



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes – President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 7:00 pm, Village Hall, Council Chambers (Room 201)

- I. **Call to Order:** Village President Scaman called the Meeting to order at 7: 04 P.M.
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- II. **Roll Call Attendance:** Clerk Waters took the roll call as follows:

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

Absent: Trustees Enyia and Wesley.

Also Present: Village Clerk Waters.

President Scaman declared that a quorum was present.

- III. **Agenda Approval.**

President Scaman called for a Motion to approve the Agenda, with the removal of item XII M from the "Consent Agenda," and **moving item M under the "Regular Agenda."**

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

- 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**

- A. **MOT 25-271** A Motion to Approve Minutes from July 22, July 29 and August 5, 2025, Regular Meetings of the Village Board

President Scaman called for a Motion regarding the Minutes from July 22, July 29 and August 5, 2025, Regular Meetings of the Village Board.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Leving Jacobson, seconded by Trustee Eder, to **Approve** the Minutes as presented.

- There were no questions, comments or discussion from or by the Board.
 - President Scaman called for a voice vote; all voted in favor and none were opposed.
 - **Motion carried** unanimously on a Voice Vote.
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V. **Non-Agenda Public Comment.**

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

Nick B. addressed the Board regarding concerns about an alleged ethics matter involving another taxing body. He urged the Board to review its ethics policies, disclose any potential conflicts of interest, and pause business dealings with certain organizations until further review.

Asra S. addressed the Board regarding Trustee Wesley's use of social media, alleging violations of Village Board public comment protocols and expressing concerns about transparency, accountability, and conduct toward constituents

There were no other non-agenda public comments.

VI. **Proclamation**

- B. **MOT 25-267** A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Declaring the Month of November as National Native American Heritage Month 2025.

President Scaman called for a Motion to Approve a Proclamation Declaring the Month of November as National Native American Heritage Month 2025.

A **Motion to Approve** said Proclamation was made by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Leving Jacobson.

- President Scaman asked Kellye Keyes, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer for the Village of Oak Park, to read aloud the Proclamation, which she did.
- 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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- C. **MOT 25-273** A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Declaring November 17-21, 2025 as International Education Week.

President Scaman called for a Motion to Approve a Proclamation Declaring November 17-21, 2025 as International Education Week.

A **Motion to Approve** said Proclamation was made by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Eder.

- President Scaman asked Trustee Eder to read aloud the Proclamation, which he did.
 - Members of the community, including a host family and an international exchange student, briefly addressed the Board.
 - 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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VII. **Village Manager Reports**

- D. **ID 25-638** Review of the Tentative Board Meeting Calendars for November and December 2025.

Village Manager Jackson presented updated tentative Board Meeting Calendars for November and December 2025, noting changes to the scheduling of the Truth in Taxation hearing and the budget process

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

IX. **Citizen Commission Vacancies**

- E. **ID 25-704** Board and Commission Vacancy Report for November 11, 2025.

This report lists the expected number of members, current number of members seated and number of active vacancies for the Village's 18 citizen boards and commissions. There are currently 17 vacancies.

President Scaman stated that anyone interested in serving on a board or commission should contact Clerk Waters at clerkwaters@oak-park.us.

No other discussion transpired and no action took place regarding this Agenda item.

X. **Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments.** None; no action was taken regarding this Agenda item.

XI. **First Reading**

- F. **ORD 25-197** First Reading and Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 ("Water"), Article 2 ("Charges and Collections"), of the Oak Park Village Code Regarding the Rates for Water and Sewer Services.

President Scaman called for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Wesley and seconded by Trustee Straw to approve the Ordinance.

Public Works Director, Rob Sproule, presented an overview of proposed rate adjustments for 2026, including changes to volumetric rates and fixed fees, and responded to questions from the Board.

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

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Eder, Leving Jacobson, Straw, Taglia, Wesley, and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** None.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** Trustee Enyia.

