I. ROLL CALL: by Village Clerk Jane M. Quinlan at 7:32 p.m.

Village President: Dr. Sandra Bury
Village Trustees: Alex G. Olejniczak Terry Vorderer
Tim Desmond Robert J. Streit
Mike Carberry Carol R. Quinlan
Village Manager: Larry R. Deetjen
Finance Director: Brian J. Hanigan
Police Chief: Michael Murray
Fire Chief: George Sheets
Director of Community Development/Growth Management: Jack Gallagher
Village Attorney: Patrick Connelly
Village Special Attorney: Matthew Welch

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Volakakis, an Oak Lawn resident, discussed the 91st Street subdivision/TIF. He stated that flooding is still continuing in Oak Lawn. Regarding the 91st Street 4 lot subdivision on the agenda tonight, there is no detention to stop the flooding. This water goes downstream and causes flooding in people’s homes. He wants the Board of Trustees to address this issue.

John Volakakis also discussed that a TIF lasts for 23 years and stops schools and other public entities from getting money from the increment of property values of that TIF. How do you sustain schools and other services. You either raise taxes or cut services. He does not know what the plan is for 23 years down the road.

Village President Bury asked for a moment of silence for Curt Ehrenstrom, a lifelong resident who passed away yesterday. Mr. Ehrenstrom was a teacher at Mt. Carmel High School for over 30 years and he is famous for winning the Golden Apple Award in 2013. Village President Bury stated that Mr. Ehrenstrom passed away much too young and she gave the Village’s sincerest condolences to his family.

IV. OLHMS EVERBRIDGE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO CONTEST WINNER RECOGNITION:

Village President Bury discussed that the Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School Everbridge Public Service Announcement Video Contest winners were going to be announced. The Village wanted to build awareness of the Village’s Everbridge service that we offer residents. The Village wants to increase utilization of this service. The students put together many videos and we narrowed them down to four. At the last Board meeting we challenged residents to go ahead and vote for their video by liking the page. There were two teams of four that won the contest. Finalist Team #2 had the most likes with 611 and Finalist Team #1 was the runner-up with just over 600 likes. The winning video will be the official Everbridge video of the year and it will be on the Village’s website. It will also run for another two weeks on Channel 4. Village President Bury and Trustee Vorderer presented all eight winners with a Certificate of Recognition from the Village of Oak Lawn. The students are also going to be driven to school in a Village owned Hummer.

Village President Bury thanked all of the students who participated in the contest. She also thanked the Oak Lawn Police Department for their efforts.

V. PROCLAMATIONS:

RISE OF SILENCE

Deanna Sandei, an Oak Lawn resident and President of the Bike Psychos, stated that the Ride of Silence is like a funeral procession. It recognizes people who have been injured or killed in a bicycle accident. This year is the second year that Oak Lawn is participating, while this is the 11th year of the Ride of Silence. The ride will go from the Oak Lawn Metra Station to 135th & Ridgeland, where the ghost bicycle is where a Chicago Police officer was killed a year ago.

Village President Bury read the Ride of Silence Proclamation.
TADGH SPILLANE

Trustee Desmond introduced Tadgh Spillane who recently won the World Irish Dancing Competition in London for boys 13 and under. Tadgh Spillane performed an Irish dance at the meeting. Tadgh started dancing when he was six years old and he is now in 6th grade at Simmons Middle School in Oak Lawn.

Trustee Desmond and Village President Bury each read a part of the Tadgh Spillane Proclamation.

Village President Bury congratulated Tadgh Spillane on his World Championship for Irish dancing.

Village President Bury asked Tadgh how many people were competing. Tadgh confirmed that there were 5,000 people in the competition. He talked about the belt and trophy he won. He told anyone starting out dancing that “they can do it too”.

Village President Bury thanked all who came to the meeting in Tadgh Spillane’s honor.

Village President Bury asked for a motion to advance Items XVI. and XVII. on the agenda.

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to advance Items XVI. and XVII. on the agenda.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

* XVI. REQUEST TO APPROVE A 22.6% PARKING VARIATION AND LANDSCAPING VARIATION @ 9159 SOUTH CICERO AVENUE, (6-0 VOTE TO APPROVE), PET. #2014-7 AND #2014-8; CRAIG PODALAK ARCHITECTS, PETITIONER; IN DISTRICT 2:

* XVII. ORDINANCE #14-15-27: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CERTAIN PARKING AND LANDSCAPING VARIATIONS TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOOTERS RESTAURANT AT 9159 S. CICERO AVENUE:

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to approve Items XVI. and XVII.

