



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

6:00 PM

Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Village President Vicki Scaman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Trustee Enyia joined the meeting via remote participation per Village policy.

Trustee Wesley joined the meeting at 6:29 P.M.

Present: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

Absent: 0

III. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Straw, to approve the Agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

IV. Minutes

- A. [MOT 24-177](#) A Motion to Approve Minutes from the May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting and May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Village Board

It was moved by Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Trustee Robinson, to approve the Minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

V. Proclamation

- B. [MOT 24-178](#) A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Recognizing June 2024 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus (LGBTQ+) Month

President Scaman read the Proclamation into the record. Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association Plus (OPALGA+) representatives Bob Personett and Jane Furlong made remarks. President Scaman noted she is the third female mayor in Oak Park and Oak Park had the first openly gay Village President elected official for the state of Illinois, Joanne Trapani. She encouraged the community to look at OPALGA+ events on their website.

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

C. [MOT 24-179](#) **A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Recognizing the OPRF High School Boys Track & Field Team as 2024 State Champions**

Trustee Robinson read the Proclamation into the Record. Village Clerk Christina Waters presented the Proclamation. OPRF High School Boys Track & Field Coach Ted Hasso made remarks.

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

VI. Village Manager Reports

D. [ID 24-315](#) **Review of the Updated Village Board Meeting Calendar for June, July and August 2024**

Village Manager Kevin Jackson presented the updated Board calendars for June, July, and August. The June 25 meeting is pending.

E. [ID 24-278](#) **A Presentation and Discussion of a Brand Refresh Project for the Village of Oak Park**

Chief Communications Officer Dan Yopchick introduced the Item. Famous Victory Branding & Design Partners and Creative Directors Ryan Carpenter and Kiley Ruggiero presented the Item.

Trustee Parakkat said it is exciting to see the Board goal of a brand story and modernization reflected here.

Trustee Straw said the tagline "Generations in the making" is fantastic because Oak Park prides itself on where we are from how we got here.

Trustee Wesley said he had high expectations and this exceeded all of them.

President Scaman said it was a joy to work with them.

Manager Jackson thanked the Board, CCO Yopchick and the Communications staff, and Partners Carpenter and Ruggiero and their team.

VII. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Renga: Resident expressed concerns about the current flock camera contract and encouraged the Village Board to cancel it.

Nicole: Representing Oak Park Ceasefire Now. Has 1,054 signatures on a petition and urged the Board to put a ceasefire resolution on the agenda

and cancel the flock contact.

Jenna: Acknowledged queer-led protests against police. Urged the Village Board to pass a ceasefire resolution and cancel the flock contract.

Yoko Terretta, Juanta Griffin, Maya Puentes, Scott Sakiyama, Kelly Bencola, Helen Quinn-Pasin, Brynne Hovde, Rebecca Levin, Jacquelyn Rodriguez: Members of the Community Relations Commission. Urged the Village Board to adopt the ceasefire resolution at www.change.org/oakparkceasefireresolution.

Rabbi Daniel Kirzane, Oak Park Temple: Prayed for restoration and wholeness and thanked the Village Board for not taking up this discussion. International affairs are beyond their purview.

Phyllis: Former longtime resident and member of Jewish communities. The ceasefire group does not speak about dismantling Hamas. Challenged the Village Board and ceasefire group to show support for both sides.

Diane: Longtime resident and member of Jewish community. It is unwise and inappropriate for the Village Board to weigh in on foreign policy matters which runs the risk of adversely affecting our community.

Elyse: There is nothing in the Board goals about entertaining global issues that divide neighbors. Bring this out of political performance and into something to create dialogue and understanding.

Brian: Longtime resident does not feel the Village Board should consider this divisive resolution. Encouraged people to read the Hamas charter. This is not the right place for it.

John: Longtime resident. This is the most complicated geopolitical conundrum in modern human history. He did not vote for Trustees for their ability to engage in that.

President Scaman said she appreciates everyone who has come out to share how deeply they feel about this issue.

VIII. Village Board Committees

There were no comments.

IX. Citizen Commission Vacancies

F. [ID 24-316](#) Board & Commission Vacancy Report for June 4, 2024

There were no comments.