Motion Carried by a count of 6 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

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- G. **ORD 25-202** First Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 ("Public Health"), Article 7 ("Garbage, Weeds and Littering") of the Oak Park Village Code Regarding Rates for Garbage, Refuse, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection Services.

President Scaman called for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Wesley and seconded by Trustee Straw to approve the Ordinance.

Public Works Director, Rob Sproule, presented an overview of proposed rate adjustments for Garbage, Refuse, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection Services for 2026, and responded to questions from the Board.

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

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Eder, Leving Jacobson, Straw, Taglia, Wesley, and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** None.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** Trustee Enyia.

Motion Carried by a count of 6 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

XII. **Consent Agenda.** The following items comprise the "Consent Agenda:"

- H. **RES 25-272** A Resolution Approving a Task Order with TranSystems Corporation d/b/a GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for the Phase Two Design of the Ridgeland Avenue Resurfacing Project, in an Amount not to Exceed \$307,369 and Authorizing its Execution.
- I. **RES 25-279** A Resolution approving an amendment to the professional services agreement between the Village of Oak Park and Elevate Energy for the program design for an energy one stop shop to change the not to exceed amount from \$125,565 to \$300,000 and authorizing its execution.

- J. **RES 25-281** A Resolution Approving the Engagement of a Law Firm to Serve as the Municipal Traffic Prosecutor on Behalf of the Village of Oak Park.
- K. **RES 25-282** A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Parkway Construction Permit Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Park District of Oak Park and Authorizing its Execution.
- L. **RES 25-284** A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Brown & Brown Insurance Services, Inc. for Employee Benefits and Insurance Services for a Three-Year Period in an Amount Not to Exceed \$37,800 in the First Year, \$41,600 in the Second Year, and \$43,600 in the Third Year and Authorizing its Execution.
- M. **RES 25-301** ~~A Resolution Approving a Contract with A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. for Project 25-20, Oak Park Avenue Streetscape Improvements in an Amount Not to Exceed Amount \$18,464,984 and Authorizing its Execution.~~ **Moved to Regular Agenda during Agenda Approval*
- N. **RES 25-303** A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Federal Surface Transportation Program Grant Applications for the East Avenue and Lombard Avenue Resurfacing Projects.
- O. **RES 25-308** A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Two Annual Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grants with an Anticipated Total Funding Amount of \$117,067.93 and Approval of Subsequent Agreements and Authorizing their Execution
- P. **MOT 25-256** A Motion to Concur with the Transportation Commission's Recommendations for Traffic Calming at Clinton Avenue and Lexington Street and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Ordinance to Upgrade the Intersection to an All-Way Stop.
- Q. **MOT 25-257** A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$13,155,769.43 from September 28, 2025, through November 1, 2025
- R. **MOT 25-269** A Motion to Approve the September 2025 Monthly Treasurer's Report.
- S. **ORD 25-203** An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget.

- President Scaman asked whether there were any questions or comments from the Board; there were none, and no discussion ensued regarding the Consent Agenda or its items listed therein.
- 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, Straw, Taglia, and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** None.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** Trustee Enyia.

Motion Carried by a count of 6 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

Agenda items H through S, excluding Agenda Item M, were therefore adopted.

V. Regular Agenda

- M. **RES 25-301** A Resolution Approving a Contract with A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. for Project 25-20, Oak Park Avenue Streetscape Improvements in an Amount Not to Exceed Amount \$18,464,984 and Authorizing its Execution.

President Scaman called for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Eder and seconded by Trustee Straw to approve the Resolution.

Village Engineer Bill McKenna provided an overview of the Oak Park Avenue Streetscape Improvements project, noting that the project has been in development for more than three years. He explained that an earlier bid received in 2024 came in significantly overestimates, prompting the Board to direct staff to refine the project scope to reduce costs while maintaining functionality and quality.

