



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Monday, October 17, 2016

7:30 PM

Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Village President Abu-Taleb called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Village Trustee Barber, Village Trustee Button Ott, Village Trustee Salzman, Village Trustee Tucker, and Village President Abu-Taleb

By Phone: 1 - Village Trustee Lueck

Absent: 1 - Village Trustee Brewer

III. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Village Trustee Tucker, seconded by Village Trustee Salzman, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

IV. Minutes

- A. [MOT 16-118](#) Motion to Approve Minutes for October 4, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Village Board.

It was moved by Village Trustee Tucker, seconded by Village Trustee Barber, to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Rev. Dora S. White Merritt. Rev. Merritt asked the Board to rename Maple Street in honor of Oak Park resident Edy Burton.

Fred Arkin and Joylynn Pruitt, representing School District 200. Mr. Arkin and Ms. Pruitt presented information regarding their five-year facilities project as well as the bond referendum question that will be on the November 8 ballot.

Chris Donovan. Mr. Donovan discussed the Madison Street road diet and bend and the Madison Street-Oak Park Avenue RFP.

Barbara Mullarkey, representing the Oak Park Environmental Network. Ms. Mullarkey spoke about several accidents at the train viaduct at Ridgeland and South Boulevard. She noted that she was denied her request for the number of citations given at that location.

VI. Proclamation

- B. [RES 16-344](#) A Resolution Setting Halloween "Trick or Treat" Hours from 3:00 P.M. To

7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 31, 2016

It was moved by Village Trustee Tucker, seconded by Village Trustee Button Ott, that this Resolution be adopted. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

VII. Village Manager Reports

Village Manager Pavlicek commented that Village Trustee Lueck was in attendance via the Village's electronic participation policy.

VIII. Village Board Committees

Village Trustee Barber spoke about topics to be discussed at the next I-Gov Assembly, scheduled for October 29.

IX. Citizen Commission Vacancies

- C. [ID 16-309](#) Board and Commission Vacancy Report for October 17, 2015.

There were no comments.

X. Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments

- D. [MOT 16-119](#) Motion to consent to the Village President's Appointment of:
Board of Health - Noel Chavez, Appoint as Member
Environment & Energy Commission - Stephen Morales, Appoint as Member
Farmers Market Commission - Julia Knier, Appoint as Member
Transportation Commission - James Thompson, Appoint as Member

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

XI. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

AYES: 6 - Village Trustee Barber, Village Trustee Button Ott, Village Trustee Lueck, Village Trustee Salzman, Village Trustee Tucker, and Village President Abu-Taleb

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Brewer

- E. [ORD 16-122](#) An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Budget.

This Ordinance was adopted.

- F. [RES 16-341](#) A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Securitas Security Services, USA, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$450,004 for Security Services at Village Parking Structures and Not to Exceed \$25,000 for Security Services at Village Hall for a One Year Period with Two (2), One (1) year optional Renewals.
This Resolution was adopted.
- G. [RES 16-311](#) A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with Orbis Construction Company, Inc. for a Three Year Term for Village Building Maintenance Services in an Amount not to Exceed \$500,000.00 for the First Year and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- H. [RES 16-345](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application with the Illinois Department of Public Health for a Lead Poisoning Case Management with Environmental Investigations Grant in the Amount of \$1,449
This Resolution was adopted.
- I. [RES 16-323](#) A Resolution Approving an Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Village of Oak Park for a Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program Grant in an Amount up to \$27,701 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- J. [RES 16-327](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application with the Illinois Department of Public Health for a Local Health Protection Grant in the Amount of \$63,201.
This Resolution was adopted.
- K. [RES 16-330](#) A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health for a Cities Readiness Initiative Grant in the Amount of \$41,783
This Resolution was adopted.
- L. [RES 16-331](#) A Resolution Approving an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health for a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant in the Amount of \$50,219 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- M. [RES 16-333](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application with the Illinois Department of Public Health for an Illinois Tobacco-Free Communities Grant in the Amount of \$20,456
This Resolution was adopted.

- N. [MOT 16-105](#) A Motion to Direct Staff to Apply for the Illinois Department of Public Health's Body Art Establishment Inspections Fiscal Year 2017 Grant
This Motion was approved.
- O. [RES 16-338](#) A Resolution Approving a Contract with MYS, Inc., for Project 16-19, Historic Sidewalk Repairs, in an Amount not to Exceed \$25,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- P. [RES 16-340](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with G.A. Paving Construction, Inc. for Snow Plowing and Salting of Village Leased/Owned Parking Lots, Snow Shoveling/Salting of Village Owned Sidewalks and Crosswalks, and Back-up Snow Removal for Public Streets for a One-Year Period in an Amount Not to Exceed \$215,000
This Resolution was adopted.

