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Village of Oak Park

Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 6:30 PM Village Hall

I. Call to Order: Village President Scaman called the Meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

II. Roll Call Attendance: Junior Deputy Clerk Draine took the roll call as follows:

Present in Person:	Village Trustees: Eder, Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, Straw, and Taglia; and Village President Scaman.
Absent:	Village Trustee Wesley.
Also Present:	Village Clerk Waters

A quorum was present.

Clerk Christina Waters then introduced Junior Deputy Clerk Draine and provided background on the 3 "Rising 7th Graders" from Brooks Middle School as well as the Junior Deputy Clerk program. Clerk Waters and President Scaman presented the Junior Deputy Clerk with a certificate.

III. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining.

Village Attorney Greg Smith stated that the closed session is pursuant to section 5/ILCS 122(c)(21) for review of closed session minutes and 5/ILCS 122(c)(2) regarding collective bargaining matters between the Village and its employees.

President Scaman called for a Motion regarding the Minutes from the July 15, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Village Board.

A **Motion** was then made by Village Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Leving-Jacobson, to enter into closed session for the purposes cited by Attorney Smith.

- There were no questions, comments or discussion from or by the Board.
- President Scaman asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

IV. Adjourn Closed Session. The closed session adjourned.

V. Reconvene to Regular Meeting in Council Chambers and Call to Order.

President Scaman reconvened the Regular Village Board Meeting at 7:26 pm.

VI. Roll Call.

Clerk Waters took the **Roll Call Attendance** as follows:

Present in Person: Village Trustees: Eder, Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, Straw, Taglia, and Wesley; and Village President Scaman.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Clerk Waters.
A quorum was present.

*Note: Trustee Wesley joined the meeting during the closed session.

VII. Agenda Approval.

President Scaman called for a Motion regarding the Agenda as presented.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Enyia to **Approve** the Agenda.

- 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.

VIII. Minutes.

A. **MOT 25-216**. A Motion to Approve Minutes from the July 15, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Village Board.

President Scaman called for a Motion regarding the Minutes from the July 15, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Village Board.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Leving-Jacobson to **Approve the Minutes**.

- 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.

IX. Non-Agenda Public Comment.

1. Chris Donovan spoke regarding 6104 S. Roosevelt Road and affordable housing funds re-allocation.

2. Allen Peres commented on issues with obtaining responses from Village staff responding to e-mails and voice mails, and the lack of email addresses for senior staff on the Village website.

3. Dorothy stated that she has been a healthcare provider in Cook County for 10 years, including as a nurse practitioner and operating a private practice in Oak Park. Dorothy encouraged the Board members to end automatic license plate readers and Flock data recording, and she stated that the automatic license plate readers and the data drawn into Flock is a threat to healthcare. She stated that other states are using that information and

4. Alicia Chastain also encouraged the Board members to cancel the Flock contract and end automatic license plate readers that store private data, and she stated that agencies inside and outside of Illinois for immigration and possible criminal charges Flock maintains data and shares it with 3rd parties in addition to law enforcement agencies.

X. Proclamation.

B. **MOT 25-214**. A Proclamation Honoring the Life, Legacy, and Contributions of McLouis “Mac” Robinet.

President Scaman called for a Motion to Approve a Proclamation Honoring the Life, Legacy, and Contributions of McLouis “Mac” Robinet.

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

- **Motion carried** unanimously on a Voice Vote.
- President Scaman asked Trustee Taglia to read aloud the Proclamation, which he.

Resident Laura Derks read a statement supporting the accomplishments of Mr. Robinet.

Mr. Robinet posed for photographs with family, friends, and the Village Board members, and was presented with the Proclamation.

President Scaman also read a Proclamation honoring July 26 as American with Disabilities Act Awareness Day.

XI. Village Manager Reports.

Village Manager Kevin Jackson introduced Kellye Keyes, the new Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer. Keyes introduced herself and provided her personal and work background.

