



Village of Oak Park

123 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302
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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

5:30 PM

Remote Meeting

I. Call to Order

Village President Abu-Taleb called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M. He authorized a statement be read providing that the meeting is being held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines and that it is not prudent to have people present at the Village Board's regular meeting location due to public health concerns related to that pandemic.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Village President Abu-Taleb, Village Trustee Andrews, Village Trustee Boutet, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Moroney, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

Absent: 0

III. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Village Trustee Moroney, seconded by Village Trustee Taglia, that this be approved. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Abu-Taleb, Village Trustee Andrews, Village Trustee Boutet, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Moroney, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

IV. Minutes

[MOT 21-10](#)

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Remote Meeting of December 7, 2020 of the Village Board.

It was moved by Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla, seconded by Village Trustee Moroney, that this be approved. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Abu-Taleb, Village Trustee Andrews, Village Trustee Boutet, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Moroney, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Laura Lencioni: Laura, current chair of the Oak Park Farmers Market Commission, expressed the urgency of certain crucial market planning tasks. The most urgent of these tasks is the hiring of a Market Manager by the 1st week of February, which is crucial because by the second week of February the vendor applications go out. She recommended that the village immediately extends an offer to the most recent market manager, who is well-versed in the vendor application process. Laura also shared the importance that the farmers market commission meets on January 26th so they can plan a few different scenarios for the market.

V I. Village Manager Reports

Village Manager Cara Pavlicek introduced Interim Public Health Director Joseph Terry.

Interim Public Health Department Director provided an update and shared a presentation pertaining to COVID-19 vaccinations.

Village Trustees Walker-Peddakotla, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Taglia, Village Trustee Boutet and Village Trustee Moroney asked Interim Public Health Department Director and Village Manager Cara Pavlicek questions.

Village Trustee Boutet and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla addressed the non-agenda public comment regarding the Farmer's Market. Village Manager Pavlicek provided a response. Village Trustee Andrews provided feedback.

Village President Abu-Taleb asked Village Manger Pavlicek if additional resources are needed to ensure the residents of Oak Park get the vaccine as quickly as possible. He said he would be willing to amend the budget if necessary. He encouraged Village Manager Pavlicek to think if additional resources are needed, and to let him know.

Village Manager Pavlicek clarified the Village has the process to deliver the vaccine, the Village needs to supply chain. In regards to resources, individuals want answers that there is not information to give them an answer for yet at this time.

VII. Village Board Committees

There were no comments.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Village Trustee Boutet and seconded by Village Trustee Moroney to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Abu-Taleb, Village Trustee Andrews, Village Trustee Boutet, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Moroney, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- A.** [RES 21-1](#) A Resolution Approving a Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Area Arts Council in the Amount of \$184,500 for Fiscal Year 2021 and Authorizing Its Execution.
This Resolution was approved.
- B.** [RES 21-3](#) A Resolution Approving a Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and Visit Oak Park in the Amount of \$155,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- C.** [RES 21-2](#) A Resolution Approving a Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Residence Corporation in the Amount of \$35,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- D.** [RES 21-4](#) 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 Fiscal Year 2021 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- E.** [RES 21-15](#) Resolutions Retroactively Authorizing the Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Aggregate Amount of \$3,091,828.68 for Eligible Local Street Improvements in the Village of Oak Park for Fiscal Years 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2013
This Resolution was adopted.
- F.** [RES 21-16](#) A Resolution Approving a Customer Work Agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company for Constructing the Relocation of Electrical Distribution Facilities for the Vacation of South Euclid Avenue for the Senior Living

Center Development at 703 Madison Street in an Amount Not to Exceed \$431,642.70 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- G.** [RES 21-18](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Annual Postage Replenishment With the United States Postal Service in an Amount Not to Exceed \$125,000 for Fiscal Year 2021
This Resolution was adopted.
- H.** [RES 21-19](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Annual Support Services with Bellefeuil, Szur & Associates in an Amount Not to Exceed \$58,000 for Fiscal Year 2020 Pursuant to the Software License and Services Agreement Dated July 20, 2016
This Resolution was adopted.
- I.** [RES 21-20](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Credit/Debit Card Merchant Processing Services With Heartland Payment Systems in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 Pursuant to the Pricing Document Dated February 11, 2013 from Heartland Payment Systems
This Resolution was adopted.
- J.** [RES 21-21](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Annual Online Bill Payment Services with Invoice Cloud, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 Pursuant to the Billing Services Agreement with Invoice Cloud, Inc. Dated December 11, 2017
This Resolution was adopted.
- K.** [RES 21-25](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures for Annual License, Usage, and Support Fees for Workforce Ready Software with Kronos Incorporated in an Amount Not to Exceed \$32,400 for Fiscal Year 2021 Pursuant to the Agreement with Kronos Incorporated Dated June 19, 2017
This Resolution was adopted.
- L.** [RES 21-26](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures for Office Supplies With Warehouse Direct, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$56,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 Pursuant to the Purchase Price Agreement with Warehouse Direct, Inc. Dated July 31, 2018
This Resolution was adopted.
- M.** [RES 21-27](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Annual Unified Parking Citation and Permit Management System Services with Passport Labs, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 Pursuant to the Professional Serves Agreement with Passport Labs, Inc. Dated September 6, 2018

This Resolution was adopted.

- N. [RES 21-28](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Monthly Bank Fees with Huntington National Bank in an Amount Not to Exceed \$35,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 Pursuant to Huntington National Bank's Designation as a Village of Oak Park Authorized Depository

This Resolution was adopted.