Sal Melilli, President and CEO of Hooters, discussed that they have been in Oak Lawn for the past decade and a half. He stated that it has been tremendous for them to be able to grow and develop in the Chicagoland. Hooter’s philosophy is if you want to be a neighborhood restaurant, you have to participate in your neighborhood. He stated what he has seen in Oak Lawn has made it easy for them to decide where they want to continue and grow their business. Mr. Melilli stated what they want to do now in Oak Lawn is develop a new flagship store that will have several unique things that no other Hooter’s in the world has. The store will be more focused on the customer. Mr. Melilli explained all of the positive changes that will be made to the store in Oak Lawn. They will be making close to a $3 million dollar investment in Hooter’s in Oak Lawn and they want to be part of the community. Mr. Melilli looked forward to Hooter’s being in Oak Lawn for many more decades. He thanked the Village of Oak Lawn for working with them.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Village President Bury asked for a motion to advance Items XIV. and XV. on the agenda.

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to advance Items XIV. and XV. on the agenda.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

* XIV. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REFERRAL FOR A 4 LOT SUBDIVISION @ 5154 & 5174 WEST 91ST STREET, (7-0 VOTE TO APPROVE), SUB. #2014-L, BRENDAN FOX, PETITIONER; IN DISTRICT 2:

* XV. ORDINANCE #14-15-26: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FOUR-LOT SUBDIVISION WITH VARIATIONS (MIKE’S SUBDIVISION – 4 LOTS @ 5154 AND 5174 WEST 91ST STREET):

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Desmond to approve Items XIV. and XV.

Trustee Streit applauded Mr. Volakakis’ significant commitment to our community and to have as much open space as we can to provide for adequate drainage. He raised a point and one of things we did several
years back was pass an ordinance requiring a lot to have an impervious surface of at least 50%. Trustee Streit asked when these lots are subdivided will each lot meet that code and will there be any additional variations required.

Brendan Fox, the petitioner, stated that he has been an Oak Lawn resident for 29 years. He stated all of the lots will definitely meet the 50% impervious surface requirement by code.

Village President Bury asked for the roll to be taken.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Village President Bury asked for a motion to advance XXX. Items E. and F. on the agenda.

Trustee Quinlan moved, seconded by Trustee Vorderer to advance XXX. Items E. and F. on the agenda.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

*XXX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

E. REQUEST TO APPROVE A CLASS “N” LIQUOR LICENSE (OUTDOOR SERVICE AREA) FOR SIP LOCATED AT 4911 WEST 95TH STREET

F. ORDINANCE #14-15-35: AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CLASS “N” LIQUOR LICENSES THAT CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE (SIP 4911 W. 95TH STREET)

Trustee Quinlan moved, seconded by Trustee Streit to approve XXX. Items E. and F.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE “SPRING INTO SUMMER” EVENT ON JUNE 21, 2014 INCLUDING A PET PARADE, NEW CAR SHOW AND SHOP OAK LAWN VENDOR FAIR:

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Vorderer to approve Item VI.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR THE OAK LAWN LIBRARY ON FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2014 FROM 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. FOR AN ANIMAL ADOPTION PROGRAM:

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to approve Item VII.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. REQUEST TO APPROVE ST. CATHERINE’S CHARGE ON 5K RUN ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014:

Trustee Carberry moved, seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to approve Item VIII.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
OAK LAWN GREEN TEAM: OAK LAWN BIKE TOUR:

Deanna Sandei, an Oak Lawn resident, a member of the Oak Lawn Green Team and President of Bike Psychos discussed that the Oak Lawn Bike Tour will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Check-in is at 8:00 a.m. and start time will be promptly at 8:45 a.m. You must register on-line at cmoaklawn.org and it is important that you register ahead of time—the deadline for registration is June 18th. You must wear a helmet and you cannot participate without one. All “rules of the road” have to be followed. Anyone who pre-registers; the first 250 riders will receive a free t-shirt and other gifts they have lined up. You have to be over 10 years old to be able to ride.