XI. Consent Agenda

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Enyia, seconded by Trustee Straw, to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- H. [RES 24-207](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funds with a Requested Funding Amount of \$2,000,000
This Resolution was adopted.
- I. [RES 24-219](#) Resolutions Approving Amendments to Housing Forward's Funding Grant Agreements for Affordable Housing Projects Funded by the Housing Trust Fund and Authorizing Execution of the Amendments:
1. A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Funding Grant with Housing Forward for Its Flexible Rental Assistance Program to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Amount from \$251,341 to \$340,913
 2. A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Funding Grant Agreement with Housing Forward for Its Crisis Housing and Rental Support Program to Decrease the Not-to-Exceed Amount from \$658,082 to \$568,510
- This Resolution was adopted.
- J. [RES 24-220](#) A Resolution Approving a 5-Year Programmatic Agreement Between the Village of Oak Park and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer for the Administration of Certain Programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Illinois Housing Development Authority by the Village and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- K. [RES 24-222](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two 2024 Ford F250 Pickup Trucks with Plows from Currie Motors of Frankfort, Illinois, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$128,208.00 and Waiving the Village's Bid Process for the

Purchase

This Resolution was adopted.

- L. [RES 24-225](#) A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Oak Park Residence Corporation Funding Grant Agreement for an Affordable Housing Project Funded by the Housing Trust Fund to Extend the Term of the Agreement from March 20, 2024 to March 31, 2025 and Authorizing its Execution
- This Resolution was adopted.

- M. [ORD 24-125](#) An Ordinance Granting an Extension of Time for the Special Use Permit Issued to Operate a Day Care Center at 845-847 Madison Street Granted Pursuant to Ordinance 23-28 to November 15, 2024
- This Ordinance was adopted.

XII. Regular Agenda

- G. [MOT 24-172](#) A Motion to Concur with the Community Development Citizen Advisory Commission (CDCAC) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Recommendations for Program Year (PY) 2024
- President Scaman moved this Item from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.
- Trustee Wesley recused himself from this Item because he serves as a board member on the Oak Leyden Developmental Services organization.

President Scaman called for a recess from 7:21 P.M. to 7:37 P.M.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Motion be approved. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Straw

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RECUSED: 1 - Village Trustee Wesley

- N. [ORD 24-127](#) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19 ("Police Department") of the Oak Park Village Code to Add a New Article 6 ("Law Enforcement Surveillance Oversight") to Promote Transparency and to Protect Civil Rights and Civil Liberties with Respect to Law Enforcement Surveillance Technology as Discussed by the Village Board at the September 11, 2023 Special Board Meeting

Village Attorney Paul Stephanides presented the Item. Civic Information Systems Commission (CISC) Chair David Baker provided additional

information.

Trustee Parakkat asked if the license plate readers in the Parking department fall under this purview. Attorney Stephanides said that is one of the exceptions. It is a current usage of technology.

Trustee Robinson requested clarification about the requirement for the surveillance impact report. Attorney Stephanides said the surveillance technology is implemented that would have crime stats to support or not support in that immediate area. She noted the deletion of exigent circumstances the removal of the 30-day option in the Dayton ordinance. Attorney Stephanides said that deletion was at the request of the Village Board at the September 11, 2023 meeting. Oak Park Police Department (OPPD) Chief Shatonya confirmed she is okay with the deletion.

Trustee Wesley asked if this governance only applies to OPPD and not the Village as a whole, which Attorney Stephanides confirmed. Trustee Wesley said the loop hole is that Forestry could buy surveillance and then transfer it to OPPD. Attorney Stephanides said usage by OPPD of surveillance technology would need to come before the Board. Trustee Wesley noted the distinction between usage and acquisition. Attorney Stephanides confirmed there is no loop hole. Trustee Straw noted it includes acquiring or borrowing the surveillance technology.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

O. [RES 24-226](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Services Agreement with Flock Group Inc. for License Plate Recognition Cameras and Software Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000 for a Two-Year Term and Authorizing its Execution

Alicia Chastain: Read a letter in the *Wednesday Journal*. Urged cancelling the flock cameras and reallocating those resources to a non-police mental health response team.

Mika Yamamoto: Read a letter by members of the Asian American community in Oak Park. Demanded immediate cancellation of the flock contract which has perfected racism.

Yoko Terretta: Urged the Village Board to vote against extending the flock contract and explore more equitable public safety solutions.

John Duffy: Inquired why Citizen Police Oversight Committee's (CPOC) analysis and recommendation to cancel flock is not in the record tonight. Urged Village leadership to be transparent.