XII. Regular Agenda

- Q. [RES 16-343](#) A Resolution Approving a Contract with H & H Electric Co. for Project 15-18, Washington and Wisconsin Traffic Signal Improvements, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$302,726 and Authorizing its Execution
- Village Manager Pavlicek noted that a resolution to award the contract to the lowest bidder has also been prepared for the Board's consideration. A brief discussion prior to introducing a motion may provide a consensus regarding which alternative to vote on.
- The FY16 budget provided for \$150,000 in funding for installation of a traffic signal at Washington and Wisconsin in response to a request made the previous year. The low bid was slightly over \$300,000 and staff recommended rejection of all bids and to rebudget the project for FY17. Residents who initially brought forward the project expressed concern regarding the delay. Consequently, the Village Engineer identified \$175,000 in cuts to infrastructure activities that could be done this year and redirected it to provide sufficient funding to award this contract. In addition, while staff did not anticipate the \$300,000 cost, after reviewing the competitive bids they found it unlikely that rebidding next year would result in a \$150,000 savings.
- Kari McCarthy. Ms. McCarthy noted that the intersection is really in need of the traffic signal.
- Marilyn McManus. Ms. McManus discussed changes in pedestrian and vehicle traffic in that neighborhood.
- James Kiel. Mr. Kiel urged the Board to approve the lowest bid for the project.
- It was moved by Village Trustee Tucker, seconded by Village Trustee Barber, that the alternate Resolution to award the contract to the lowest bidder be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:**
- AYES:** 6 - Village Trustee Barber, Village Trustee Button Ott, Village Trustee Lueck, Village Trustee Salzman, Village Trustee Tucker, and Village President Abu-Taleb

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Brewer

R. [MOT 16-122](#) A Motion to Accept the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (2017-2021) as Reviewed by the Village Board at the October 4, 2016 Meeting Regular Agenda and Incorporating Recommendations of the Finance Committee of the Village Board

Village Manager Pavlicek stated that the only notable change to the document previously presented to the Finance Committee and Village Board is to defer the fiber optic project to 2018.

Village Trustee Salzman added that while deferring the expense of laying the cable, staff and the Civic Information Systems Commission will be actively planning and presenting the Board with options as to how they can replace the system along with maintaining the current system to avoid outages.

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

AYES: 6 - Village Trustee Barber, Village Trustee Button Ott, Village Trustee Lueck, Village Trustee Salzman, Village Trustee Tucker, and Village President Abu-Taleb

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Brewer

S. [ORD 16-121](#) An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of \$10,005,000 Tax Exempt General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2016D and Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Direct Annual Tax for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds.

Village Manager Pavlicek stated that in accordance with the adopted FY16 budget, staff anticipated financing certain capital improvement projects with the issuance of the general obligation bond. Pricing is consistent with the current market. The rating was reaffirmed by both Standard and Poor's and Moody's and maintains a stable outlook. .

Kevin McCanna of Speer Financial commented that the amount has been adjusted to \$10,005,000 because they are offering a premium. Three bidders submitted eight bids, the best of which was 2.99% for 20 years.

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

AYES: 6 - Village Trustee Barber, Village Trustee Button Ott, Village Trustee Lueck, Village Trustee Salzman, Village Trustee Tucker, and Village President Abu-Taleb

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Brewer

T. [RES 16-349](#) A Resolution Approving an Extension of the Electric Power Supply Contract with Constellation Energy Services, Inc. for the Oak Park Community Choice Aggregation

Program at 6.799¢/kWh (Standard Power) for six (6) Months Inclusive of the 0.3¢/kWh Local Fee to Support the Smart City USA or Renewable Energy Projects within the Village and Authorizing its Execution

Village Manager Pavlicek stated that bids opened today for a six month period were at 6.799 cents per kWh. Staff concurs with the recommendation from Mark Pruitt of the Illinois Energy Choice Aggregation Network to look at a six month extension at this point.

Mr. Pruitt explained that they want the aggregation program rate to be as close as possible to the default ComEd rate, which is currently 6.388 cents per kWh. A shorter term contract would allow them a better opportunity to see where ComEd will be when they set their rates in June. In addition, the rates start to rise into the 6.8 and 6.9 range for the longer term offers.

Village Trustee Button Ott also requested that language in the resolution be changed from *"support the Smart City USA Renewable Energy Projects"* to *"support the Smart City USA or Renewable Energy Projects"*. There was consensus.

Mr. Pruitt answered questions from the Board.

It was moved by Village Trustee Salzman, seconded by Village Trustee Button Ott, that this Resolution be adopted as amended. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village Trustee Barber, Village Trustee Button Ott, Village Trustee Lueck, Village Trustee Salzman, Village Trustee Tucker, and Village President Abu-Taleb

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Brewer

U. [ORD 16-123](#) An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article 1 ("Officers and Employees Generally"), Section 2-1-6 ("Compensation of Elected Officers") of the Village of Oak Park Village Code

Village Manager Pavlicek noted that the Village Board, under State Statute, establishes compensation levels for elected officials. In 2015 during the Board Goal Setting Session, the compensation levels were briefly discussed. Village Trustees Tucker and Salzman specifically asked that this be put on an agenda for discussion. The Board may only take such action up to 180 days prior to the beginning of the terms of the officials whose compensation is to be fixed. She clarified that the current sitting Trustees that are partway through their terms would not receive that salary until subsequent election in 2019.

