



# Village of Oak Park

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## Meeting Minutes

### President and Board of Trustees

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Tuesday, September 8, 2020

6:30 PM

Village Hall

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#### I. Call to Order

Village President Abu-Taleb called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. He clarified that the meeting is being held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions and that it is not prudent to have people present at the Village Board Regular Meeting location due to public health concerns related to that outbreak.

#### II. Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Abu-Taleb, Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, Moroney, Taglia, and Walker-Peddakotla

**Absent:** 0

#### III. Agenda Approval

It was motioned by Village Trustee Boutet and seconded by Village Trustee Andrews to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

**AYES:** 7 - Abu-Taleb, Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, Moroney, Taglia, and Walker-Peddakotla

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 0

#### IV. Minutes

**AK.** [MOT 20-056](#) Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Remote Meeting of August 3, 2020 and Special Remote Meeting of August 25, 2020 of the Village Board.

Moved by Village Trustee Boutet, Seconded by Village Trustee Buchanan, to approve the minutes for August 3, 2020 and August 25, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved the roll call on the vote was as follows:

**AYES:** 7 - Abu-Taleb, Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, Moroney, Taglia, and Walker-Peddakotla

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 0

#### V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

**Michael Giometti:** Mr. Giometti provided public comment suggesting that the Village Board is on an unproductive path of not recognizing the

consequences of their actions related to public perception and topics of civil unrest.

## **VI. Village Manager Reports**

Village President Abu-Taleb thanked members of the Village Board for their statement of support, and thanked the community, Village Manager Cara Pavlicek and Chief of Police Ladon Reynolds. He would like to see Oak Park move forward more unified and without police brutality and fear. Village President Abu-Taleb spoke of his personal experience living in an occupied country to express his empathy for the cause of protestors. He believes reform to be a must as well as embracing the opportunity to debate reform respectfully and inclusive of peace and support of young people and all people for change. He is committed to that direction.

### **A. [ID 20-227](#)**

#### **Review of the Revised Village Board Meeting Calendars for September thru December 2020.**

Village Manager Cara Pavlicek stated that meetings will be added for racial equity training and review of police forums from the August 25, 2020 Village Board agenda will be rescheduled.

### **B. [MOT 20-055](#)**

#### **An Update on the Lake Street Improvements Project and Motion to Confirm or Amend the Schedule**

Village President Abu-Taleb asked the Village Board to revisit the discussion regarding timing of contracts and the potential cost of delaying until the Spring. Village Engineer Bill McKenna provided an update on progress to date. Staff had been moving forward based on direction from the Village Board to start construction after Labor Day. He stated the hope was to be finished by Thanksgiving.

Village staff outlined efforts made to survey and remain in communication with affected business owners to evaluate the best timeline for all involved and original consensus was provided that delaying construction to labor day and to finish by Thanksgiving so that next year would be construction free was preferred. If delayed until Spring 2021 construction costs would be higher, contracts would be broken and could have financial consequences, and construction would negatively interrupt business for next summer.

Village Engineer Bill McKenna clarified the extent of the work, stating that beside for approximately 5 feet of walkway the entire street will be torn up. Mr. McKenna confirmed that there is little that can be done to make the construction season shorter for either now or later. Village President Abu-Taleb asked the question of whether or not the work could be split north side versus south in order to provide some additional access. Mr.

McKenna responded, the block is too short and would make the work less efficient and add additional challenges.

The Village President and majority of Village Trustees agreed that this is a very difficult situation with no perfect response and provided consensus to remain with the original decision to begin construction and work to complete by Thanksgiving. Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla did not agree and voted "no" to construction for the remainder of this year. All asked that staff do all they can to provide additional outdoor seating where possible and market patronage of the effected restaurants while the season allows.

## VII. First Reading

Village Manager Pavlicek introduced agenda items C., D., E., F., G., H., and I as the first reading for proposed ordinance amendments of the Oak Park Village code related to the "electric code", "building code", "existing building code", "fire code", "fuel gas code", "mechanical code", and "residential code". She explained that all ordinances would come back to the Village Board for a second and final reading before adoption.

**C.      [ORD 20-050](#)      **First Reading of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 ("Buildings"), Article 3 ("Electric Code") of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2017 National Electric Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission****

Director of Development Customer Services, Tammie Grossman, provided an overview of process for review of building codes and the outreach to contractors for feedback.