CONFlict of interest disclosure:

There were no conflicts disclosed at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING MINUTES #2014-13 DATED APRIL 22, 2014:

Trustee Carberry moved, seconded by Trustee Quinlan to approve Item XI, subject to the correction on the first line of page 6, replacing the word cleaning with greening.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICTZAK-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES TRUSTEE QUNLAIN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS BY VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

Trustee Desmond discussed that this was the second day of the “Shop Oak Lawn – Hire Oak Lawn” initiative. In the Building Department there were 19 permits issued yesterday and today there were 15 permits issued. People are out working on their homes, helping local businesses and hiring local contractors.

Trustee Desmond also discussed a program that Governor Quinn has introduced recently called Welcome Home Illinois and Welcome Home Heroes. This is a program where first time home buyers and returning veterans can receive grants to help with the purchase of homes. He spoke to some banks and realtors in the Village and they plan on doing a workshop in the near future where we can get everyone under one roof. We will invite home buyers to come in and sit down with realtors to see what houses are available and they can then talk to the bankers about mortgages. There will be an attorney present to answer any legal questions. Trustee Desmond will have more on the workshop later.

Trustee Olejniczak gave an update on the first elderly and disabled e-waste pick-up on May 10, 2014 and it went well. The next one is scheduled for October 11, 2014.

Trustee Olejniczak announced that the Village of Oak Lawn will have the Bike to Work Week Celebration and challenge soon. The Village of Oak Lawn took first place in the challenge last year. Please go to the Village’s website to receive more information on the challenge.

Trustee Olejniczak announced that he was having a Neighborhood Watch Meeting for all of the District 2 residents which will be held in June. He is also working with Trustee Vorderer (District 4) between Districts. Trustee Vorderer will also be scheduling a District meeting soon.

Trustee Olejniczak discussed that he and Trustee Vorderer were traveling on I 294 recently and saw signs on how the taxes in Illinois are hurting people. You read about how people are moving out of Illinois. The State of Illinois has the third highest unemployment rate, the second highest property taxes and is second in losing residents. In discussing how we can set ourselves apart on the State's economic policies, Trustee Olejniczak stated this will take a lot of work, but he thinks it is time for the Village of Oak Lawn to be a leader in this and challenge all the other taxing bodies to also reduce taxes. Trustee Olejniczak believes this is a great way to go on with Oak Lawn giving a property tax rebate.

Trustee Streit discussed that last week he and his wife were watching the Channel 5, 10:00 p.m. news and there was a report that an alleged killer walked out of Advocate Christ Medical Center and was on the loose. His wife turned to him and asked if he heard that, but Trustee Streit stated that he would have gotten an Everbridge alert or an e-mail about this if it had happened. Trustee Streit stated he thought he got this wrong because if this really happened, Oak Lawn would be all over this. Trustee Streit stated that he was wrong. Mark Cherry, an alleged murderer, checked himself out of the hospital and he was the subject of a nationwide manhunt. Mr. Cherry turned himself in on Monday. What allows an accused murderer to check himself out of the hospital? The hospital should be required to notify the Village when an accused or arrested offender is checked in or out of the hospital. When a sex offender moves into a community, they must register with the local police on a regular basis, even if they do not move. When a criminal is allowed to walk free from a hospital undetected, something has to change. The system has failed us and we have to establish policies that will prevent this from happening again. It could be that law enforcement policies include new back-up provisions. It could be that the Oak Lawn Police Department must be notified when
the arrestee is hospitalized in Oak Lawn. It could be called a “Common Sense Public Safety Policy”. Whatever it is, the safety of our residents must never be compromised. Trustee Streit asked that we put this item on the “Committee Of The Whole” agenda and look at an ordinance or policy that could help further protect our residents.

Police Chief Murray stated that in the situation that Trustee Streit described, the arresting agency would be responsible for their prisoner at the hospital. They would be responsible for sitting with the individual for as long as it took or arranging with the hospital to make sure that notification is made back when the prisoner is ready to be released. In this case there was an issue of jurisdiction. This alleged murderer was airlifted to the hospital from Indiana. This is an issue of Advocate Christ Medical Center being a level 1 trauma center. There are quite a few criminals that end up being treated over at the hospital. That is why individual departments are responsible for their own prisoners.

Village President Bury asked Police Chief Murray when the Oak Lawn Police Department would be notified of a prisoner being at the hospital.

Police Chief Murray stated generally Oak Lawn is not notified. The only time Oak Lawn would be notified is if they think there is going to be an issue up at the hospital because a prisoner is brought in or maybe because a gang issue is going on. Generally Oak Lawn is not notified every time somebody in custody is brought to the hospital.

