THIS ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION AS NECESSARY FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH COOK COUNTY?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: ABSOLUTELY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CAN YOU TALK MORE ABOUT THAT, PAUL?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: COOK COUNTY NEEDS TO SEE THIS ACTION TO REIMBURSE VILLAGE OF ITS EXPENSES THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2024.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BASICALLY IF I CAN SUMMARIZE, COOK COUNTY HAS FRAMED THEIR REIMBURSEMENTS AS RESPONDING TO A STATE OF EMERGENCY. THEREFORE, ONLY LOGICAL HAVING A STATE OF EMERGENCY BE ATTACHED TO THAT PROPOSAL.

OR THAT REQUEST, YES.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: A FEW THINGS.

FIRST OF ALL I HAVE TO WRAP MY HEAD AROUND THE FACT THAT WE ARE STILL IN AN EMERGENCY.

I DON'T CONSIDER US TO BE IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, RIGHT?

IT IS ALSO NOT SITTING WELL WITH ME THAT THE ACCESS TO FUNDING IS THE REASON FOR US DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

IT SEEMS TO BE USING EMERGENCY AS A TOOL TO ACCESS FUNDING, WHICH SETS THE WRONG PRECEDENT IN MY MIND.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO EXTEND THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION WHEN - I DO NOT SEE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

SECOND THING IS FROM A DECISION-MAKING STANDPOINT, THE BOARD IS BACK IN SESSION AND THE ACCESS TO THE BOARD EXISTS, AND THIRD, IT SETS A PRECEDENT WHERE WE ARE USING EMERGENCY DECLARATION AS A TOOL TO ACCESS FUNDING.

THAT APPLICATION IS NOT SITTING WELL WITH ME.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: I WILL ADD, THAT IS THE WAY COOK COUNTY SET IT UP.

THIS IS THE BRIDGE TO GET US TO FEBRUARY 29.

>> IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT COOK COUNTY IS RECOMMENDING THAT.

ALL I CAN CONTROL IS OUR RESPONSE TO THAT AND THE USE OF OUR TOOL LIKE AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND PURSUE OF WHAT WE ARE SETTING IS A STANDARD WHEN WE DO NOT SEE THE CIRCUMSTANCE.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: IT ALSO ALLOWS US TO QUICKLY AND RESPONSIBLY TO THE NEEDS YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT TONIGHT IS A BRIDGE TO GET TO THAT DATE.

IT IS A LOT OF WORK.

IT IS A LOT OF CONTRACT DRAFTING AND SO FORTH.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: IT IS AN EMERGENCY.

IT IS SHELTER.

IS IT FOOD AND BASIC ASSISTANCE.

THERE IS A LOT OF CONTINGENCIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED TONIGHT AND I DON'T THINK WE HAVE EVEN DISCUSSED ALL OF THEM IN DETAIL.

THERE ARE SOME LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND UNKNOWNNS AND AMBIGUITY AROUND THIS.

ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EMERGENCY THAT WE ANTICIPATED WHEN THE ISSUE CAME UPON US SO I THINK WE RIGHTFULLY INVOKED THE NATIONAL INCIDENT JUDGMENT SYSTEM TO MANAGE ALL OF ITS COMPLEXITY, BUT YES, WHAT COMES WITH THAT IS WHEN IT IS RECOGNIZED AS AN EMERGENCY, STATE, LOCAL, FEDS.

THEN THERE'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDING.

SO I THINK WE ARE MANAGING APPROPRIATELY IN THIS SITUATION.

I HOPE THAT HELPS BECAUSE IT IS WHAT IT IS.

IT IS AN EMERGENCY.

THIS IS NOT PERMANENT HOUSING.

IT IS NOT - YOU KNOW, WE HAVE RESIDENTS THAT ARE HERE - WE HAVE PEOPLE HERE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY.