Chief Building Official Steven Cutaia reported that the Building Codes Advisory Commission (BCAC) and staff have been working to review and propose the ordinance changes provided recommending that the Village Board adopt the 2018 editions of the International Building Codes and the 2017 National Electric code with a decreased number of amendments to simplify and streamline the Village's building code process. Mr. Cutaia explained how codes are adopted locally versus Statewide and noted that some changes are for clarification recognizing that older codes do not address all new technology and modern advancements in building. BCAC Chair Tim Kelly explained the three year process and the commissions desire to propose as few amendments as possible. He also took the opportunity to commend staff for on-line permit application advancements which have proven to be extremely helpful during COVID-19 challenges.

**D.      [ORD 20-051](#)      **First Reading of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 ("Buildings"), Article 1 ("Building Code") of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2018 International Building Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission.****

Chief Building Official Steven Cutaia reported that the Building Codes Advisory

Commission (BCAC) and staff have been working to review and propose the ordinance changes provided recommending that the Village Board adopt the 2018 editions of the International Building Codes with a decreased number of amendments to simplify and streamline the Village's building code process.

**E.     [ORD 20-052](#)     **First Reading of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 ("Buildings"), Article 2 ("Existing Building Code") of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2018 International Existing Building Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission****

Chief Building Official Steven Cutaia reported that the Building Codes Advisory Commission (BCAC) and staff have been working to review and propose the ordinance changes provided recommending that the Village Board adopt the 2018 editions of the International Existing Building Codes with a decreased number of amendments to simplify and streamline the Village's building code process.

**F.     [ORD 20-053](#)     **First Reading of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 ("Buildings"), Article 5 ("Fire Code") of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2018 International Fire Code as Recommended by the Building Codes Advisory Commission****

Chief Building Official Steven Cutaia reported that the Building Codes Advisory Commission (BCAC) and staff have been working to review and propose the ordinance changes provided recommending that the Village Board adopt the 2018 International Fire Code with a decreased number of amendments to simplify and streamline the Village's building code process.

**G.     [ORD 20-054](#)     **First Reading of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 ("Buildings"), Article 11 ("Fuel Gas Code") of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code as Recommended by the Building Codes Advisory Commission.****

Chief Building Official Steven Cutaia reported that the Building Codes Advisory Commission (BCAC) and staff have been working to review and propose the ordinance changes provided recommending that the Village Board adopt the 2018 editions of the International Fuel Gas Code with a decreased number of amendments to simplify and streamline the Village's building code process.

**H.     [ORD 20-055](#)     **First Reading of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 ("Buildings"), Article 4 ("Mechanical Code") of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2018 International Mechanical Code as Recommended by the Building Codes Advisory Commission****

Chief Building Official Steven Cutaia reported that the Building Codes Advisory Commission (BCAC) and staff have been working to review and propose the ordinance changes provided recommending that the Village Board adopt the 2018 editions of the International Mechanical Codes with a decreased number of amendments to simplify and streamline the Village's building code process.

**I.     [ORD 20-056](#)     **First Reading of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 ("Buildings"), Article 6****

**("Residential Code") of the Oak Park Village Code to Adopt the 2018 International Residential Code as Recommended by the Building Code Advisory Commission.**

Chief Building Official Steven Cutaia reported that the Building Codes Advisory Commission (BCAC) and staff have been working to review and propose the ordinance changes provided recommending that the Village Board adopt the 2018 editions of the International Residential Code with a decreased number of amendments to simplify and streamline the Village's building code process.