C. **ID 25-441**. Review of the Tentative Village Board Meeting Calendars for July, August and September 2025.

Village Manager Jackson announced that the Finance committee meeting will occur on Wednesday, July 30, and the Zoning ordinance update will occur on Augusts 5, 2025.
This concluded Manager Jackson's report.

XII. Regular Agenda for Items Pursuant to Village Code Chapter 3 Alcoholic Liquor Dealers or Related ~~(President Pro-Tem)~~

D. **ORD 25-153**. Concur with the Liquor Control Review Board and Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 ("Alcoholic Liquor Dealers"), Article 1 ("General Provisions"), Section 3-1-1 ("Definitions"); Article 4 ("Term and Classification"), Section 3-4-2 ("Classification and Number of Liquor Licenses and Fees"); and Article 8 ("List of Licenses for Each License Class"), Section 3-8-1 ("Number of Licenses Permitted to be Issued Per License Class") and Section 3-8-2 ("Licenses by Name and Address Per License") of the Oak Park Village Code for the Issuance of an Arts and Crafts Establishment Class D-19 Liquor License to Fat Cat Art Gallery.

President Scaman called for a Motion to Concur with the Liquor Control Review Board and Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 ("Alcoholic Liquor Dealers"), Article 1 ("General Provisions"), Section 3-1-1 ("Definitions"); Article 4 ("Term and Classification"), Section 3-4-2 ("Classification and Number of Liquor Licenses and Fees"); and Article 8 ("List of Licenses for Each License

Class"), Section 3-8-1 ("Number of Licenses Permitted to be Issued Per License Class") and Section 3-8-2 ("Licenses by Name and Address Per License") of the Oak Park Village Code for the Issuance of an Arts and Crafts Establishment Class D-19 Liquor License to Fat Cat Art Gallery.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Enyia, to **Approve** the Ordinance as presented.

Assistant Village Attorney Rasheda Jackson summarized the Ordinance, as well as the process undertaken by the Liquor Control Review Board. Village Manager Jackson stated that the proposed Ordinance grants an Arts and Crafts Establishment Class D-19 Liquor License to Fat Cat Art Gallery, and advised that beer, wine and sparkling wine would be allowed to be served during specific events. Assistant Village Attorney Jackson also introduced the owner of the business, Raymond Call, who was present and addressed all present, describing his business and his anticipated benefits to having the liquor license.

There was no further discussion. President Scaman asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Straw, Eder, Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, Taglia, and Wesley, 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.

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

XIV. Citizen Commission Vacancies.

E. **ID 25-457**. Board and Commission Vacancy Report for July 22, 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.

XV. Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments.

F. **MOT 25-212**. A Motion to Consent to the Village President's Appointment of: Environment & Energy Commission - Richard Katz, appoint as a Commissioner Zoning Board of Appeals - Glenn Brewer, Appoint as a Member.

President Scaman called for a Motion to Consent to the Village President's Appointment of:

- o Environment & Energy Commission - Richard Katz, appoint as a commissioner
- o Zoning Board of Appeals - Glenn Brewer, appoint as a member

There was a **Motion** by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Straw, to **Approve** the appointments as presented.

- There were no further questions, comments or discussion from or by the Board.
- President Scaman asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** Village Trustees Wesley, Straw, Eder, Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, 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.

XVI. Finance Committee Appointments.

G. **MOT 25-215**. Motion to Confirm the Village President's Appointments of Trustee Eder, Trustee Straw, and Trustee Taglia to the Finance Committee and Appoint John Hedges, Greg Kolar, and Bridgett Allen Hedgeman to the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Finance Committee.

President Scaman called for a Motion to Confirm the Village President's Appointments of Trustee Eder, Trustee Straw, and Trustee Taglia to the Finance Committee and Appoint John Hedges, Greg Kolar, and Bridgett Allen Hedgeman to the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Finance Committee.

There was a **Motion** by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Straw, to **Approve** the appointments as presented.

- There were no further questions, comments or discussion from or by 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 Wesley, Straw, Eder, Enyia, Leving-Jacobson, 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.

