



Meeting Minutes – President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, November 20, 2025, 6:00 pm, Village Hall, Council Chambers (Room 201)

I. Call to Order: Village President Scaman called the Meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

II. Roll Call Attendance: Clerk Waters took the roll call as follows:

Present: Village Trustees: Eder, Wesley, Straw, Taglia and; Village President Scaman.

Absent: Village Trustees: Enyia and Leving Jacobson

Also Present: Village Clerk Waters.

President Scaman declared that a quorum was present.

III. Agenda Approval

President Scaman called for a **Motion**.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Taglia, seconded by Trustee Wesley.

- There were no questions, comments or discussion from or by the Board.
 - President Scaman called for a voice vote; all voted in favor and none were opposed.
 - **Motion carried** unanimously on a Voice Vote.
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IV. Minutes None; no action was taken regarding this item.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment None; no action was taken regarding this item.

VI. Village Manager Reports None; no action was taken regarding this item.

VII. Village Board Committees None; no action was taken regarding this item.

VIII. Consent Agenda None; no action was taken regarding this item.

IX. Regular Agenda

- A. **MOT 25-262** A Motion to Select and Finalize the Preferred Concept for the Oak Park Municipal Campus and Direct Staff to Return to the Village Board with a Final Option to Advance to Schematic Design

Deputy Public Works Director, Erin Duffy introduced the Item and Johnson Laksy Kindelin (JLK) Architects Owner & President Meg Kindelin presented the Item. Dewberry Architects Principal Jonathan Tallman and Project Manager Natalie Clemens provided additional information.

Trustee Straw expressed strong support for the Multi-Site concept, citing cost savings and improved programmatic outcomes. He suggested exploring ways to keep Council Chambers within the existing footprint to reduce expenses and advocated for universal accessibility and inclusive design. Straw also requested clarity on the difference between basic maintenance costs and full renovation costs, emphasizing the need for transparency in financial planning.

Trustee Wesley expressed mixed feelings, acknowledging the benefits of the Multi-Site concept but raising concerns about high costs and the challenges of retrofitting Village Hall. He suggested adding floors to the new police building to accommodate office space, arguing this might be more cost-effective than extensive renovations. Wesley emphasized practicality and questioned whether the current estimates truly reflect meaningful savings.

Trustee Taglia supported the Multi-Site concept but strongly advocated for minimizing spending on Village Hall renovations. He opposed relocating Council Chambers, arguing that the current space is adequate and that accessibility needs can be addressed without major construction. Taglia voiced concerns about tax impacts and affordability, urging the board to focus on essentials and avoid unnecessary expenses. His comments reflected a strong commitment to cost containment and resident priorities.

Trustee Leving Jacobson favored the Multi-Site concept, highlighting its cost advantages and preservation of green space at Village Hall. She stressed accessibility and sustainability as priorities and noted the need for community education about deferred maintenance and the rationale behind investing in Village Hall improvements. Her comments reflected a balance between fiscal responsibility and inclusivity.

Trustee Eder supported the Multi-Site concept for its sustainability benefits and lower cost. He asked detailed questions about energy sources, confirming that both sites would be all-electric with solar integration. Eder also raised concerns about acquisition costs and staff capacity, while praising efforts to secure grants and external funding. He emphasized the importance of leading by example in sustainability and ensuring long-term efficiency.

President Scaman emphasized the importance of accessibility, security, and creating a modern, functional space for both staff and the public. Throughout the discussion, she stressed fiscal responsibility and the need to avoid "band-aid" fixes, advocating for long-term solutions that support staff productivity and public engagement. She strongly supported the Multi-Site concept, citing cost savings, better functionality, and stewardship of Village assets, while acknowledging the need for continued cost control and community education.

President Scaman called for a Motion.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Taglia. The motion was approved.

President Scaman then asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Village Trustees Eder, Wesley, Leving Jacobson, Enyia, Straw, Taglia, and Village President Scaman.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carried by a count of 7 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

- B. **RES 25-310** A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Two Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grant Applications with Requested Funding Amounts of \$1,000,000 and \$400,000 for the Oak Park Municipal Campus Project and Approval of Any Subsequent Agreements and Authorizing Their Execution

Public Works Director, Rob Sproule explained that the Village has received two grants, each with specific uses outlined in the state budget. The \$400,000 grant is recommended for the procurement of the police station property at 11 Madison, while the \$1 million grant must be spent on the Village Hall facility. For Village Hall, the proposed project is the replacement of the curtain windows in the courtyard, which has been identified as a priority to improve energy efficiency and the overall experience within the building. Rob emphasized that this work can move forward independently of other projects.

Trustee Straw asked whether replacing the windows now would require redoing work later if Village Hall undergoes redesigns. Rob confirmed that the window replacement is a legacy project designed to fit into any future plans, and the architectural firm ensured its long-term compatibility.

President Scaman called for a Motion.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley. The motion was approved.

President Scaman then asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Village Trustees Eder, Wesley, Leving Jacobson, Enyia, Straw, Taglia, and Village President Scaman.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carried by a count of 7 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

X. Call to Board and Clerk

Trustee Straw: Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, including the public.

Trustee Wesley: Echoed the Thanksgiving wishes. Thanked Senator Hartman for his support.

Trustee Taglia: Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Announced the upcoming memorial ceremony for Detective Reddins. Encouraged everyone to attend, noting it will be a meaningful event.

Trustee Leving Jacobson: Expressed gratitude for everyone who contributes to making Oak Park a strong community. Thanked colleagues and Village staff. Wished everyone an enjoyable holiday week.

XI. Adjourn.

There being no further business before the Village Board, a **Motion** was made by Trustee Wesley, Seconded by Trustee Straw, to **Adjourn** this meeting at 8:41 p.m.

President Scaman called for a voice vote; all voted in favor and none were opposed.

Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Clerk Qiana Carswell & Village Clerk Christina Waters

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