Village Manager Deetjen stated that he put an item in the “Trustee Information Letter” last Friday. Mr. Deetjen did not see the television story, but did receive a call from a resident who did see the story on television. This resident lived close to the hospital and Village Manager Deetjen told her that he was unaware of any safety concern for her or anyone in Oak Lawn. Mr. Deetjen contacted Police Chief Murray and he had not heard anything as well. Village Manager Deetjen stated the incident we are talking about tonight took place months ago. Just as Chief Murray indicated, it was an airlift from Indiana. As we all know, Advocate Christ Medical Center is the busiest trauma center in the 12 state Midwest regions. Close to 100,000 medical events occur there a year. Mr. Deetjen called the concerned resident and told her the story. He saw the story on television two days later on another station and in that story they made it clear that this incident had occurred months before. The police in Oak Lawn were on top of this and they have spoken with Advocate security, with the Village having an outstanding relationship with Advocate.

Trustee Streit stated that Village Manager Deetjen said there was no safety issue, but a killer walked out of the hospital. At some point there was a safety issue.

Village Manager Deetjen stated that he was referring to a news report; nothing that was brought to the attention of the Oak Lawn Police Department for the reasons that Chief Murray clearly outlined. The event had taken place months ago. He informed the concerned resident that the safety of Oak Lawn residents was not compromised at the time that story ran. When the event occurred months ago, that is an issue that we obviously will explore with security at the hospital and other law enforcement agencies. Chief Murray was absolutely correct; that is what took place. Mr. Deetjen stated in a follow up news article, the Gary, Indiana Police acknowledged the fact that they were responsible and stated why they did not follow up.

Trustee Olejniczak stated if Mr. Deetjen is saying the system failed, it failed from the hospital’s side. They should have notified the Village of Oak Lawn under any circumstance when something like this happens. He understood the hospital cannot give out any medical information, but if somebody is an alleged criminal, we have to be concerned on how this happened. Trustee Olejniczak would like to have a meeting with Advocate Christ Medical Center to discuss specifically what they are going to do in the future regarding these types of situations.

Trustee Vorderer discussed that this alleged person was airlifted to the hospital from Indiana, probably before notification was given to the hospital that he was an alleged criminal. He stated maybe the Gary Police Department failed in notifying the hospital. He asked Village Manager Deetjen and Police Chief Murray how that communication lapse occurred and what happened.

Trustee Vorderer stated regarding the hospital, there is major construction going on and a lot of congestion over there. He has been getting calls on the heat up streets around 93rd and Kostner because of heavy trucks coming in. The hospital has lead us to believe that they will repair those streets at the end of the construction period. He asked residents to avoid that area if possible.

Trustee Quinlan wanted to give an update to the residents who live around Little Wolfe Park on the basketball hoops situation. Back in the fall, Trustee Quinlan and a big crowd of residents from the area attended two of the Oak Lawn Park District Board meetings. They were told that the Park Board was going to put together a special committee, consisting of some Park Board members, Trustee Quinlan and some residents. The committee meetings were cancelled and with the bad winter, Trustee Quinlan let it go. About two months ago, Trustee Quinlan called the Park District again and asked them what the status was? Trustee Quinlan received a call back from Park Board member Mary Wallace and Park Director Maddie Kelly telling her that the Park District was going to be removing one of the basketball hoops. Come to the next meeting that would have been the April meeting; then she got a call saying that they will not be talking about the basketball hoops at the meeting. Last night Trustee Quinlan went to the Park Board meeting and the basketball hoops issue was not on the agenda. When she asked the Park Board about this last night, they said they are sitting tight on this and they are going to monitor the situation. Trustee Quinlan had a conversation with one Park Board member who stated she was not in the board room when all the residents got up and spoke on this issue. Trustee Quinlan thought it was a perfect compromise in taking down one of
the hoops, so that those that do not have a hoop in their backyard can come over to the park, and the bad language and everything was not going to be happening with groups of people outside of Oak Lawn coming there. Trustee Quinlan is at a loss on what to do with this issue. She asked that the residents that live around the park and have been vocal on this, to contact the Park District. Only one of the Park Board elected officials have an e-mail address and that is Mary Wallace. Otherwise, send the e-mails to Park Director Maddie Kelly. The next Park District Board meeting is on June 9, 2014. She felt that the Park Board was going to sit on their hands on this and that is very unfortunate. They are elected and they are deciding not to listen to the majority of the residents.