Village Trustee Tucker stated that there has been no change for 20 years. He emphasized that he and Trustees Button Ott and Salzman would not see the increase and noted that this is good public policy as well as State law. He noted that the materials given to the Board regarding compensation in other municipalities indicates that the increase is in line with Evanston, a comparable community, as well as others. The proposed amounts are fair, given the expenses and time put in by the Trustees and Village President.

Village Trustee Salzman discussed how Oak Park and serving in Oak Park has changed since 1996. He commented that these levels do not rise to the level of a full time salary. However, they are commensurate with the size and scope of duties of the Village Board in 2016 and they are not so high as to throw off the balance of power between the Village

Board and Manager.

Village Trustee Button Ott added that the responsibilities of the Mayor are many. The stipend that's been paid for the last 20 years does not compensate for the amount of time and energy that the job requires. However, there are two competing philosophies among residents; that a meaningful compensation will bring a better pool of candidates for Mayor and Trustee, or that these roles are public service, with the service part of the positions key. The proposed compensation strikes a nice balance between those two philosophies.

Village Trustee Barber supported the idea of looking at the salaries, although he didn't believe that the money has been the driving factor to serve on the Board. He agreed with the proposed salary for the Village President but expressed concern regarding the recommended increase for the Trustees. It will be more than doubled and well above the average compensation of comparable communities.

Village Trustee Lueck agreed with some of the comments. However, the compensation for the Village President and Trustees should not be equated with a salary. She sees it as a stipend to cover the expenses associated with being a Trustee. Raising the compensation will not increase the pool of people who run for office, as she believes people who do this do not do it for the money. She added that this large of an increase has the potential to cause Board members to struggle in their roles of only making policy decisions.

Village Trustee Barber proposed that the recommended compensation for the Trustees be lowered.

Village President Abu-Taleb stated that he favors having a diverse group of people on the Board. For younger people who may have babysitting expenses, serving on the Board may cause negative financial impacts. He noted that the duties of the President and Trustees go beyond just attending Board Meetings and are a big commitment of one's time. Economic development is occurring in Oak Park and they need to attract people who will keep this on track, young people and others who will make a positive impact.

Village Trustee Barber agreed that this is a large commitment of one's time. He reiterated his support for the President's increase but was not comfortable with more than doubling the pay of the Trustees. He commented that there are many talented people with young children who serve on the D97, D200 and Park District Boards and receive no compensation at all. He asked for an amendment to the motion that would increase the Trustees' compensation from \$7,200 to \$10,800 per year. Village Trustee Tucker did not want to amend the motion.

Village Trustee Lueck was opposed to the concept that increased money will bring increased commitment and passion. In the past 20 years, there have been good trustees and diverse trustees who have worked incredibly hard and were very passionate and committed to their work.

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

AYES: 4 - Village Trustee Button Ott, Village Trustee Salzman, Village Trustee Tucker, and Village President Abu-Taleb

NAYS: 2 - Village Trustee Barber, and Village Trustee Lueck

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Brewer

XIII. Call to Board and Clerk

Village Clerk Powell announced that early voting begins Monday, October 24 and advised of the days and hours.

Village Trustee Barber announced that D97's legal advocacy group CLAIM is holding a State Officials Session tomorrow at Julian Middle School. It will run from 7:30 to 9:30 and State Representatives and Senators have been invited to attend. He referred to tonight's public comment from Barbara Mullarkey and also expressed concern regarding the accidents at the Ridgeland viaduct. He was interested in knowing if the repavement of the street has been a factor and stated that getting access to the number of citations at that location should not be a problem. In regards to the commentary this evening about the D200 pool, he asked Village Manager Pavlicek and staff to invite someone to speak about the alternate pool proposal at the next Board Meeting. In response to the request to name a street after Edy Burton, he suggested that perhaps a resolution could be created is staff felt that it was deserving.

Village Trustee Lueck encouraged all to attend the I-Gov Meeting on October 29.

Village Trustee Tucker noted that this Wednesday's Finance Committee Meeting has been canceled.

Village Trustee Salzman explained the origination of the Edy Burton tribute and clarified that the request was for one block and not the entire street. He noted that in the years that he's been on the Board, they have never looked at doing an honorary street name and asked staff to follow up. He also responded to Ms. Mullarkey's comment regarding the number of citations given regarding accidents at the Ridgeland location asked staff to follow up on getting her that information.

It was moved by Village Trustee Tucker, seconded by Village Trustee Salzman, to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M., Monday, October 17, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

**MaryAnn Schoenneman
Deputy Village Clerk**

XIV. Adjourn