I MEAN THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT UNFORTUNATELY WE CANNOT EVEN ACCOUNT FOR IN THIS ONE DISCUSSION THAT IS BEING HANDLED.

AS PART OF THIS EMERGENCY.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I HEAR YOUR POINT, BUT IT BREAKS MY CONSCIENCE A LITTLE BIT.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE REST OF THE BOARD IS GOING TO BE AND I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE, BUT I REMAIN (WORD?).

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THE REASON THIS IS IMPORTANT, TOO, THE REASON THE SYSTEM EXISTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY - - WE COULD HAVE OTHER EMERGENCIES AND WE WANT OUR STAFF TO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ANY EMERGENCY THAT MIGHT ARISE.

- SO I THINK PAUL AND I, WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS CLARIFY BECAUSE I APPRECIATE THE PERSPECTIVE, BUT I THINK FROM OUR END IT IS AN EMERGENCY, WE MANAGE IT WITH THE NATIONAL STANDARDS AND WE COULD ACTUALLY EXPERIENCE ANOTHER EMERGENCY NINE MONTHS FROM NOW THAT WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT.

IF THE LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND ALL THE CONTINGENCIES EXIST ON ANOTHER ISSUE THAT IS CHARACTERISTIC OF AN EMERGENCY THEN WE WOULD INVOKE A NIM SYSTEM TO HELP OUR STAFF RESPOND TO AND ALSO AVAIL OURSELVES OF ANY RESOURCES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: KEIRA, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING?

>>SPEAKER: I WANT TO CLARIFY, ONE, HAVING A EMERGENCY IN PLACE, HE DECLARED EMERGENCY, IS NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING FUNDING. IT SIMPLY ACTIVATES AND ENHANCES OUR ABILITY TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY FUNDING THAT DOES ARISE.

SO IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY, FOR THE COMMUNITY TO OUTLAY FUNDS AND THEN WANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE MADE WHOLE TO THAT PROCESS WHEN IT DOES BECOME AVAILABLE, BUT THE EMERGENCY THAT MANAGER JACKSON IS REFERRING TO RELATED TO DIRECT PROVISION OF SHELTER, FOOD, DURING - WE HAD NEGATIVE TEMPERATURES LAST WEEK, IT CONTINUES TO BE AN EMERGENCY EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH FOLKS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE IN THOSE CONDITIONS AND ALSO FOR STAFF TO HAVE A SYSTEM IN WHICH TO OPERATE.

I WANT TO CLARIFY A LITTLE BIT THAT THE COUNTY DOES ASK FOR OUR EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND THAT IS PART OF THE PROCESS.

WE WOULD BE COVERED UNDER THE STATE'S CURRENT DECLARED EMERGENCY AS WELL FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS, BUT THE STATE IS ITS OWN ENTITY COULD CHOOSE NOT TO EXTEND THEIR EMERGENCY.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PIECES RELATED TO THIS SO I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WOULD BE A COMMON PRACTICE FOR ANY SORT OF DISASTER

SITUATION FOR A COMMUNITY TO WANT TO BOTH DO THE BEST THAT IT CAN TO RESPOND TO THOSE INCIDENTS, BUT ALSO TO AVAIL ITSELF TO ANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY EXIST AND PUT THEMSELVES IN THE BEST POSITION TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THAT FUNDING.

THAT THERE IS A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION THAT MAY ALLOW US TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING, BUT THE STATE COULD DO AWAY WITH THAT EMERGENCY AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION IN PLACE FOR OUR PURPOSES AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WANT TO ADD THAT TO THE POINT OF ITS - THE STATEMENT THAT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT COOK COUNTY DECIDED TO ATTACH IT THIS WAY.

REALLY THAT IS THE WAY THAT COOK COUNTY OPERATES.

EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT HAS ITS PURPOSE AND IN COOK COUNTY - THEY HAVE RECENTLY STEPPED UP ALSO WITH SOME OF THE FLOODING THAT WE HAD LAST SUMMER.