Trustee Carberry appreciated Trustee Desmond’s comments and his acknowledgments.

Trustee Carberry discussed as far as the officers being hired (agenda Item XXVIII), he hoped ex-military would be given greater or mandatory consideration. He thought the Village did something already on this.

Village Manager Deetjen answered that was correct.

Trustee Carberry asked Police Chief Murray if he had heard of the alleged prisoner leaving the hospital before Trustee Streit’s comments tonight.

Police Chief Murray stated he was contacted by Village Manager Deetjen when Mr. Deetjen became aware of this situation. He had not been contacted by anyone on this issue before Mr. Deetjen contacted him. This was never communicated to Police Chief Murray as a problem.

Trustee Carberry asked Trustee Streit if he communicated this with anyone on this issue before Tuesday night live here.

Trustee Streit discussed that when he heard this story on the news regarding the alleged murderer leaving the hospital, he figured he would have received some kind of communication from the Village. If someone calls the police and says there is a suspicious vehicle, we get an Everbridge alert; if the temperature drops and the air temperature is different than the ground temperature, Village Manager Deetjen sends us an e-mail telling us that. This was an issue that Trustee Streit would have expected to receive some type of communication from the Village.

Trustee Carberry said that Trustee Streit was disappointed that the Village let him down.

Trustee Streit stated that there needs to be some sort of policy or ordinance to protect our residents.

Trustee Carberry said that there was a moment there that Trustee Carberry thought Trustee Streit was bringing this up as a constructive action. Now he realizes this is not going to work.

Trustee Streit said to Trustee Carberry that maybe he does not want to solve the issue.

Trustee Carberry said this is not working and Trustee Streit is going to lose.

Trustee Carberry stated the residents in District 6 are talking about these meetings being a show with the cameras. We are not doing the people’s work and we are getting into a lot of theatrics at these meetings and this has to stop. He stated if Trustee Streit is going to blindside his own people; that is a low and no good. Trustee Carberry stated that Trustee Streit is going to lose.

XIII. VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT:

A. UPDATE ON OAK LAWN REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM

Village Manager Deetjen gave a power point presentation on the Oak Lawn Regional Water System. Village Manager Deetjen thanked Mayor Bury and each of the Trustees who voted unanimously last fall. They set the course for what has resulted in 66 elected officials in nine communities all voting unanimous. Not a single elected official voted no on a $171 million dollar project of which Oak Lawn’s share of this project, even if the three southeast communities elect not to go forward (he hopes that is not the case) will be 9.989% and no more than 11.7%. He is hopeful that Matteson, Country Club Hills and Olympia Fields will move forward on this project. He recognized those 66 elected officials in the presentation. He thanked all of the nine communities involved for their leadership, with Oak Lawn taking the lead.

Village President Bury applauded Village Manager Deetjen on his leadership and diplomacy on the Oak Lawn Regional Water System.

Village Manager Deetjen discussed the upgrading of the Village’s Harker and Reich pumping stations. When it is all said and done, the pumping stations will meet the needs of this community for the next 40 years. Both pumping stations will also look better than they looked prior to construction.

B. RESTAURANT AGENDA ITEM – THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN OAK LAWN

Village Manager Deetjen stated that Sal Melilli is a modest man who is the President and CEO of Hooter’s and an outstanding business executive. Mr. Deetjen stated that the Board of Directors of Hooter’s thanked Oak Lawn and they are excited about the investment they are making in our community.
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C.  GENERAL VILLAGE MATTERS

Village Manager Deetjen discussed the four homes that are at the intersection of 97th & 50th Court and each of the homes on that corner do an excellent job of maintaining their property. One homeowner was outside and she told Mr. Deetjen that she and her neighbors are so excited about Mariano’s and Cooper’s Hawk coming into town. They are also excited about the caliber of young couples moving into our community, investing and buying homes in Oak Lawn. Many of these couples have returned to the community after growing up here and attending Oak Lawn schools and churches.

XIV. AND XV. were moved up on the agenda.

XVI. and XVII. were moved up on the agenda.

XVIII. ORDINANCE #14-15-28: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6 CHAPTER 16 OF THE OAK LAWN VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED "PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS, DISTRICTS, LANDMARKS AND STRUCTURES":

Trustee Quinlan moved, seconded by Trustee Desmond to approve Item XVIII.