Donovan Pepper: Resident and former CPOC chair. He disagrees with scrapping the system. The cameras do not identify race, gender, age, or nationality.

Demitrous Cook: 45-year law enforcement professional and retired Police Chief from Evanston and Glenwood. The flock system has been a benefit to south suburban communities.

Simone Boutet: The people who have spoken to get rid of flock are not black. Urged the Village Board to focus on keeping the community safe and continuing the system and supporting OPPD.

Anthony Coleman: Long-time resident and retired OPPD officer. Wished he had this tool. Flock does not know what race you are. Vote for the flock cameras.

Aisha Coleman: Long-time resident. This technology will help this community stay safe. Urged the Village Board to support this program and expressed her support for Chief Johnson.

Chief Johnson thanked everyone for their comments and presented the Item. Flock Safety Law Enforcement Territory Sales Manager Dan Murdock provided additional information.

Trustee Straw inquired who wrote the Village's DEI statement for this Item. Manager Jackson said there are standard questions for every department and we expect all department heads to be competent in answering the questions related to DEI. Chief DEI Officer Dr. Danielle Walker and the Village Manager's Office reviews them. He confirmed Dr. Walker submitted the DEI impact assessment for this Item.

Trustee Straw asked Dr. Walker if this DEI impact assessment matches the DEI impact statement Chief Johnson provided. He said his understanding is that we may not have this on this Item and that is a serious concern for him. President Scaman said she would like to focus on the Item and not make implications. She requested any questions to be directed to Manager Jackson who is responsible for the Agenda. Trustee Straw asked Dr. Walker for her DEI impact assessment of the flock renewal and how it

might differ from the DEI impact assessment before us.

Dr. Walker said the DEI impact analysis is to provide insight on an impact being positive, negative, or neutral onto marginalized communities. Her assessment was around concern for the mental and emotional impact for those who are pulled over in error. Trustee Straw said it was his understanding that the purpose of a DEI statement is to make sure we are considering all aspects of a policy, including things that might militate against adoption of a policy. Manager Jackson said that is still true. Dr. Walker said it happens through each Item and is something that is important and she takes seriously. Trustee Straw requested a further conversation down the line, which Manager Jackson agreed to.

President Scaman said it is within a Village Manager's right to work with their director head on the final product and if the Board has any challenge with any part of that, it is with our Village Manager that we have that discussion. Putting a director head in the middle at a Board meeting is not the best approach. Trustee Straw said he is happy to have a conversation with her offline on that point.

Trustee Straw said he views the role of the commissions as advising the Board on policy issues. A majority memo and a dissent memo from CPOC were emailed to the Village Board. He said he would like to make sure in the future that memos from commissions are included in the Item along with staff's response.

Manager Jackson said commissions work with their staff liaisons and fellow commissioners and take a vote to represent a statement and recommendation to the Village Board. Those communications did not follow that process. There was no action taken by that committee nor coordination with the staff liaison to represent that committee. Individual committee members formed an opinion, did not take action in an official meeting, and emailed a message to the Trustees. Because it is not following the established process, the Village does not have the ability to facilitate the transmission of those documents to the Village Board and attach them to an official Item. Staff is always willing to work with commissions to facilitate that official action, help them transmit that information to Trustees, and attach it to an official Item when appropriate, as CPOC did this evening.

President Scaman said she requested that CPOC be on camera that night to work towards as much transparency as possible. She requested that the assenting and dissenting opinions be at the meeting. She encouraged commission chairs to work with their staff liaisons to help them present to the Village Board. She recommended giving the commissioners more time

and continued education and acknowledged she was asking a lot of them. Manager Jackson suggested adding this to the Board protocols. President Scaman agreed the consistency matters and her goal is to work together to be as transparent as possible.

Trustee Straw noted the statute requires that the Village shall not share ALPR information with an out-of-state law enforcement agency without first obtaining a written declaration affirming that ALPR information shall not be used in a manner that violates Subsection B. He said it looks like we share ALPR information with law enforcement organizations in 12 states and two different federal agencies. He referenced a FOIA request seeking declarations and OPPD's response was that there were no records found. He asked if OPPD has written declarations for each of the out-of-state law enforcement agencies. Chief Johnson said those recommendations are collected by Flock Safety, not OPPD. OPPD affirmed on January 8 that we would engage or support any communities that do that. Manager Murdock said Flock worked with the Illinois Chiefs Association to proactively comply. Anyone still accessing the information certified that they will comply with those laws.

