



Village of Oak Park

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Oak Park, Illinois 60302
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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Monday, December 4, 2023

6:00 PM

Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Village President Vicki Scaman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Village Clerk Christina Waters joined the Meeting via remote participation per Village policy.

Trustee Enyia joined the Meeting at 6:50 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

President Scaman moved Item AJ from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

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

IV. Minutes

- A. [MOT 23-114](#) Motion to Approve Minutes from November 2, 2023 Emergency Meeting and November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Village Board

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

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Oliver Crimmins: OPRF junior reported on the harmful effects of artificial turf and offered some safer alternatives.

Clerk Waters read the following comment into the record:

Letter from Visit Oak Park Board of Directors: Concerned with the proposed increase to the tax rate on hotels and short-term rentals.

President Scaman said the hotel/motel tax ordinance would come before the Village Board in 2024.

VII. Village Manager Reports

Village Manager Kevin Jackson said the intent is to put the Board Goals on the first agenda in January. Finance Committee meetings will be scheduled and staff will prioritize financial planning. He said his goal is to work with the Finance Committee to look at our financial policies comprehensively. We will likely engage a financial expert to assist in creating a long-term financial plan. There will be Board briefings this week regarding the asylum seekers and periodic updates in the Manager's Report.

President Scaman announced that Village Board meetings will be on Tuesday nights starting in 2024 and we will work to schedule the committees in the new year.

VIII. Village Board Committees

There were no comments.

IX. Citizen Commission Vacancies

- C. [ID 23-580](#) Board & Commission Vacancy Report for December 4, 2023.

There were no comments.

X. Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments

- D. [ID 23-581](#) A Motion to Consent to the Village President's Appointment of:
Citizens Police Oversight Committee - Kevin Barnhart, Appoint as Chair
Plan Commission - Juan Betancur, Appoint as Member
Plan Commission - Michael Sturino, Appoint as Chair

President Scaman read the names into the record.

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Robinson, that these Appointments 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 Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Enyia

XI. Second Reading

E. [ORD 23-102](#) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing the Annual Building and Construction Permit Fees and the Zoning Application Fees of the Village of Oak Park

There were no comments.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Enyia

F. [ORD 23-118](#) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 (“Motor Vehicles and Traffic”), Article 3 (“Parking Meters, Parking Permits, and Municipal Attendant Parking Lots”), Section 15-3-18 (“Parking Rates; Parking Meters, Pay by Space Machines, Village Operated Parking Structures, Permit, Extended Pass, Valet and Daytime on Street Permit Parking”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Expand Eligibility Criteria for the Reduced Parking Permit Fee Program

There were no comments.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Enyia

XII. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Scaman noted the partner agency agreements are reviewed annually.

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, 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: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Enyia

B. [MOT 23-116](#) A Motion to Approve the 2024 Village Board Regular Meeting Calendar

This Motion was approved.

- G. [MOT 23-115](#) A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$11,008,289 from October 29, 2023, through November 25, 2023

This Motion was approved.

- H. [RES 23-374](#) A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Public Health Nurse Services with Patrice Steurer, R.N., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$90,000 for Fiscal Year 2024 and Authorizing Its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- I. [RES 23-294](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Draft Program Year 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for a Comment Period and Approval Thereafter

This Resolution was adopted.

- J. [RES 23-320](#) A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Program Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant for Public Works

This Resolution was adopted.

- K. [RES 23-337](#) Resolutions Authorizing the Annual Renewal of Pawnbrokers Business Licenses

This Resolution was adopted.

- L. [RES 23-338](#) A Resolution Approving a Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Area Arts Council in the Amount of \$263,000 for 2024 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- M. [RES 23-343](#) A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Township for Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- N. [RES 23-347](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Dumping of Excavated Materials Price Agreement with Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- O. [RES 23-346](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with Global Maintenance Solutions LLC for Building Maintenance Services for the Public Works and Development Services Departments in 2024 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$728,500.00 and

Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- P. [RES 23-350](#) A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with Davis Tree Care and Landscape, Incorporated for Village Wide Parkway Tree Pruning and Removal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$450,000.00 with an Option to Renew for Two Additional One-Year Terms and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- Q. [RES 23-351](#) A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for Village Wide Parkway Tree Removal and Stumping Services for Fiscal Year 2024 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$205,000.00 with an Option to Renew for Two Additional One-Year Terms and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- R. [RES 23-352](#) A Resolution Approving a Purchase Price Agreement with G & M Trucking, Inc. for Stone & Sand Materials in an Amount not to Exceed \$63,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- S. [RES 23-353](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with H&H Electric Co. for 2024 Emergency Street Lighting and Traffic Control Repairs in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- T. [RES 23-354](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with Advance Sweeping Services, Inc. for Village Wide Street Sweeping Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- U. [RES 23-358](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Revcon Technology, Inc. for the Service and Maintenance of Parking Access and Revenue Control Systems at the Village's Holley Court and Avenue Parking Garages for Fiscal Year 2024 in Amount Not to Exceed \$91,700.00, Authorizing Its Execution, and Waiving the Village's Bid Process

This Resolution was adopted.

- V. [RES 23-359](#) A Resolution Approving a Purchase Price Agreement with Core & Main LP for Materials for Repair of Water Mains and Sewers, Fire Hydrants, Water

Services and Sewer Services in an Amount not to Exceed \$65,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- W.** [RES 23-360](#) A Resolution Approving a Purchase Price Agreement with Underground Pipe & Valve Company for Materials for Repair of Water Mains and Sewers, Fire Hydrants, Water Services and Sewer Services in an Amount not to Exceed \$65,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- X.** [RES 23-361](#) A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C. for the 2024 Water Service Line Replacement Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000.00 With an Option to Renew for Two Additional One-Year Terms and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- Y.** [RES 23-363](#) A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with Total Parking Solutions, Inc. for the Service, Maintenance and Cellular Connectivity of One Hundred and Fifty-Five (155) Cale Paystations During Fiscal Year 2024 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$201,000.00 and Authorizing Its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- Z.** [RES 23-364](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of a Parking Lot License Agreement with 840 Oak Park, LLC for a One-Year Term and Authorizing Its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- AA.** [RES 23-365](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Federal Surface Transportation Program Grant Application for the Jackson Boulevard Resurfacing Project

This Resolution was adopted.

- AB.** [RES 23-366](#) A Resolution Approving a Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Housing Authority in the Amount of \$35,000 for 2024 and Authorizing Its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- AC.** [RES 23-367](#) A Resolution Approving a Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Residence Corporation in the Amount of \$42,500 for 2024 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- AD.** [RES 23-369](#) A Resolution Approving a Supplemental Statement of Work for the GIS Consortium Service Provider Contract for 2024 with Municipal GIS Partners, Incorporated in an Amount Not to Exceed \$230,044.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.
- AE.** [RES 23-373](#) A Resolution Approving a Parking Lot License Agreement with ZipCar, Inc. for a One-Year Term and Two Optional One Year Terms and Authorizing Its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.
- AF.** [RES 23-376](#) A Resolution Approving a Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and Visit Oak Park in the Amount of \$209,024 for Fiscal Year 2024 and Authorizing its Execution.

This Resolution was adopted.
- AG.** [ORD 23-103](#) An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of Oak Park

This Ordinance was adopted.
- AH.** [ORD 23-114](#) An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment Owned by the Village of Oak Park

This Ordinance was adopted.
- AI.** [RES 23-375](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Excess Public Entity Liability Insurance, Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance, Property Insurance, Crime Coverage, and Cyber Liability for the Village of Oak Park for Fiscal Year 2024 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$743,052

This Resolution was adopted.
- AK.** [RES 23-378](#) A Resolution Approving A Memorandum of Understanding with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, Lodge No. 8 for the Purpose of Establishing an Alternate Work Schedule for Police Department Patrol Officers in 2024 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

XIII. Regular Agenda

- AJ.** [ORD 23-117](#) An Ordinance Regarding Paid Leave for Village Employees

Assistant Village Manager/HR Director Kira Tchang presented the Item.

Trustee Wesley inquired how "chronic absenteeism and abuse of leave" and are associated with employees being able to take their leave when

they want. Director Tchang provided the example that everyone in the Police department wants to take off the week of Christmas. The Village has to put standards in place to ensure adequate coverage. To define chronic absenteeism, she provided the example of someone with a large bank of sick time who calls in sick every Friday for an entire year with no documentation of a serious health condition.