XVII. Consent Agenda.

The following items comprise the "Consent Agenda:"

H. **MOT 25-215**. A Motion to Concur with the Transportation Commission's Recommendations for Traffic Calming at 500 S East Avenue.

I. **ORD 25-157**. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget.

J. **RES 25-226**. A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Elevate Energy for The Program Design for An Energy One Stop Shop in An Amount Not to Exceed $125,565 And Authorizing Its Execution.

K. **RES 25-231**. A Resolution Approving a Contract with Suburban Concrete, Inc. for Project 25-3, Sidewalk Improvements, in an Amount Not to Exceed $525,000 and Authorizing its Execution.

L. **RES 25-240**. A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with NG Plumbing, Inc. for the 2025 CDBG Water Service Line Replacement Program, in an Amount not to Exceed $100,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution.

M. **RES 25-243**. Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Annual Renewal of Pawnshop Business License.

President Scaman called for a Motion regarding the Consent Agenda as presented.

There was a **Motion** by Trustee Leving-Jacobson, seconded by Trustee Taglia, to **Approve the Consent Agenda** as presented.

- President Scaman asked whether there were any further questions or comments from the Board; there were none, and no further 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 Leving-Jacobson, Taglia, Wesley, Straw, Eder, Enyia, 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.

XVIII. Regular Agenda.

N. **<u>RES 25-232</u>**. A Resolution Approving the Bike Plan Update as Recommended by the Transportation Commission*

President Scaman stated that the Transportation Commission held several public meetings regarding the Bike Plan Update, and the Village hosted two public hearings on July 14 and July 16, 2025, and, all comments received at the hearings and via email have been distributed to the Village Board.

President Scaman then called forth public comments.

1. Michael Ericksen stated he is a resident and represents Bike-Walk Oak Park and supports the Bike Plan Update, and, thanked the Board for its efforts in advancing a bike friendly community.

2. Rachel P. stated that she is resident and “also a Bike-Walk Oak Park board member,” and spoke in support of the Bike Plan Update.

3. Curtis S. stated that he is resident and spoke in opposition to the Bike Plan Update, stating that the plan lacks broad community support and does not reflect community priorities.

4. A public commenter distributed handouts to the Board and stated that Harvard should be a greenway and not a bike lane.

5. Chris Donovan spoke in opposition to the Bike Plan Update, stating that the number of cyclists is missing from the plan, and whether the many changes proposed are warranted.

6. Susan Buchanan stated that she is a resident and spoke in favor of the Bike Plan Update.

7. Joe Gordon stated that he is a resident and spoke in opposition to the Bike Plan Update, stating that more studies should be done regarding bike lanes and that greenways should first be used.

This concluded the public comment portion of this Agenda item.

There was a **Motion** by Trustee Taglia, seconded by Trustee Straw, to **Approve** the Resolution Approving the Bike Plan Update as Recommended by the Transportation Commission as presented.

President Scaman then called upon staff for the Bike Plan Update presentation.

Village Engineer Bill McKenna then gave an overview of the Bike Plan Update, and covered topics including the following: proposals for new and upgraded on-street bike facilities, improvements to the Neighborhood Greenway network, amendments to the Village code, and a feasibility study for a potential bike share system. Village Engineer McKenna stated that the content of the Bike Plan Update was approved by the Transportation Commission, and it includes the installation of on-street bike lanes on Augusta Street from Harlem to Cuyler and on Harvard Street from Maple to Humphrey, with gaps by the three schools.

Questions were posed by Board members and answered by Engineer McKenna, and each Board member offered comments regarding the said Bike Plan Update, including concerns regarding the significant cost in effectuating the short-term goals of the plan.

There being no further questions, comments or discussion by the Board members, President Scaman asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

O. **<u>ORD 25-156</u>**. Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 Business Licensing, Article 24 Foods and Food Establishments of the Village Code.