## **VIII. Consent Agenda**

### ***Approval of the Consent Agenda***

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

**AYES:** 7 - Abu-Taleb, Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, Moroney, Taglia, and Walker-Peddakotla

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 0

- J.**      [ORD 20-070](#)      An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 20-049 Regarding the Special Use Permit Granted for a Major Planned Development at the Property Located at 435-451 Madison Street for the Limited Purpose of Updating the Name of the Limited Liability Company  
**This Ordinance was adopted.**
- K.**      [ORD 20-071](#)      Concur with the Plan Commission's Recommendation and Adopt an Ordinance Amending Article 2 ("Definitions & Rules of Measurement"), Section 2.3 ("Definitions") and Article 8 ("Uses"), Table 8.1 ("Use Matrix") and Section 8.5 ("Temporary Use Standards") of the Oak Park Zoning Ordinance Regarding Temporary Educational Day Camps - Remote Learning  
**This Ordinance was adopted.**
- L.**      [ORD 20-072](#)      An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22 ("Streets and Sidewalks") of the Oak Park Village Code by Adding a New Article 15 ("System of Numbering for Dwelling Units and Commercial/Office Units in Buildings")  
**This Ordinance was adopted.**
- M.**      [RES 20-181](#)      A Resolution Approving a Contract with Triggs Construction, Inc. for Project 20-3, Sidewalk Improvements, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$325,000 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- N.     [RES 20-186](#)     A Resolution Approving a Purchase Price Agreement with American Response Vehicles Inc. for the Purchase of an Ambulance in an Amount Not to Exceed \$283,004 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- O.     [RES 20-187](#)     A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement for Police and Firefighters' Pension Plan Actuarial Services with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for Fiscal Years Ending December 31, 2020, 2021, and 2022 in a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- P.     [RES 20-188](#)     A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental and Subrecipient Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds with Cook County and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- Q.     [RES 20-189](#)     A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Contractor Services Agreement with Occupational Health Centers of Illinois, P.C. d/b/a Concentra Medical Centers, and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- R.     [RES 20-190](#)     A Resolution Approving a Purchase Price Agreement with ZONES, LLC for the Purchase of Microsoft Software Licenses in an Amount Not to Exceed \$65,205.60, Authorizing Its Execution and Waiving the Village's Bid Process

This Resolution was adopted.

- S.     [RES 20-191](#)     A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. for Village Wide Street Sweeping Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$105,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- T.     [RES 20-192](#)     A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Municipal Solid Waste Recycling and Landscape Waste Collection Agreement with Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. to Reduce the Village's Fall Leaf Collection Program from Eight Weeks to Six Weeks Beginning in the Fall of Fiscal Year 2020 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- U.     [RES 20-194](#)     A Resolution Approving An Amendment to the Village's Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account Plan for Village Employees

This Resolution was adopted.

- V.      [RES 20-195](#)      A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Oak Brook Mechanical Services, Inc. to Provide Emergency and Planned Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Work and Repairs in an Amount Not to Exceed \$45,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- W.      [RES 20-196](#)      A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with Master Design Build, LLC for Ventilation Improvements to the Police Department's Firing Range in an Amount Not to Exceed \$392,621.25 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- X.      [RES 20-197](#)      A Resolution Approving a Contract with Swallow Construction Corporation for Project 20-9, Watermain Valve Replacements, in an Amount not to Exceed \$108,969 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- Y.      [RES 20-198](#)      A Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to a Contract with Trine Construction Corp. for Project 19-1, Lake Street Sewer and Water Main Improvements, to Change the Not To Exceed Amount from \$2,190,623 to \$2,292,623 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- Z.      [RES 20-199](#)      A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with A & B Landscaping And Tree Service, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2020 Parkway Tree Removal Services to Change the Not to Exceed Amount from \$150,000 to \$175,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- AA.     [RES 20-202](#)      A Resolution Allocating \$6,000.00 from Fund Balance for the existing Professional Services Agreement with Graf Tree Care, Inc. D/B/A Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management to provide Emergency Assistance in an Amount Not To Exceed \$23,500.00

This Resolution was adopted.

- AB.     [RES 20-203](#)      A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement MYS, Incorporated for Bluestone and Granite Repair of Sidewalks and Crosswalks in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- AC.**     [RES 20-206](#)     **A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Oak Park and the Service Employees International Union Local 73 Water and Sewer Employees Workers for the Period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 and Authorizing its Execution**

This Resolution was adopted.

- AD.**     [RES 20-207](#)     **A Resolution Approving a Temporary License Agreement with Momenta!, Inc. to Conduct Outdoor Dance Rehearsals on Village of Oak Park Property and Authorizing its Execution**

This Resolution was adopted.

- AE.**     [MOT 20-049](#)     **A Motion to Approve the July 2020 Monthly Treasurer's Report for All Funds**

This Motion was approved.

- AF.**     [MOT 20-048](#)     **A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$7,899,760.95 from July 11, 2020 through August 25, 2020**

This Motion was approved.

## **IX. Regular Agenda**

- AG.**     [MOT 20-051](#)     **A Motion to Refer to the Plan Commission for Public Hearing and Recommendation Text Amendments to the Oak Park Zoning Ordinance to Allow Service-Retail Uses on the Ground Floor of Buildings in the Village's DT - Downtown Zoning Districts Pursuant to the Recommendation of the Oak Park Economic Development Corporation (Oak Park EDC)**

Village President Abu-Taleb requested this item be removed from the consent agenda to recommend the Plan Commission consider language to the ordinance that would permit the Village Board to act as a hearing body for text amendments to the Oak Park Zoning Ordinance. He stated this action would allow them to respond to development needs in a timely manner and when circumstances are overly burdensome for the Plan Commission to consider.