THAT'S A SIMILAR TYPE OF PROCESS.

THIS IS HOW COOK COUNTY DOES OPERATE.

THEY ARE NOT THE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD BE WORKING TO TRY TO PLAN FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

THEY ARE NOT THE ONE WHO IS GOING TO PLAN FOR THE NEXT STEPS.

THEY ARE THE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO ASSIST ANY MUNICIPALITY IN COOK COUNTY THAT THEN IS EXPERIENCING THE STRAIN, AND THERE HAS BEEN AN OBVIOUS STRAIN, AND MANY OTHER WORDS THAT COULD BE USED.

INCLUDING TRAUMA IN THIS MOMENT.

I WILL CONCEDE THAT IF WE HAVE HEARD ALL THESE IN ADVANCE, THAT A LOT OF STRESS AND DOLLARS COULD HAVE BEEN SPARED, BUT YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I WILL JUST CLOSE IN SAYING THAT WE HAVE DONE A PRETTY DECENT JOB WITH THE HELP OF OUR PARTNERS LIKE THE YMCA, THE CARLTON, AND THE TASK FORCE IN THESE CONGREGATIONS AND A LOT OF STAFF TIME.

ANYWAY, I DON'T KNOW WHY WE WOULD TAKE THE RISK, FOLKS.

WHICH WAY?

BRIAN AND THEN COREY.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I HAVE BEEN GIVING THIS THOUGHT AND I THINK THE - FRAMING IT AS THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO GET REIMBURSEMENT - I UNDERSTAND WHY THAT FRAMING MAY FEEL WRONG TO TRUSTEE PARAKKAT!. I DO THINK THE SAME DISASTER CONDITIONS HOWEVER - EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST THAT EXISTED WHEN WE FIRST IMPLEMENTED THE RESOLUTION.

WE ARE STILL IN A SITUATION WHERE IF THE VILLAGE WERE NOT PROVIDING THESE EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS THERE ARE 150 PEOPLE WERE CURRENTLY IN OUR CARE WHO WOULD POTENTIALLY BE ON THE STREETS THROUGH THE RECENT SNOWSTORM, THROUGH THE RECENT SNOWSTORM, THROUGH THE RECENT TEMPERATURES.

WE HAVE HEARD TONIGHT ABOUT A SHELTER SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO THAT IS OVERCAPACITY AND OVERBURDENED AND SO TO THE EXTENT THAT I AM

READING THE WORDS OF THIS EMERGENCY DECLARATION, THESE ARE THE CONDITIONS THAT DO EXIST.

THERE IS AN EMERGENCY.

THERE IS AN ONGOING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND WE ARE PROVIDING THE SERVICES.

IT IS ALSO NICE TO KNOW AND AS PRESIDENT SCAMAN JUST NOTED, THIS IS A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR US RECEIVING REIMBURSEMENT.

THAT IS ANOTHER REASON, BUT IT IS ALSO SIMPLY DECLARING WHAT WE KNOW TO BE TRUE, THAT THERE IS AN ONGOING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN OAK PARK AND WE ARE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SO WE CAN PROVIDE THE SERVICES NECESSARY TO HOUSE AND SHELTER AND FEED AND PROVIDE WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO THESE INDIVIDUALS THROUGH FEBRUARY 29.

SO I AM IN SUPPORT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THIS IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE AS ARTICULATE AS IT TYPICALLY WOULD BE.

I'M GOING TO VOTE YES FOR IT BECAUSE I WANT US TO GET PAID.

THAT IS REALLY WHAT IT BOILS DOWN TO, BUT THERE IS SOME WORDING HERE.

FIRST I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY NOT RELATED TO THE JOB OF STAFF AND YOU GUYS HAVE KILLED IT.

IT HAS BEEN AMAZING.

COMPLETELY IRRESPECTIVE OF THAT.

IT'S ABOUT HOW I FEEL ABOUT MY POSITION AND MY RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC.

