



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

6:30 PM

Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Village President Vicki Scaman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Trustee Straw arrived at 6:42 P.M. during closed session.

Present: 4 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enya, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Wesley

Absent: 2 - Village Trustee Leving Jacobson, and Village Trustee Straw

VIII. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Suzen Riley: Oak Park resident since 1962. Being in a wheelchair, she really appreciates the bike lanes because they provide safety and the sidewalks are very dangerous.

III. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation.

It was moved by Trustee Taglia, seconded by Trustee Enya, to adjourn into closed session. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 4 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enya, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Wesley

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

President Scaman reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:58 P.M.

V. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Straw, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Wesley
Absent: 1 - Village Trustee Leving Jacobson

VI. Agenda Approval

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Leving Jacobson

VII. Minutes

A. [MOT 25-158](#) A Motion to Approve Minutes from the March 11, 2025 and May 6, 2025 Regular Meetings of the Village Board.

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

Non-Agenda Public Comment

John Michel: Lives on 1000 block of Woodbine. The Park District didn't follow due process with their \$2.8M CIP project at Field Park to meet with the community and do a traffic study.

Les Golden [remote]: Emailed the Village a petition about fiduciary responsibility as it relates to DEI and sustainability. The Park District is putting a dance studio in northwest Oak Park catering to white students. Destroying the hill at Field playground and its old growth trees will cause the loss of habitat and change the bioenvironment.

Joyce Porter [remote]: The Park District has not been responsive to what the neighborhood wants.

Pam Tate, representing Oak Park Climate Action Network (OPCAN): Urged the new Village Board to make climate-related budget decisions a top priority including the use of reserved funds for 2025-2026 and act upon the additional \$500K for increasing energy efficiency grant funding this year.

IX. Proclamation

B. [MOT 25-177](#) A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Recognizing the 50th Season of the Oak Park Farmers' Market.

Trustee Taglia read the Proclamation into the record. A member of the Farmers' Market Commission accepted the proclamation.

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Motion be

approved. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

C. [MOT 25-178](#) **A Motion to Approve a Proclamation National Jewish American Heritage Month - May 2025.**

President Scaman read the Proclamation into the record.

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

D. [MOT 25-179](#) **A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Desi Heritage Month - May 2025**

President Scaman read the Proclamation into the record.

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

E. [MOT 25-180](#) **A Motion to Approve a Proclamation Older Americans Month - May 2025 and Celebrating Seniors Week May 8 - May 15, 2025.**

Trustee Straw read the Proclamation into the record. Oak Park Township representative Pat Koko accepted the proclamation and made remarks. Aging in Communities commissioner Monika Robinson made remarks.

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

X. Village Manager Reports

F. [ID 25-348](#) **Review of the Updated Village Board Meeting Calendars for May 2025.**

Village Manager Kevin Jackson provided an introduction. Assistant Village Manager/Neighborhood Services Director Jonathan Burch recognized the volunteers, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and Housing Forward who helped the Village operate community warming centers this past winter.

Director Burch introduced new Neighborhood Partnerships Administrator Paola Garibay. Administrator Garibay made remarks. Community Services Administrator Vanessa Matheny introduced the Engaging Communities for Healthy Outcomes (ECHO) Program and two new care coordinators Kim Smith and Maxie Moses. Coordinators Smith and Moses presented information about the program.

Manager Jackson presented the updated calendar for May 2025.

XI. Village Board Committees

Trustee Straw noted one of the public comments referred to a traffic study done in the northwest sector of Oak Park last April. The results of that study were presented to the Transportation Commission along with

recommendations regarding traffic calming at their April meeting. He recommended watching that meeting.

XII. Citizen Commission Vacancies

G. [ID 25-365](#) Board and Commission Vacancy Report for May 13, 2025

There were no comments.

XIII. Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments

H. [MOT 25-166](#) A Motion to Consent to the Village President's Appointment of: Aging in Communities - Linda T. Francis, Appointed as Commissioner | Melissa Avila, Appointed as Commissioner Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee - Sheena Rayford, Appointed as Chair | Wayne Huang, Appointed as Member Farmers' Market Commission - Jessica Green, Appointed as Chair Liquor Control Review Board - Jeffrey Hines, Appointed as Member

Village Clerk Christina Waters read the names into the record.

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

XIV. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 5 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Straw, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Leving Jacobson

I. [MOT 25-160](#) A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$7,639,126.71 from March 1, 2025, through April 3, 2025

This Motion was adopted.

J. [RES 25-193](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement in Workers' Compensation Case Number 23 WC 28845

This Resolution was adopted.

L. [RES 25-199](#) A Resolution Approving a Task Order for Professional Engineering Services with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for Engineering Services for an Update to the Village's Hydraulic Water Distribution System Model in an

Amount not to Exceed \$66,800 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- M. [RES 25-200](#) **A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Six 2025 Nissan Leaf S+ Vehicles from Gerald Nissan of North Aurora, Illinois, in an Amount not to exceed \$133,996.20 and Waiving the Village's Bid Process for the Purchase**

This Resolution was adopted.

- N. [RES 25-201](#) **A Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Technical Design Services Inc. to Design the Village Hall's Audiovisual Technology for an additional \$3,950 to Increase the Not to Exceed Amount to \$57,330 and Authorizing Its Execution**

This Resolution was adopted.

XVI. Call to Board and Clerk

Clerk Waters thanked the volunteers, OPRFHS civics students, non-profit organizations, taxing bodies, and legislators of the Civics Engagement Festival on May 4. The Village is hosting a black maternal health and awareness workshop on 5/21 at 5:30 P.M. at PCC Wellness Center. The Junior Deputy Clerk Program will run June 6-July 25 and registration will be coming soon.

Trustee Enyia welcomed Trustees Taglia and Leving Jacobson and thanked Trustee Buchanan for her service.

Trustee Wesley thanked Trustee Buchanan for her service and welcomed Trustees Taglia and Leving Jacobson.

Trustee Straw thanked Trustee Buchanan for her service and highlighted the efforts of the Aging in Communities commission.

Trustee Taglia thanked Trustee Buchanan for her service.

President Scaman thanked Trustee Buchanan for her service. She invited the community to Move with the Mayor and meet her at 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning at Village Hall to walk together to the Farmers' Market which opens this weekend on its 50th anniversary. She welcomed Trustees Taglia and Leving Jacobson and thanked all her trustee colleagues. She expressed her deepest condolences on the loss of Hepzibah Home Executive Director Mary Anne Brown and read a 2017 proclamation in her honor.

XVII. 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 9:10 P.M., Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Deputy Clerk Hansen