ROLL CALL:  TRUSTEE OLEJNIczAK-YES  TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES  TRUSTEE QUINTAN-YES
TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES  TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES  TRUSTEE QUINTAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.


Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to approve Item XIX.

ROLL CALL:  TRUSTEE OLEJNIczAK-YES  TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES  TRUSTEE QUINTAN-YES  TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES  TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES  TRUSTEE QUINTAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

XX.  ORDINANCE #14-15-30: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE PROPOSED CICERO GATEWAY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Trustee Carberry moved, seconded by Trustee Vorderer to approve Item XX.

Trustee Streit discussed that at the last Board of Trustees meeting, this Board was ready to expand the TIF District without complete and comprehensive information necessary for the Trustees to cast one vote. It is clear for whatever reason, that there are those in this administration that want this expansion on the fast track with little oversight or planning in the process. The biggest problem is that the property will be moved from the tax rolls that currently finance our operating expenses, which ultimately might be the reason where this administration’s insatiable desire is to lay off employees and privatize services. TIF Districts can be good tools for economic development which was intended, but they can also be politically abused and become tremendous burdens to the taxpayers.

Trustee Carberry asked Village President Bury if there is a question here or a speech and what is going on here.

Village President Bury stated she was going to let Trustee Streit finish and asked the Trustees not to engage back and forth.

Trustee Streit continued his comments from the first paragraph under Item XX as follows. That is where this one is now headed. In order to take a closer look at the finances of this TIF District, on April 30th he submitted a Freedom of Information request for the last three annual reports, including all attachments for the 111th & Cicero TIF. By law, that information was required to be provided by May 6th. Trustee Streit just received that information tonight. To date, the engineering work has been done by an engineering firm that the Village has been using for many years. On tonight’s agenda we see the introduction of a new engineering firm that is politically connected and an ordinance which once again provides no specifics for a $30,000 dollar no bid contract. Trustee Streit recently read the meeting minutes from School Board District 125 regarding the TIF. Amazingly, a lawyer who works for the Village and also represents another school district was advocating for the TIF expansion at their meeting. This is not only highly unusual; it poses serious ethical and possibly legal issues as well. The one thing for certain that is now clear about this project, is that the vision has dramatically changed from the original intended purpose of a more upscale shopping center to another mediocre strip mall. Those changes are far more serious for Oak Lawn taxpayers. What once had great promise for economic development in our community has now decomposed into no bid contracts and politics as usual; exactly the actions that are putting Oak Lawn on the wrong track and Trustee Carberry does not want you to know about it.
Trustee Carberry stated there was one part of the adlib that he gives the Trustee a little credit for and that is for throwing Trustee Carberry’s name in there. He did not think the Trustee had that written prior. Trustee Carberry really thinks this is sad.

Village President Bury stated we are not going to have personal attacks, believe it or not.

Trustee Carberry asked the Trustee to address the issues because they are important to Oak Lawn. The Trustee is writing speeches that tear down Oak Lawn. He told Trustee Streit that people see through it.

Village President Bury stated she did not think the Trustee was writing the speeches, frankly.

Village Manager Deetjen discussed that he would do his best not to address any political discussion regarding the presentation that was just given. Mr. Deetjen was going to deal with the facts.

Village Manager Deetjen explained that back in 2006 when the then Board envisioned (he salutes them for having a vision) what they wanted for this property. At that point they had been newly elected and they had a series of consultants and reports were put together hastily, to quote Trustee Streit. The job is to get it done and get it right. This is not a mediocre development. This is an outstanding development with not only a regional player, but a national player in the restaurant industry that is feverishly working with one of the finest architects to get back to the Board and get construction underway, just like we are seeing with Mariano’s and their construction. In 2006 there was no effort, no due diligence to look at the soil conditions, to look at the infrastructure in place that crisscrossed this 29 acre parcel of land, whether it is gas or sewer.

Trustee Carberry stated to Village Manager Deetjen that he has explained this before and Trustee Carberry wanted to move on.

Trustee Quinlan thought it was important that the residents know what is going on.