RIGHT?

SO WHEN I LOOK AT THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION IS SAYS WHEN QUICK ACTION IS DEEMED NECESSARY, WHEN IT'S IMPRACTICAL TO CONVENE A BOARD MEETING. I LIVED ON THE STREET AND MOST OF US DO.

LIKE IT DOES NOT FEEL LIKE IT WILL EVER BE IMPRACTICAL TO CONVENE A BOARD MEETING OR THAT THERE IS QUICK ACTION THAT CANNOT BE HANDLED WITHIN NORMAL PARAMETERS OF HOW WE TYPICALLY RUN OUR GOVERNMENT, RIGHT?

SO THAT PART OF IT IS REALLY KIND OF THE START - FOR ME - LIKE TRUSTEE PARAKKAT SAID, WE ARE BACK IN SESSION.

THAT PART KIND OF FEELS - I GET THE OVERALL EMERGENCY STANDPOINT, THE SHELTER.

WE DO HAVE A CRISIS SITUATION.

I GET ALL OF THAT AND I AGREED.

THOSE THINGS ARE OUT OF THE ORDINARY AND THEY DO THINK THE SYSTEMS THAT WE SPUN UP TO HELP US IMMENSELY IN MANAGING THOSE SYSTEMS - MANAGING THAT SITUATION EFFECTIVELY, BUT WHAT THEY ALSO DO IS REDUCE OUR TRANSPARENCY TO THE PUBLIC.

THEY REDUCE OUR ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PUBLIC.

FOR ME, AT THIS POINT I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG THIS CRISIS WILL CONTINUE AND I FEEL LIKE WE'RE AT A POINT WHERE WE SHOULD START NORMALIZING IT VERSUS TREATING IT AS EXCEPTIONAL.

PART OF THE ONGOING EMERGENCY DECLARATION FEELS LIKE A MOVE NOT TOWARDS NORMALIZATION, WHICH IS - WHEN I SEE NORMALIZATION, NOT A SITUATION WHERE WE EXPECT THIS WILL HAPPEN FOREVER, BUT WHERE WE EXPECT THAT THIS IS A LIFECYCLE AND WE CAN NORMALIZE IT THROUGH THE LIFECYCLE AND IT'S NOT JUST LIKE AN ACUTE SORT OF SITUATION IS A SITUATION WE MANAGE OVER TIME.

GO AHEAD.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT IT A LITTLE BIT AND THE INPUT THAT YOU AND TRUSTEE PARAKKAT, JUST REALLY TRYING TO BE RESPECTFUL OF THE UNIQUE CONDITIONS THAT WERE SPOKEN ABOUT THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION TO EVOKE THE NATIONAL STANDARDS. IT IS CALLED.

RIGHT?

THAT IS ONE OF THE MAJOR CONDITIONS IN THIS AND WHEN IT STARTED THAT IS KIND OF WHAT WAS DRIVING IT.

IF YOU FOLLOWED THE COMPONENTS OF IT, THERE'S THE EMERGENCY SHELTER AND THINGS THAT WOULD BE TYPICAL OF BASIC NEEDS OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AND THEN THERE IS A RESETTLEMENT.

I THINK WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS WE HAVE BEEN PLAYING OUR ROLE AS A GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY AND ALSO TO FACILITATE THE NEXT AGE.

YOU SAW SOME OF THAT TONIGHT WITH COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS, THE UNNAMED ORGANIZATION.

ALL THE INSTITUTIONS AND WE TRY TO TRANSITION AWAY FROM THE EMERGENCY, RIGHT?

THE FACT IS THAT IT IS STILL COLD, RIGHT?

THAT CONDITION IS GOING TO BE HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

SO I THINK THAT - THE INPUT I UNDERSTAND.

WE ARE MANAGING IN THAT DIRECTION.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: IT IS CALLED, I GET THAT.