Village Trustee Boutet suggested this is a different topic than the proposed motion on the agenda. She does not agree or disagree with Village President Abu-Taleb, but does believe it is a different topic from what they have before them.

Development Customer Service Director Tammie Grossman suggested staff can propose a text amendment to address the Village President's request. Village Manager Cara Pavlicek provided the history of a language change from 2017 that is in essence what the Village President is requesting the Plan Commission reconsider and provide a recommendation on how to address. Village staff can work around minor amendments and propose to Village Board outside of Plan Commission process on a case by case basis.

Village President Abu-Taleb withdrew his amendment to the discussion.



The Village Board provided direction to send the motion on the agenda to the Plan Commission; consideration of allowing service-retail uses on the ground floor of buildings in the Village's DT-downtown zoning districts pursuant to the recommendation of the Oak Park Economic Development Corporation (Oak Park EDC).

## **X. Regular Agenda for Items Pursuant to Village Code Chapter 3 Alcoholic Liquor Dealers or Related (President Pro-Tem Boutet )**

- AH.**     [ORD 20-074](#)     **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 ("Alcoholic Liquor Dealers"), Article 8 ("List of Licenses for Each License Class"), Section 3-8-2 ("Licenses by Name and Address Per License") of the Oak Park Village Code for the Issuance of a Restaurant Class B-1 Liquor License to LMP Services, Inc., DBA Courageous Bakery**

Village Attorney Paul Stephanides stated that the Liquor Control Review Board unanimously recommends a B-1 liquor license be awarded to Courageous Bakery. The establishments hopes the addition to their offerings will provided them additional revenue.

**It was moved by Village Trustee Andrews, seconded by Village Trustee Buchanan, to approve this ordinance as presented. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:**

**AYES:**    6 -    Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, Moroney, Taglia, and Walker-Peddakotla

**NAYS:**    0

**ABSENT:**    0

**ABSTAINED:**    1 -    Abu-Taleb

- AI.**     [ORD 20-075](#)     **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 ("Alcoholic Liquor Dealers"), Article 8 ("List of Licenses for Each License Class"), Section 3-8-2 ("Licenses by Name and Address Per License") of the Oak Park Village Code for the Issuance of a Restaurant Class B-1 Liquor License to Leek Restaurant Group, LLC, DBA Tacos 76**

Village Attorney Paul Stephanides stated this is an applicant requesting to open a new restaurant at 838 Madison Street. The Liquor Control Review Board unanimously recommended the Village Board award a D-1 license to restaurant Tacos 76.

**It was moved by Village Trustee Andrews and seconded by Village Trustee Taglia to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:**

**AYES:**    6 -    Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, Moroney, Taglia, and Walker-Peddakotla

**NAYS:**    0

**ABSENT:**    0

**ABSTAINED:**    1 -    Abu-Taleb

- AJ.**     [ORD 20-076](#)     **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 (“Alcoholic Liquor Dealers”), Article 8 (“List of Licenses for Each License Class”), Section 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 a Restaurant Class B-2 Liquor License to Munch, Inc., DBA Munch**

Village Attorney Paul Stephanides stated this is an applicant requesting a B-2 license to add liquor to their menu. The Liquor Control Review Board unanimously recommended to the Village Board that a B-2 liquor license be awarded to Munch restaurant in downtown Oak Park.

**It was moved by Village Trustee Andrews, seconded by Village Trustee Moroney, to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:**

**AYES:**    6 -    Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, Moroney, Taglia, and Walker-Peddakotla

**NAYS:**    0

**ABSENT:**    0

**ABSTAINED:**    1 -    Abu-Taleb

## **XI. Call to Board and Clerk**

Village Clerk Vicki Scaman provides information for Early Voting starting October 19.

Village Trustee Boutet made a statement that the Village Board should be more responsive and available to address community needs more urgently, rather than leaving items for an agenda that have been waiting.

Village Trustee Andrews took the opportunity to urge residents to remember to wear their masks.

## **XII. Adjourn**

**It was moved by Village Trustee Boutet, seconded by Village Trustee Taglia, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M. The roll call vote was as follows:**

**AYES:**    7 -    Abu-Taleb, Andrews, Boutet, Buchanan, Moroney, Taglia, and Walker-Peddakotla

**NAYS:**    0

**ABSENT:**    0

Respectfully Submitted, Village Clerk Vicki Scaman and Deputy Village Clerk Christina Waters