Village Engineer McKenna reported that staff revised the design by eliminating bluestone sidewalks and substituting concrete pavers with a similar appearance, reducing both construction and long-term maintenance costs. The revised project was rebid in fall 2025 and received three competitive bids, with A Lamp Concrete

Contractors submitting the lowest responsible bid at approximately \$18.46 million, notably lower than prior estimates.

He outlined the project scope, which includes water, sewer, lighting, traffic signal, and pavement improvements along Oak Park Avenue and portions of North and South Boulevards. Village Engineer McKenna noted that the contractor has successfully completed other major Village projects and plans to use multiple underground crews to shorten construction duration and minimize disruption.

Village Engineer McKenna acknowledged the inherent risks associated with underground work but expressed confidence in delivering the project close to the previously presented budget, citing contingency planning and the Village's strong track record of completing large infrastructure projects under budget.

Village Engineer McKenna responded to questions from the Board.

- 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, Straw, Taglia, and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** None.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** Trustee Enyia.

Motion Carried by a count of 6 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

- T. **ORD 25-154.** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 ("Housing"), Article 2 ("Residential Rental License") And Article 6 ("Residential Tenant And Landlord Ordinance"), Section 4 ("Rental Agreements") And Section 11 ("Security Deposits") And Amending Chapter 13 ("Human Rights"), Article 5 ("Unlawful Management Practices"), Section 1 ("Unlawful Management Practices; Regulations") as reviewed by the Village Board at its June 17, 2025 study session

President Scaman called for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Straw and seconded by Trustee Wesley to approve the Ordinance.

Neighborhood Services Director/Assistant Village Manager, Jonathan Burch, provided an overview of the Ordinance and responded to questions from the Board.

During Board discussion of ORD 25–154, trustees expressed general support for the ordinance, noting it reflected prior study session review and recommendations from the HOPE Fair Housing Study. Board members discussed implementation and enforcement provisions, including training requirements, local management accountability, and documentation standards. A friendly amendment adjusting the receipt retention threshold was approved. Trustees indicated the ordinance advanced the Village’s fair housing objectives and clarified existing regulatory authority.

- Public comments were received from Cynthia H., Nick L., and Michael C.
- **A friendly amendment** was approved to revise the receipt retention threshold for expenditures to \$250.
- President Scaman then asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Eder, Leving Jacobson, Straw, Taglia, Wesley. and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** None.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** Trustee Enyia.

Motion Carried by a count of 6 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

- U. **ORD 25–207.** An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Acquisition through Condemnation of the Property Commonly Known as and located at 3–31 Madison Street and 509 S. Humphrey Avenue, also known as 11 Madison Street.

President Scaman called for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Straw and seconded by Trustee Wesley to approve the Ordinance.

Economic Vitality Director/Assistant Village Manager, Jonathan Melaniphy, provided an overview of the Ordinance and responded to questions from the Board.

During discussion of ORD 25–207, Board members expressed support for authorizing the acquisition of the property at 11 Madison Street, citing the opportunity for adaptive reuse and long-term cost savings compared to new construction. Trustees discussed the fiscal prudence of the approach, the strategic location of the property, and its potential role in advancing municipal campus planning, including a future police facility. Board members

acknowledged risks associated with reuse of an existing structure but indicated those risks were manageable and outweighed by the benefits.

Overall, trustees viewed the ordinance as a necessary step to maintain project momentum and preserve future planning flexibility.

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

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Eder, Leving Jacobson, Straw, Taglia, Wesley, and Village President Scaman.
- **Nays:** None.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** Trustee Enyia.

Motion Carried by a count of 6 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

- V. **MOT 25-274.** A Motion to Receive the Citizen Police Oversight Committee's Semi-Annual Report.

Human Resources Director/Assistant Village Manager, and Staff Liaison of the Citizen Police Oversight Committee, Kira Tchang, provided an overview of the Ordinance and responded to questions from the Board.