I DON'T THINK THERE WOULD BE A RESPONSE THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT WITHOUT THE ORDER.

WE WOULD STILL MANAGE THAT EFFECTIVELY, PROBABLY JUST NOT AS EFFICIENTLY AS MY GUEST.

IT WOULD BE A LITTLE LESS EFFICIENT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO CALL US FIRST OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: AND THEY APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE THAT IS PART OF THE POINT THAT I REALLY WANT TO GIVE RESPECT TO THE NIM SYSTEM IN THE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR MANAGING THESE UNUSUAL SITUATIONS THAT ARE RIFE WITH AMBIGUITY AND REQUIRE A LOT OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITY FROM WHAT THE STAFF WOULD ORDINARILY BE USED TO AND WE DO HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE HERE IN THE VILLAGE FOR EMERGENCIES OUTSIDE OF THIS AND WE ALWAYS WANT TO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND AND GIVE - MAKE SURE WE ARE RESPECTING THOSE NATIONAL STANDARDS IN THOSE CONDITIONS WHEN THEY ARISE WHEN WE ARE READY TO GO AND RESPOND, REGARDLESS OF WHAT TYPE OF EMERGENCY IT IS.

I THINK I'M SPEAKING A LITTLE BIT TO THAT.
ADDING FIDELITY TO THE NATIONAL STANDARDS THAT HAVE BEEN IN
POLICEMAN'S 9/11 AND EXPECTATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BE PREPARED TO
RESPOND TO SITUATIONS LIKE THAT.

>> DEFINITELY APPRECIATE THAT.

I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR IT, THE ONE THING THAT I'M WONDERING IF WE CAN
DO THAT WOULD ACTUALLY MAKE THIS A LITTLE BIT EASIER FOR ME IS CAN WE
INSTITUTE SOME SORT OF REGULAR REPORTING CADENCE?

GREAT NOW ALL WE HAVE IS AD HOC.

IF WE COULD DO SOMETHING EVERY TWO WEEKS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

GIVE ME MORE TRANSPARENCY AND WE DON'T PUBLISH THAT TO THE PUBLIC,
WHICH GIVES US MORE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL.

THAT WOULD HELP ME OUT A LOT AT LEAST.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: ABSOLUTELY.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THAT.

I KNOW WE HAD A BREAK.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THAT.

WE DID CREATE THE WEBSITE AND WE TRY TO POUR OUT AS MUCH AS WE CAN IN
THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE UNDERWAY ON THAT WEBSITE, THE BOARD MEMOS I
THINK NOW THAT WE'RE BACK IN SESSION WE SUGGEST THAT THERE IS
DEFINITELY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GET THOSE UPDATES PERIODICALLY, AT
LEAST EVERY OTHER WEEK, BUT ACTUALLY WHENEVER WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION
WE CAN DO IT AT A GREATER FREQUENCY THAN THAT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: NONE OF WHAT I SAID WAS A CRITIQUE FOR THE
RECORD.

THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

TRUSTEE ENYIA, GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I FIGURE BY THE TIME ALL THE BOARD GETS HERE WE
WILL WANT TO GET OUT.

I DEFINITELY WANT TO GIVE A HUGE THANKS TO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES,
ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE REALLY PUT IN OVER THEIR CAPACITY FOR ALL
OF THIS, OUR STAFF WHO HAVE PUT IN AN EXORBITANT AMOUNT OF TIME,
ENERGY, EFFORTS, ALL OF YOU HAVE PUT TIME AWAY FROM YOUR FAMILIES.
I KNOW THIS IS NOT EASY TO SEE THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THOSE ARE EMERGENCY
CIRCUMSTANCES.