- O. [RES 21-34](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Professional Services Agreement with Industrial/Organizational Solutions, Inc. for Firefighter and Police Department Testing Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$45,895 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- P. [RES 21-43](#) A Resolution Declaring an Emergency Affecting the Public Health through June 15, 2021 Due to the Outbreak of COVID-19 Disease in the State of Illinois

This Resolution was adopted.

- Q. [ORD 21-8](#) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 ("Public Health"), Article 1 ("Oak Park Department of Public Health"), Section 20-1-6 ("Authority and duties of the Director") of the Oak Park Village Code to Permit the Public Health Director to Make Reasonable Rules, Regulations and Orders Due to the Outbreak of COVID-19 Disease

This Ordinance was adopted.

- R. [MOT 21-3](#) A Motion to Approve the December 2020 Monthly Treasurer's Report for All Funds

This Motion was approved.

- S. [MOT 21-2](#) A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$6,039,609.16 from November 25, 2020 through January 8, 2021

This Motion was approved.

IX. Regular Agenda

- T. [MOT 21-4](#) A Motion to Direct Staff to Bid the 2021 Green Alley Improvement Project and Prepare the Necessary Budget Amendments to Use Sustainability Funds to Fund the Construction and Construction Engineering Costs for the Project

Village Manager Pavlicek and Village Engineer Bill McKenna provided an overview of the 2021 Green Alley Improvement Project. Village Manager Pavlicek explained the impact COVID had on Capital Improvements,

referring to budget discussions the Village Board had in 2020, resulting in the suggestion to utilize the Sustainability Fund to finance this project.

Village Trustee Boutet suggested to table this discussion to allow input from the Environment and Energy Commission and the Climate Action Team to report back findings on the use of the Sustainability Fund. Once reviewed by both the Commission and the Team, she requested this discussion be brought back to subsequent Board meeting in approximately a month.

It was moved by Village Trustee Boutet, seconded by Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla, that this Motion be tabled. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 5 - Village Trustee Andrews, Village Trustee Boutet, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Moroney, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 2 - Village President Abu-Taleb, and Village Trustee Taglia

ABSENT: 0

U. [ORD 21-7](#)

An Ordinance Authorizing the Submission of an Advisory Referendum Question Regarding Whether the Village of Oak Park Shall Defund its Police Department to Be Submitted to the Voters of the Village of Oak Park at the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election

Public comment OPPOSED to adding the referendum question regarding whether the Village of Oak Park shall defund its Police

Department: Susanne Fairfax; David Gulbransen; Joanna Skubish; Rani Morrison, LCSW; Charity Anne Caldwell; Lil Spazzeroo; Matt Fruth; Kelly and Jon DeLoriea; Kaitlin McCall; Autumn Hamer; Leisa Marthaler; Jennifer Vanicek; Jean Magee; Karen Alanis; Steve Krasinsky; Dagmar Schalliol; Jenny Jocks Stelzer; Jason Cohen; Brian Straw; Lois Thiessen Love; Jason Wulkowicz; Laura Stamp

Public comment FOR adding the referendum question regarding whether the Village of Oak Park shall defund its Police Department:

Eric Friedman; John; Ken Wahlstrom; Jack Nowicki; Craig & Christina Putz; William Gale; Jack Powers; Monica Sheehan

The Board of Trustees discussed, in detail, the word "defund" and what it means to "defund the police".

Trustee Buchanan suggested rewording the referendum question so it was more specific.

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

AYES: 4 - Village President Abu-Taleb, Village Trustee Andrews, Village Trustee Moroney, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 3 - Village Trustee Boutet, Village Trustee Buchanan, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

ABSENT: 0

X. Call to Board and Clerk

Village Clerk Scaman: Clerk Scaman thanked the women on the Board for the courage and the words they shared.

Village Trustee Taglia: N/A

Village Trustee Buchanan: Trustee Buchanan encouraged everyone to get the vaccine when it becomes available. People can contact her with questions regarding the vaccine.

Village Trustee Boutet: Trustee Boutet encouraged recruitment of African-American officers and those who grew up in the Oak Park community. She agrees with accountability and the part of the state law that was passed and removed arbitration as police discipline. This takes the decisions of both the boards of police and fire commissioners to court which requires accountability and a legal standard is set. When this legal standard is set then we know what is acceptable behavior and what is not. Trustee Boutet would also like to get data in accordance with the proper protocols, utilizing Obama's Task Force on 21st Policing's Principals as a foundation. She stated getting to the root of why people commit crime is the best way to reduce it. In her view, what is most effective in reducing crime is education, mentorship and improving lives.

Village Trustee Andrews: N/A

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla: Trustee Walker-Peddakotla called for the Oak Park police department to complete an investigation to determine if any Oak Park police officers went to the Capitol insurrection on January 6, 2021. She also requested that the Board of Trustees return to the original meeting time of 6:30 P.M., instead of 5:30 P.M.

Village Trustee Moroney: Trustee Moroney wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated beginning tomorrow (January 20, 2021) with more vaccines, 2021 will start to be a better year than 2020.

XI. Adjourn

It was moved by Village Trustee Boutet, seconded by Village Trustee Moroney to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M., Tuesday January 19, 2021.

AYES: 7 - Village President Abu-Taleb, Village Trustee Andrews, Village Trustee Boutet, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Moroney, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Waters, Deputy Village Clerk