Trustee Wesley asked why employees are allowed to bank so much sick time. Director Tchang said there are legacy policies and collectively bargained benefits. The IMRF pension allows employees to use 180 sick days to purchase a year of service credit. For Police and Fire, there is physical risk and people could be out for a period of time.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Enyia

AL. [RES 23-322](#) A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Terra Engineering, Ltd. for the Design of the Oak Park Avenue Streetscape and Utility Projects in an Amount Not to Exceed \$998,577, Authorizing its Execution and Waiving the Village's Request for Proposals Process for the Agreement

Village Engineer Bill McKenna presented the Item.

Trustee Robinson inquired about asphalt replacement. Engineer McKenna said concrete provides a good clean edge for the asphalt.

Trustee Parakkat inquired about deciding to use brick. Engineer McKenna confirmed changes can be made during the design phase. Trustee Parakkat said he is in favor of staff's recommendation.

Trustee Straw said the Disability Access Commission voiced concern about the number of accessible parking spaces. Engineer McKenna said this design is conceptual and the accessible spaces will be determined.

Trustee Wesley said he likes the pavers south of the viaduct because we are building a showpiece and these infrastructure improvements are long-term and an investment that is going to pay us back over time. He doesn't want it to feel like two different districts.

Trustee Straw said he is also in favor of continuing the brick south of the viaduct and making it more walkable.

President Scaman said she preferred the gray pavers for the sidewalks but understands the use of bluestone. President Scaman and Trustee Parakkat said they agree with extending the pavers south of the viaduct.

Trustee Robinson said the continuity in the sidewalk material gives us the most return and she would like to hear more ideas if we are pushing it back up to \$1.5M. President Scaman noted this is a place where we will hold festivals in the future and the steering committee supported the pavers.

Trustee Straw inquired how paving materials impact driving behaviors. Engineer McKenna said brick pavers help with traffic calming, though we don't see high speeds through this area. Trustee Straw said he would be willing to use lower cost materials in the Hunter Court alleys with less pedestrian traffic. Engineer McKenna said intent for the higher-end materials for the east/west alley was to connect the parking garage to downtown streetscape. The north/south alley are lower cost materials.

Trustee Buchanan said she favors the lower cost because this is aesthetic. President Scaman said infrastructure is where you invest and then you spend less money on business recruitment.

Manager Jackson inquired about the savings is for putting the bricks back. Engineer McKenna said about \$1.5M is related to the brick and \$100K for the crosswalks.

Trustee Wesley said he feels extremely strong about the pavers and would swap out the bluestone for the gray pavers.

Trustee Robinson suggested there may be savings later on when choosing the art installations and would like to see ARPA funds used. Engineer McKenna agreed staff can re-engage the Board at a later date regarding the conceptual items.

President Scaman said she feels strongly about the pavers and mixed materials for the sidewalks.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Resolution 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

AM. [ORD 23-98](#) Concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and Adopt an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for a Car Wash Facility with an Accessory Drive-Through Located at 6000-6020 Roosevelt Road

Village Planner Craig Failor presented the Item.

Trustee Robinson inquired about the special use permit. Planner Failor said it would not expire unless the operation closed and was not in use for six months. If the application is approved, the owners will request a building permit and then an MWRD permit.

Trustee Robinson noted the applicants are building in two other communities. Applicant Christopher Jenks said the timing is good because they are building in Buffalo Grove and Mundelein now and will be able to begin construction in Oak Park in the spring. Trustee Robinson said she thinks it is a nice plan for that corner.

Trustee Buchanan inquired about the building enclosure. Applicant Chris Nero said the ordinance requires storefront to run the entirety of the side of Austin and halfway down the street on Roosevelt so they have built a masonry wall with storefront windows and a semi-enclosed roof.

Trustee Parakkat said he has no issues with the project and wondered if the Roosevelt Coordinator study will have any impact. Manager Jackson said we do not want to delay this for that. Planner Failor said any existing land use will have some influence on what will be developed. The applicants said they are both from Oak Park and they know the market well.

Trustee Buchanan noted the electrification ordinance takes effect January 1. The applicant responded they only use two gas-powered solar heaters and would apply on the 2023 version. Planner Failor confirmed if they submit their permit before December 31, the 2023 version will apply.

Trustee Wesley asked if the applicants have any traffic congestion concerns, which they confirmed they do not.

It was moved by Trustee Enyia, seconded by Trustee Wesley, 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

AN. [ORD 23-119](#) An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for All Corporate Purposes of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois in Lieu of the Appropriation

**Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2024
and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December, 2024**

Interim CFO Donna Gayden noted a couple minor changes that were made based on Board feedback.