Trustee Straw said it is not a question of whether OPPD is acting in a racially biased way or the flock camera is seeing the race of the driver. When stops are in error, it is because there are errors in the data. The problem is OPPD does not control the data in the Leeds database. He said his concern is relying on things outside of our control and he will be voting no because of concerns with flock and process.

Chief Johnson said OPPD does not engage in utilizing a hot list. OPPD uses the Leeds database and has systems in place to minimize those types of stops. OPPD takes the extra step to reach out to the agency responsible for inputting the data to correct errors in the system. OPPD also follows up to ensure that is completed. She said she has had zero complaints of our officers when dealing with registered owners. There are plenty of individuals that file complaints and do not live in Oak Park. OPPD officers comply with requests for supervisors to respond to the scene.

Trustee Parakkat said he will definitely be a yes vote. He said he is a big believer in technology's ability to impact lives and solve problems for us. Technology does not introduce bias when used in a community safety role. When human intervention happens, our inherent biases get into the process. If anything, the technology limits it. He expressed his admiration to Chief Johnson and OPPD's commitment on a lot of initiatives. He said he is confident we have the right processes and policies in place for that human intervention to be as bias-free as possible. We should continue our investment in this technology and monitor to do what is needed. He noted

that five separate African American families came up to him at *Day In Our Village* and their unanimous recommendation was to continue the flock cameras. Chief Johnson said if this contract continues, she is open to making any modifications necessary.

Trustee Robinson expressed concern about the extra step OPPD takes to contact the agency to make the correction, given that OPPD already has depressed numbers. Chief Johnson said if the data has been entered for more than 24 hours, OPPD will not engage with that vehicle until after a verification is made with an officer that the vehicle is still stolen. If it is not a fresh steal, OPPD will determine if it needs to be pulled over based on verifying with the department that entered that information.

Trustee Robinson noted this Board decided to narrow the scope of flock. If that limited scope is producing limited results, then we need to talk about usage if we want those results to be more of an asset to policing. She asked if there are other uses for flock that OPPD would like to see. Chief Johnson confirmed that one use is to get alerts for stolen license plates. We are most impacted by crime against property, which can cross over to violence. Flock helps us to locate those individuals. OPPD has made 14 arrests and recovered 6 guns. Trustee Robinson said if the contract continues, she would like this Board to reconsider the usage if that is what our policing expert is recommending.

Trustee Robinson asked what it would look like if we stopped using flock. Chief Johnson said the investigative unit impacted by staffing would have to go door-to-door to try and solicit video footage from Ring cameras which do not take images of license plates. OPPD would have to request to utilize other community's cameras, which is not an effective use of our staff time. Trustee Robinson noted time is of the essence in investigations. Chief Johnson confirmed that our surrounding communities all use some type of license plate reader. Trustee Robinson said Oak Park would then become a zone of no visibility where people would engage in criminal activity.

Trustee Robinson inquired if data sharing and data accessibility are the same. Manager Murdock said the Village owns the data and decides who has access to it. Chief Johnson said data sharing is when an agency without access to flock asks OPPD to provide information from our cameras on a particular vehicle. Manager Murdock said the Village has the ability to restrict departments from searching on the cameras. Trustee Robinson said she would like to have the Civic Information Systems Commission (CISC) take a closer look in collaboration with what OPPD thinks are appropriate limits. She said we heard from the experts and other police chiefs and she is happy to support staff's recommendation with

those two caveats.

Trustee Buchanan asked if the only stops made were for vehicles stolen within the past 24 hours. Chief Johnson said she did not say that. OPPD can set up a directive where if a vehicle is reported stolen, they will not stop that vehicle if it's beyond a 24-hour period without making a third verification. Trustee Buchanan said she supports OPPD and Chief Johnson. She said she has done a lot of research and credits the speakers on both sides of this issue. She said she heard from African American folks who were not favorable to these cameras. We are talking about the experience of the people that are stopped based on a 400-year history of abhorrent behavior by public safety towards people of color. She suggested a compromise of limiting these cameras for use as an investigative tool and limiting the stops to violent crime and Amber alerts or limiting it to no stops.