Citizen Police Oversight Committee Chair, Kevin Barnhart, noted that the semi-annual report was the first presented to the Board since May and that the Committee is currently in a transitional phase. He explained that CPOC is moving toward a modernized data-driven approach to police oversight, consistent with the recommendations of the PIVOT report. Chair Barnhart indicated that as this transition continues, the format and substance of future reports are expected to change.

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Overall, trustees viewed the ordinance as a necessary step to maintain project momentum and preserve future planning flexibility.

President Scaman called for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Wesley and seconded by Trustee Leving Jacobson to approve the Motion.

- 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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- X. **MOT 25-276**. A Motion by Trustee Enyia and Seconded by Trustee Leving Jacobson to direct CPOC to review the Halloween Incident and report to the Board.

President Scaman called for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Leving Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Wesley to approve the Ordinance.

Trustee Leving Jacobson stated that directing the Citizens Police Oversight Committee to review the Halloween incident was necessary to ensure an independent, transparent examination of what occurred, noting the importance of accountability, clarity around the facts, and maintaining community trust in public safety processes.

During discussion, Board members, staff, and Village Manager Jackson addressed the scope and process for reviewing the Halloween incident. Police Chief Shatonya Johnson stated that the Police Department was conducting an internal after-action review of the incident, including the involvement of external agencies. Village Manager Jackson explained that the internal review would be coordinated with a review by the Citizens Police Oversight Committee.

Board members discussed the timing, scope, and reporting of the reviews.

- **Public Comment** was submitted by Jasper N, urging the Board to ensure independent review and accountability regarding the Halloween incident, expressing concern about the use of force and its impact on youth and community trust.
- President Scaman then asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Eder, Leving Jacobson, Straw, Wesley, and Village President Scaman.

- **Nays:** Trustee Taglia.
- **Abstentions:** None.
- **Absent:** Trustee Enyia.

Motion Carried by a count of 6 "aye" votes to 0 "nay," 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

- W. **MOT 25-277**. A Motion by Trustee Taglia and Seconded by Trustee Wesley for a Study Session to review E-Bike and Scooter Regulations in the Village.

President Scaman called for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Taglia and seconded by Trustee Wesley to approve the Ordinance.

Trustee Taglia explained that the purpose of the motion was to schedule a study session to review the Village's existing e-bike and scooter regulations, noting the need to assess current conditions, safety considerations, and whether updates to the regulatory framework may be warranted.

During discussion of Agenda Item W, Board members supported holding a study session to review the Village's e-bike and scooter regulations and discussed safety concerns, enforcement challenges, and the need to better understand current usage patterns. Trustees emphasized the importance of reviewing existing rules before considering changes and requested that staff prepare background information and policy options for Board consideration at the study session.

- 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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- Y. **ID 25-691**. A Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for the Proposed Tax Year 2025 Property Tax Levy.

President Scaman called for a Motion, *To Continue Truth and Taxation Public Hearing for the Proposed Year 2025 Property Tax Levy to Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.*

A Motion was made by Trustee Leving Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Straw to continue the Public Hearing

- 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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- Z. **MOT 25-275**. A Motion to Approve an Estimate of Taxes to be Levied for the Tax Year 2025 in the Amount of \$52,297,928.

Village Attorney Smith noted that a motion was not needed for Agenda Item Z because it is not a hearing and will be incorporated in the Truth in Taxation hearing agenda item at a subsequent meeting.

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

Village Clerk Waters, and Trustees Wesley, Straw, Taglia, and Leving Jacobson, and Eder passed on providing comments.

Village President Scaman thanked community members, and volunteers involved in Veterans Day observances and recognized the importance of honoring veterans.

VII. **Adjourn.**

There being no further business before the Village Board, a **Motion** was made by Trustee Wesley, Seconded by Trustee Eder, to **Adjourn** this meeting at 10:28 p.m.

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

Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Interim Deputy Clerk Marjorie A. Manchen & Village Clerk Christina Waters