

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS™ OAK PARK / RIVER FOREST



Oak Park Township Board
7:05 pm, July 26, 2011

Marge Gockel, Observer

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Present were Supervisor David Boulanger; Trustees Eric Davis, Clare Marie Keenan, Jim Taglia & Clerk Gregory White, Manager Gavin Morgan, & Counsel John Garafalo. Absent was Trustee Dorothy Reid. Collector position is currently vacant. Also attending were 2 guests: architect Frank Heitzman & 2 contractors.

There was no public comment.

The 3 guests were introduced followed by a dialog with the Board re modifications needed for the new senior services building & ways of limiting the cost of the modifications. Some of the extra cost relates to village code mandated sprinklers & elevator requirements. Agreed to forego remodeling 2nd floor & upgrading flooring.

Also agreed to reuse current air conditioning units. The Board may also defer purchase of a replacement for the twp. bus to free up cash from this year's budget. Supervisor Boulanger & Trustee Davis will meet with architect Heitzman to work out further cost reductions.

Accepted quarterly report from the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care and Education, (which the Twp has supported with \$10,000).

Brief committee reports were given:

Youth Services (Liaison: Trustee Reid)--All participating governmental units have contributed to the Youth Interventionist Program. Board passed a resolution recognizing recently deceased Rev. Thompson for his support to Youth Services.

Community Mental Health Board (CMHB) (Liaison: Trustee Taglia)--Has moved to less expensive offices. Will be looking for a new CMHB member. Will be hosting a film festival re mental health issues & mounting an anti stigma campaign.

Senior Services (Liaison: Trustee Keenan)--Is bidding out catering services for lunch program. Also making calls to seniors at risk in the current heat wave & providing cooling assistance for eligible seniors.

Township Manager--Is in the process of hiring a new General Assistance case manager & is advertising for a business manager. Also working on the township web site.

Township Supervisor--Raised parking concerns at current twp building & the new senior services building.

Township Clerk--Is taking training to be a resource for Open Meetings Act & Freedom of Information Act questions. Noted that the County Clerk's web site has posted information on elected officials' Conflict of Interest Statements & lobbyists activity.

Adjourned at 9 pm to executive session to discuss possible litigation re General Assistance.

(online minutes: www.oakparktownship.org)