Chief Johnson explained two different types of stolen vehicle alerts. One is an unoccupied vehicle taken without the owner's consent. The other is an occupied vehicle that it is taken by force or threat of force. OPPD distinguishes that by searching through the Leeds database to establish probable cause for an arrest, which is required before making the stop.

Trustee Wesley said violent crime alerts are distinguished separately from stolen vehicle alerts, which Chief Johnson confirmed. He asked how long the 11 cars were in the Leeds system before OPPD stopped them. Chief Johnson said she will try to obtain that information. He asked if she would consider the stolen license plates a more reliable proxy for stolen car alerts, which she confirmed. He suggested a compromise of not allowing stolen car stops but allowing stolen license plate stops. Chief Johnson said she would appreciate the compromise but she would be very concerned about vehicles taken by use of force. She said she would prefer to have those alerts in addition to the stolen license plates.

Chief Johnson said the four CPOC members who did not recommend renewing flock indicated that OPPD assisted another agency for a revoked license, which is not the complete story. That vehicle was involved in a shooting and the driver had a revoked license. Some included arrests and some were due to the vehicle being wanted for violent offenses.

Trustee Wesley said he is categorically against sharing data outside of Illinois. Chief Johnson gave the example of the Highland Park mass murder where the individual traveled between Illinois and Wisconsin and his license plate was picked up on a license plate reader and they were able to apprehend him in a short period of time. Crimes do not always stay within a certain jurisdiction and it is easy to leave this state. He inquired

how many times accessing out-of-state cameras has assisted us. Chief Johnson said she would have to do more research on that.

Trustee Wesley asked if we could do a written request per incident for sharing data outside of Illinois so each one would have to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Chief Johnson said there is nothing prohibiting that but it hinders our ability to be more efficient. She said she prefers for the investigate team to have the ability to access flock to its full capacity. She has not seen any harm caused by OPPD accessing other individuals' cameras nor has she been notified of any harm that an agency has caused by utilizing our cameras. If that occurs, she would be the first to acknowledge it and restrict that agency. Her goal is to utilize this data to deter crime, in collaboration to resolve crime more efficiently, and to bring individuals to justice. Using that in combination keeps our village safe.

Trustee Wesley said he agreed. He grew up on the west side of Chicago and his experiences with police outside of the Village of Oak Park have not been good. He said he trusts Chief Johnson but not necessarily police forces outside of Oak Park so if they are asking to access our data and she has to approve that, he said he trusts her judgment. For him, this is about finding a solution to this problem that mitigates all of the harms that have been raised while continuing to give the effectiveness and access to the tool that OPPD thinks is valuable to keep us safe. He noted OPPD is down one-third of its force and that was not an effort to de-fund the police. We have taken plenty of steps to increase recruiting and retention at this Board table. Chief Johnson said she and OPPD appreciates that and is open to compromise.

Trustee Wesley said his vote would be for stolen license plates and violent stolen vehicles and Amber alerts, restricting data sharing to Illinois with the exception of written requests at the Chief's discretion. He said he would support a consultant or task force to continue this conversation.

Trustee Robinson asked if Trustee Wesley would be supportive of her suggestion to remand that to the CISC and Chief Johnson to discuss and then come back to the Board with recommendations. He said he likes his idea better and it is unlikely the commission would change his mind. He said he thinks the Village Board should receive a copy of everything CPOC receives and anything privileged should be received in executive session.

President Scaman noted the next Item is regarding a partner agency that is expressing a sense of urgency to receive an answer tonight and there are six public commenters.

Trustee Straw said he is willing to continue the discussion. Trustee

Buchanan estimated the next Item would not start until 11:00 P.M. and she will not be able to give her best. Trustee Wesley agreed. Trustee Straw said he said he doesn't want to keep going but he doesn't want the program to die without discussion. President Scaman agreed.

Manager Jackson said the item could be brought back on June 18. Oak Park Regional Housing Center (OPRHC) Executive Director Athena Williams confirmed they can make that work and requested to be at the top of the agenda.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Parakkat, to extend the meeting past 10:00 P.M. to vote for the current agenda item only. A roll call vote was taken. The motion failed. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 3 - Trustees Robinson, Parakkat, Buchanan

NAYS: 4 - Trustees Wesley, Straw, Enya, President Scaman

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, to extend the meeting past 10:00 P.M. for the entire agenda. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 4 - Trustees Straw, Wesley, Enya, President Scaman

NAYS: 3 - Trustees Buchanan, Parakkat, Robinson

Trustee Enya expressed appreciation for Chief Johnson, OPPD, CISC, and CPOC. He said he supports our police and wants to give them the tools they need to keep our community safe. He shared a personal experience of being pulled over in Oak Park. There are adverse effects and people don't always report their bad experiences. It's difficult to say OPPD needs this technology when we do not have the ability to take officers out of their zones because we are so short-staffed. There are harms caused to our residents because of ALPR cameras and he said he still has problems with the privacy of flock.

