

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024, CONDUCTED IN-PERSON AND ELECTRONICALLY.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Clerk DaToya Burtin-Cox called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and the meeting was conducted in-person and electronically. On the call of the roll the following participated in-person: Clerk DaToya Burtin-Cox, Trustee Eric Davis, Trustee Ade Onayemi, Trustee Thomas, Trustee Trybus; Township Supervisor, Clarmarie Keenan, and Township Attorney, John Garofalo, Township Manager E. Michel. Also present virtually, was Director Cheryl Potts, CMHB.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee moved to approve the Township Minutes from February 13, 2024 with corrections and bills for the period of 2/7/24 – 2/20/24. Trustee seconded the motion which the Board approved unanimously.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Seguin Reception Invitation

- Director Potts presented
  - o OP Village, OP Township, CMHB being honored
  - o Date of event in 3/9
  - o Supervisor will sent comment to be presented
  - o Trustees Thomas and Trybus will attend
    - Trustee Davis asked to be included
    - 2 additional seats opened to staff

Attendance at COG meeting

- Trustee Davis expressed that the Township Supervisor did not attend meeting
  - o Requested that Supervisor inform Trustees if unable to attend meetings/events so that a Trustee can attend to cover

**REPORTS:**

- **MANAGER**

- o Held meetings and discussed issues within organization
- o Developed a work plan for the next 180 days in position

- **SUPERVISOR**

- Thank you
- In communication with Manager

- **CMHB**

- o Meeting held 2/2
  - Approved budget
    - 1.5 million for programming
    - Will provide information to the Board at the next meeting
- o OP/RF Breakfast on 4/23
  - Joint meeting of the intellectual/disability consortium
- o Trustee Davis inquired whether CMHB can provide explanation to the government bodies re: trauma of COVID
  - Trustee Thomas indicated that some programming already exists
  - Director Potts encouraged building connections

- Committee met 1/30 and 2/1
- After conducting site visits committee met and gave recommendations
  - To vote on recommendations on 2/20
- Received 20 applications for grants requesting 1.7 to 1.9 million
  - 1 new applicant
- Trustee Thomas indicated that transportation is an issue
  - Requested that OPT come up with a way to track requests for transportation
- **SENIOR SERVICE**
  - Meeting held last week
  - Follow-up discussions re: intergenerational mural
  - 4/1[10 am – 11:15 am] – Legislative breakfast at WSSS in Bellwood
  - 3/3 @ 3 pm– OPRFHS presentation of Mean Girls
    - Free matinee for seniors with a 2 pm reception
      - Supervisor request that OP Communication Coordinator publicize
  - Trustee Davis requested that Senior Service Committee function be re-evaluated
    - Questioned whether the best use of the committee was solely as a sounding board for the Director
      - Trustee Trybus that the committee was previously responsible for Celebrate Seniors event
      - Trustee Thomas asked whether the committee could assist with programming
- **YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICE**
  - No meeting
- **I-GOV**
  - Meeting set 2/9
  - 1.8 million dollar grant received by the Village
    - 75% to be distributed to local nonprofits
      - Nonprofits TBD
  - Village operating temporary shelter through June
    - YMCA/Carlton housing to end 2/29
  - At March meeting committee will discuss solicitation positions on advisory committee
    - Interested in establishing an I-Gov website
  - Library working on Percy Julian Museum
  - OP Park District
    - setting up a tax efficiency task force
    - working on Field Park restoration design competition
      - Ade Onayemi is the Chair
  - Village meetings moved to Tuesdays

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee motioned to adjourn at 7:52 pm; Trustee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next public meeting of the Oak Park Township Board of Trustees will be a Regular Board of Trustees Meeting conducted in-person and/or electronically at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7 pm at the Township Office located at 105 S. Oak Park, Ave, Oak Park, IL.

Respectfully submitted by  
and recorded in the office of

/s/ DaToya Burtin-Cox

DaToya Burtin-Cox, Clerk