Trustee Parakkat said he approves the budget. He said the 0% levy last year was based on a one-time reduction of \$1.3M in pension contributions, higher sales revenue due to economic recovery post-pandemic, and we had ARPA and a fund balance for one-time investments. The 0% levy was proposed by the Manager and former CFO Drazner said he had no concerns about long-term ramifications. It was unanimously approved by the Village Board. He said he raised a concern last year about the \$3.7M in operational expenses. He said he supports the 3% levy this year and said if we were careful with the expense side last year, we probably could have avoided the \$300K drawdown from reserves to meet operational expenses this year. He said he does see improvements and the question is if that is enough to get us out of trouble.

CFO Gayden said she would never recommend a flat levy because at some point it catches up and you may have to increase it more than 3%. The only way to do that would be long-range planning and cutting expenses and possibly services. Manager Jackson clarified that the recommendations originated from the Finance Committee and CFO Drazner said the pension costs will likely come back next year. Trustee Parakkat said he is focused on the expense side and CFO Gayden is focusing on the revenue side. CFO Gayden clarified that she is advocating for long-range planning which focuses on both revenues and expenditures. Manager Jackson said staff are always interested in looking at expenses and revenues and that has taken place here.

Trustee Wesley said he is in favor of the 3% levy and will vote for this budget. In doing the long-term financial planning, he said he would like to see an aggressive move toward amplifying revenue through economic development. He said he would like to see more investments in things that have an ROI like the Oak Park Avenue Streetscape Project and that are improving the quality of life for our residents.

Trustee Enyia agreed with promoting economic vitality.

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, 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

AO. [ORD 23-131](#) **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget**

There were no comments.

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Robinson, 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

Items AP through AW were taken as a single vote.

AP. [ORD 23-120](#) **An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$178,292.00 Against the 2023 Tax Levy (2012A General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)**

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, 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

AQ. [ORD 23-121](#) **An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$425,764.88 Against the 2023 Tax Levy (2015B General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)**

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, 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

AR. [ORD 23-132](#) **An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$587,260.32 Against the 2023 Tax Levy (2016D General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)**

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, 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

AS. [ORD 23-123](#) **An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$764,781.26 Against the 2023 Tax Levy (2016E General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)**

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, 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

AT. [ORD 23-124](#) **An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$1,095,950.00 Against the 2023 Tax Levy (2018A General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)**

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, 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

AU. [ORD 23-125](#) **An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$11,940.76 Against the 2023 Tax Levy (2020A General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)**

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, 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

AV. [ORD 23-126](#) **An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$475,230.00 Against the 2023 Tax Levy (2020B General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)**

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, 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

AW. [ORD 23-127](#) An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$296,177.50 Against the 2023 Tax Levy (2021 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, 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

AX. [ORD 23-128](#) The Village of Oak Park’s Tax Year 2023 Property Tax Levy Ordinance

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAINED: 1 - Village Trustee Enyia

AY. [ORD 23-129](#) An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes in the Amount of \$775,000 for the 2023 Property Tax Year for Village of Oak Park Special Service Area Number One

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, 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

XIV. Call to Board and Clerk

Clerk Waters wished the community a happy holidays and happy new year. Mail-in ballot applications will go live starting December 20. Contact the Clerk's Office for assistance with voter registration at 708-358-5670 or

clerk@oak-park.us.

Trustee Enyia thanked his fellow Trustees, staff, and the community.

Trustee Buchanan announced a candlelight peace vigil to end gun violence on December 12, 7:00 P.M. at First United Church.

Trustee Wesley wished a happy holidays to all.

Trustee Straw said he is proud of the Village Board's accomplishments and grateful for the staff's hard work.

Trustee Robinson said one of her proudest moments was this year's budget vote and the language access piece is a huge step in our commitment to diversity in this community.

Trustee Parakkat expressed appreciation to everyone's commitment to service in this community and to the staff. He thanked his family for supporting him through his service.

Manager Jackson expressed his gratitude to the Village Board for its support throughout the year and to the staff and leadership to keep everything moving.

President Scaman thanked Clerk Waters and everyone's families for their support.

XV. Adjourn

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Enyia, to Adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M., Monday, December 4, 2023.

**Respectfully submitted,
Deputy Clerk Hansen**