WHEN HE SEES WHAT SOME OF THESE FAMILIES HAVE GONE THROUGH, THE LONG-
TERM LASTING EFFECTS WITH NO IDEA ABOUT, NOT JUST FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS,
BUT FOR THOSE HELPING THE ASYLUM-SEEKERS, FOR THE STUFF THAT HAS BEEN
WORKING ON THIS, FOR THE POLICE, THE FIREFIGHTERS, EVERYONE WHO WORKED
ON THOSE COMMAND CENTERS, THAT IS REAL TRAUMA WHEN YOU START TO SEE
WHAT PEOPLE HAVE TO LIVE THROUGH AND THIS IS ONLY THE UPSIDE OF WHAT
THEY'VE BEEN DEALING WITH.

WE HEARD THE GENTLEMAN WHO WROTE HIS LETTER AND THE WALKING.

JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE NEXT DAY IS GOING TO BRING FOR YOU.

IT IS A SCARY REALITY, AND THAT TO ME IS AN EMERGENCY, AND TO KNOW THAT OUR STAFF WAS TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE AS BEST THEY CAN, BUT ALSO PUTTING TOGETHER A PLAN AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DEAL WITH A MOVING TARGET BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE A SPECIFIC, HEY, YOU ARE GETTING THIS MONEY OR THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN, OR THIS IS GOING TO BE THE LAST DAY.

THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT INTANGIBLES THAT WE ARE NOT ALWAYS PERVY TO SO I UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT THE EASIEST SITUATION FOR US TO MANAGE. IT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE COMFORTABLE WITH.

ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE DIFFICULT, BUT THEY ARE NOT EASY CHOICES, BUT THAT IS WHAT WE SIGNED UP TO.

HOW DO WE HELP OUR (WORD?) TO - - PUTTING IN THE EFFORT, PUTTING THE TIME, MAKING THEMSELVES AVAILABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY STEPPING UP AND STAFF.

IT DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED.

CONSISTENTLY I GET CALLS FROM PEOPLE OUT OF STATE WHO ARE HAVE TOLD ME THEY KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN OAK PARK.

IT IS A LAW ON OUR SHOULDERS, BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT WE DID.

I THINK YOU ALL FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: JUST TO CLARIFY, IT IS NOT A CONDITION TO GET REIMBURSED IF I'M HEARING YOU CORRECTLY, KEIRA?

IT IS SOMETHING THAT WENT ON THE STATE FORM, IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION, PLEASE PROVIDE IT.

IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY, WHAT YOU WERE SAYING WAS TWO THINGS. ONE IS THAT IT'S NOT A STATED CRITERIA FROM THE COUNTY AND TWO, THE STATES EMERGENCY DECLARATION WOULD BE ABLE TO BE SUBMITTED IN LIEU OF THE OAK PARK ONE?

IS THAT RIGHT?

>>SPEAKER: THE COUNTY HAS REQUESTED COPIES OF OUR EMERGENCY DECLARATION ALL ALONG THE WAY.

WE ARE COVERED UNDER THE STATE'S CURRENT EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND THE COUNTY WOULD STILL GRANT US THE FUNDING IF OUR DECLARATION WAS EXPIRED, PROVIDED THAT THE STATES DECLARATION WAS IN PLACE.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY.

THE OTHER PIECE OF IT IS, WHAT WE KNOW IS A SUCCESSFUL SUBMITTAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT IS THE INVOICES, RECEIPTS, AND OUR EMERGENCY DECLARATION.

SO WE KNOW THAT THAT SORT OF SUITE OF DOCUMENTS IS ALLOWING US TO BE REIMBURSED, AT LEAST FOR THIS FIRST TIME AROUND?

>> THE STATE HAS A GRANT APPLICATION AND THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT OUR PROGRAMMING LOOKS LIKE, BUT THEY WOULD LIKE A DECLARATION COPY, THEY WOULD LIKE INVOICES AND RECEIPTS, AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO OUR DECLARED EMERGENCY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY.

PAUL, TO CLARIFY, WHAT YOU WERE SAYING TO ME IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE LAST ITEM, IT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR CONTRACTS THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE EXPIRATION OF THIS ORDER, RIGHT?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THAT IS RIGHT.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I'M WILLING TO APPROVE IT GIVEN THIS IS HOW WE ARE GETTING REIMBURSED THE FIRST TIME AROUND.