Trustee Enya asked if the data disclosure for footage applies to us. Manager Murdock said flock does not share the data outside of what is agreed between flock and the Village unless they are legally compelled to do. Trustee Enya said it is hard for him to agree with moving forward with these cameras knowing the harm they can have and not having a firm policy. We need a bigger police force to address crime. Chief Johnson noted the Democratic National Convention will be here in a couple months and these cameras would help us be a force multiplier and their presence is a deterrent.

CPOC Chair Kevin Barnhart said the data is not ours to control. The outcomes are problematic. CPOC requested for metrics for what success looks like for the entire system. Flock refused to let an independent body study their cameras so where is the objective evidence to show they work at all in reducing crime.

Chief Johnson said it was never indicated that it would reduce crime. It is used as a tool to help us keep our community safe. It helps our investigative team be more efficient. It address Board Goal Priority 1. It helps us to deter crime based on current staffing levels. Officers are leaving our department because we lack the technology and resources to help them do their jobs efficiently. Removing this basic objective tool will set OPPD back. We can redline whatever necessary to strengthen this contract to fit the way our community wants to be policed. Let's work together to strengthen this policy. This is something OPPD needs.

President Scaman said the Law Review Committee years ago worked together with the Township, parents, and OPPD to identify the problems and help keep youth out of our criminal justice system. She described how they reduced the penalty for marijuana to a \$30 ticket as an example of what can happen when we work together and honor the expertise of everyone in the room. She said she was hoping for CPOC's opinion pieces to be public so we were all working off the same data. She said she trusts Chief Johnson and OPPD and our commissioners and she wants to continue to lean on their expertise to address the technology questions around how data is stored and tracked and mitigating erroneous pullovers.

Chief Johnson made the distinction that if agencies outside of Illinois cannot access our data, we also cannot access their data, which would create a delay in us retrieving assistance. Trustee Wesley said if Chief finds that is an obstacle to creating safety here, then she should bring it back to the Board, which Chief Johnson agreed.

Trustee Parakkat asked if the number of cameras can be expanded. Chief Johnson said we would pay the same for 8 or 10 cameras. It would be beneficial to have a camera on Lake Street between OPRF High School and Scoville Park and having coverage downtown.

President Scaman said she would be willing to discuss increased cameras after discussions on how the contract is utilized now. She said she would like to see members of CISC and CPOC on one committee and wants to work with Manager Jackson, Chief Johnson, and the chairs of CISC and CPOC to further discuss the possibilities.

President Scaman requested a friendly amendment to limit the usage of the cameras to violent stolen vehicles, restricting data to the state of Illinois, Amber alerts, silver alerts, and stolen license plates with eight cameras at this time. Trustee Straw motioned for the friendly amendment and Trustee Robinson seconded.

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Robinson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was

as follows:

AYES: 4 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 3 - Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, and Village Trustee Straw

ABSENT: 0

P. [ID 24-211](#) A Presentation Concerning the Corrective Action Response of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center

President Scaman asked the Village Board to reconsider tabling this Item.

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Robinson, that this Report be tabled. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 1 - Village Trustee Straw

ABSENT: 0

XIII. Call to Board and Clerk

Trustee Enyia congratulated the OPRF boys track team and Coach Hasso. He apologized to OPRHC and their board.

Trustee Wesley said his daughter was physically assaulted by a classmate. A culture of safety is required for learning and for our kids to feel safe where they go to receive an education. He hopes all of the voices expressing this concern can be heard and we can address this situation and create a culture of safety for our kids. His daughter gave her permission for him to make this statement.

Trustee Straw said it has been a hard spring and he has not been able to make it to any of his daughter's T-ball games because of Village Board commitments. It is a real sacrifice and has been a strain on him.

XIV. Adjourn

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Straw, to Adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M., Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

**Respectfully submitted,
Deputy Clerk Hansen**