President Scaman called for a Motion regarding an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 Business Licensing, Article 24 Foods and Food Establishments of the Village Code.

There was a **Motion** by Trustee Enyia, seconded by Trustee Straw, to **Approve** the said Ordinance.

Development Services Director Craig Failor stated that staff took the feedback obtained from their presentation to the Board on March 18, 2025 and derived the regulations set forth in the proposed Ordinance. Administrative Officer of Development Services, Noemy Diaz, then presented the following recommended regulations:

1. The mobile food vendor must operate at least 250 feet from a food and drink establishment of the same kind.
2. Mobile food vendors are unable to operate in the greater Downtown Oak Park area.
3. If a mobile food vendor wishes to participate in a special event in the restricted areas, they must submit a request for a special event permit. Unless the event is on private property, a temporary use permit must be obtained.
4. Mobile food vendors must not be stationed in a business district for more than two hours at a time.”

Administrative Officer Diaz stated that “these measures are intended to balance the economic vitality of local restaurants with opportunities for mobile food vendors, while minimizing unfair competition and ensuring land use compatibility.”

After the conclusion of the presentation by Administrative Officer Diaz, questions were posed by Board members and answered by both Administrative Officer Diaz and Director Failor. Each Board member offered comments regarding the Ordinance and business license code amendment. There was discussion regarding removing ice cream trucks from the regulations, and discussion regarding the removal of item #2, the "greater downtown area" restriction being defined by Administrative Officer Diaz as the Pleasant district, the downtown area and the Hemingway district. President Scaman stated that prohibiting food trucks from areas such as Scoville Park and Austin Gardens does not appear to be reasonable.

Trustees Enyia and Straw, who made the Motion and second, respectively, made a "friendly amendment' to the Motion, which was stated by President Scaman as follows: Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 Business Licensing, Article 24 Foods and Food Establishments of the Village Code, as presented with the amendment of "taking out the provision that mobile food vendors cannot operate in the greater Downtown Oak Park area."

There being no further questions, comments or discussion by the Board members, President Scaman asked Clerk Waters to take the roll call vote, which was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Village Manager Jackson stated that the Ordinance was drafted by staff in response to a Motion from the Board for an analysis on this topic, and Village Manager Jackson asked whether the Board wants staff to continue to examine this topic or not.

The Board members agreed that they want to protect the brick and mortar restaurants and businesses.

Trustee Wesley stated that he wants ice cream trucks to be exempt from the regulations, and Trustee Eder stated he is not in favor of regulations when he does not perceive a need to regulate.

President Scaman asked Village Attorney Smith whether the only regulation that would result from the Ordinance being enacted as amended would be that mobile food vendors would be prohibited from being within 250 feet from a food and drink establishment of the same kind, and this restriction would be in force throughout the Village, with which Attorney Smith agreed.

This concluded the discussion regarding Ordinance 25-156. No further action was taken.

P. **ID 25-453**. Police Department Annual Report.

Police Chief Shatonya Johnson summarized her 17-page presentation titled "2024 Annual Report – Oak Park Police Department." Chief Johnson highlighted "10 shared principles," staffing, 2024 and historical crime statistics, Flock cameras, achievements, community engagement, and, the tragic loss of Detective Allan Reddins who lost his life on November 29, 2024.

After the conclusion of Chief Johnson's presentation regarding the 2024 Police Department Annual Report, questions were posed by Board members and answered by Chief Johnson. Each Board member offered comments regarding the presentation and Annual Report.

President Scaman asked whether there were any further questions or comments from the Board. There were none; no further discussion ensued.

No other action was taken regarding this Agenda item.

XIX. Call to Board and Clerk.

Trustees Enyia, Taglia, Eder, and as well as President Scaman, each gave opinion statements regarding various agenda and non-agenda items. Clerk Waters and Trustees Straw, Wesley and Leving-Jacobson "passed" on providing statements.

XX. 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 11:17 p.m., Tuesday July 22, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Interim Deputy Clerk Marjorie Manchen