HOWEVER, THIS ABSOLUTELY HAS TO BE AN OFF BOARDING EFFORT AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS CLEAR AND THE LAST TIME THAT WE TALKED ABOUT IT AND HERE WE ARE AT ANOTHER EXTENSION.

SHOULD WE FIND OURSELVES IN THIS SITUATION OF DISCUSSING ANOTHER EXTENSION BEYOND FEBRUARY 29, THE REIMBURSEMENT PIECES GOING TO MATTER FAR LESS TO ME THAN THE ALLOCATION - THE REALLOCATION, THE DIVERSION OF STAFF, ADDITIONAL DELAYS FOR OTHER WORK WE ARE WAITING FOR, AND THE OVERALL IMPACT TO OUR SERVICES.

I VOTED "NO" FOR THE LAST EXTENSION GIVEN THIS REIMBURSEMENT PIECE, I THINK IS ACTUALLY IMPORTANT.

I'M WILLING TO VOTE "YES" THIS TIME, BUT IT WILL NOT BE A ROLLING YES FOR ME SHOULD WE EVERY 30, 20, 60 DAYS EXTENDED.

THIS IS - TO ME, THIS IS NOT SOMETHING WE ARE DOING FOR 2024. NOT WITH MY SUPPORT ANYWAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

LOOKING TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY LAST WORDS, OTHERWISE CLEAR QUARTERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL. >> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> NO.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CALLED TO THE BOARD.

CLEAR QUARTERS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START US OFF THIS EVENING?

>>CLERK: SURE.

I WILL START BY SAYING HAPPY NEW YEAR SINCE THIS IS OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR IN 2024, ALSO WANT TO REMIND RESIDENTS, YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE WITH THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO EMAIL ME AT CLERK@OAK-PARK.US OR CALL ME DIRECTLY AT 708-358-5670 AND JUST BEAR IN MIND THAT EARLY VOTING WILL BEGIN AT VILLAGE HALL MONDAY, MARCH 4.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.
PASS?

>> NOTHING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL AND THANK YOU FOR THE
INFORMATION CLERK WATERS.

ALSO, WE DID LOSE ANOTHER TRUSTEE, TRUSTEE TOWNSHIP - IT WAS A
TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR AND HE ALSO WAS A D97 BOARD MEMBER AND THAT IS A
DAVID (NAME?).

MY CONDOLENCES TO HIM AND TO HIS FAMILY - TO HIS FAMILY AND LOVED
ONES.

I THINK I AM A LITTLE TIRED AS WELL.

I WAS VERY SAD TO HEAR THAT.

REALLY, REALLY, REALLY WONDERFUL PERSON WHO WAS PART OF A LOT OF
AMAZING CONVERSATIONS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO WHO WE ARE TODAY AND SO I
WILL PASS FROM THERE.

>> PASS.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND
THEY ALSO WANT TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS AROUND GAIL (NAME?).

I GOT TO KNOW HIM THROUGH MY CAMPAIGN.

HE ENDORSED MY CANDIDACY AND HE WAS THERE ON STREET CORNERS GIVING OUT
PAMPHLETS ON OUR BEHALF AND I HAVE SPENT MANY DAYS GETTING TO KNOW HIM
AND HE IS ONE OF THE RARE FOLKS WHO HAS DONE IT THREE DIFFERENT ROLES
IN THE COMMUNITY ALL IN SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY.

ONE OF THE GREAT PERSONS TO BE WITH US AS WELL.

I JUST GOT TO KNOW ABOUT HIS PASSING TODAY.

A REALLY SAD THING IN MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR THEIR HARD WORK IS ALL WAYS AND A MOTION TO
ADJOURN.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HAVE A GOOD NIGHT EVERYBODY.