Village Manager Deetjen stated he is asking the Board to engage an engineering firm. One thing the Village has done extremely well through the prior Board’s leadership and this Board’s leadership is that they have diversified the consultants that we use in this community. We do not use a single engineering firm and we must use five engineering firms whether it is for a bike way, a wetland, water or sewer, hard street repaving, etc., we use them based on their skill set. In 2006 there was not an environmental engineer brought on board and there was not somebody with that area of expertise. The contract is for a fee not to exceed $33,000 dollars and in Illinois, like most states in the nation, you do not competitively bid professional services; it is against the law. You can seek proposals, in which we have to get the various and diverse engineers that we use. Before the Board of Trustees tonight, is a firm that one of the principals is the former president of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. They are the agency that handles storm water and waste in the greater Chicago area. Mr. Deetjen recommended that Mr. Terry O’Brien be engaged and he is a gentleman, an engineer by profession and by education and he is highly respected in his field. Mr. O’Brien’s skills will be needed as we navigate the final waters of this development. This area was a wetland before and it was paved over in 1976. Now the Village is trying to satisfy regulatory agencies and satisfy the Illinois Department of Transportation who also has permitting authority at this location. The Village is also trying to make very aggressive deadlines so that Mariano’s can open and serve the fine residents of our community, as well as restaurants and other shops. What we are doing here with the TIF is a very prudent, smart and intelligent change. That change was presented in public hearings and the taxing authorities voted unanimously to support what is before the Board tonight. The Board of Trustees has information from early January, 2014 that has methodically covered all of the steps.

Trustee Vorderer stated rather than rely on FOIA, he educated himself with this TIF. He attended every single P&DC meeting, every school board meeting and he discussed this with presidents and superintendents of the local schools. He also met with the Village’s Special Counsel Matt Welch for two hours regarding the TIF. Trustee Vorderer thought the Village was moving forward in a very positive way. A Trustee here indicated that there was some type of political connection in hiring this engineering firm. He realized that the Trustee throws a lot of mud on the wall and maybe some of it will stick. Trustee Vorderer asked where the Trustee’s proof is that there is some kind of political connection to this Board.

Trustee Streit asked who recommended the engineering firm.

Trustee Vorderer stated that everything is a conspiracy.

Trustee Streit asked Trustee Vorderer how much property tax is going to be pulled out of the operating budget if Trustee Vorderer attended every meeting and knows so much about it. How much are we going to lose?

Special Counsel Matt Welch stated that the Village is not going to lose any property taxes as to where it is today. The Village has spent $25 million dollars on the project and they took out $25 million dollars on loans. The way the TIF is structured today, the increment generated by the existing TIF is not going to be able to repay $25 million dollars. The $25 million dollar loan is general obligation backed. When the TIF does not generate enough money, the Village general fund has to pay whatever is left over. By restructuring this TIF, when this project is fully developed it will generate close to, if not more than a million dollars in additional increment a year. It is just a math equation. This will help repay this loan must faster. With the IGA there are a lot of limitations and the school districts recognize the Village was in a precarious position. When the plan is complete, we will close down the TIF. From his understanding the Village’s main goal is to repay this Fifth/Third loan quickly.
Village President Bury stated the way the TIF was structured before was flawed to the point that it would not pay for itself and it would take money from other departments in the Village.

Finance Director Hanigan stated that it is also important that none of the property taxes are leaving the operating budget.

Trustee Vorderer stated that all of the taxing bodies understood this and knew it was in their best interest to support this.

Trustee Olejniczak discussed that this information was provided to all of the Board and they all had the ability to talk to staff and counsel. This issue is not something new and has been going on for three or four months. He suggested that Trustees do their homework and he knows this makes for good drama on the TV show as people in his District call it. Trustee Olejniczak stated we need to be doing the work for the residents of Oak Lawn and make sure we do not use what we are doing here for other purposes other than serving the people of Oak Lawn.

Trustee Quinlan reminded everyone that there are seven individuals on this Board that all have their own opinion and we are not all going to agree on everything. It is absolutely Trustee Streit’s right to be able to give his reasons and yes it is on camera, but the residents should know why a Board member is voting and how they are voting. It is a Board member’s right to say why they are disagreeing on something. Just because a Board member disagrees is not always because it is political.

Trustee Olejniczak stated that nobody disagrees with that.

Village President Bury asked for the roll to be taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES 
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES 
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES 
TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES 
TRUSTEE STREIT-NO 
TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

**MOTION PASSED 5-1.**

**XXI. ORDINANCE #14-15-31: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESIGNATING THE PROPOSED CICERO GATEWAY TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT:**

Trustee Vorderer moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to approve Item XXI.

**ROLL CALL:**

TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES 
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES 
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES 
TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES 
TRUSTEE STREIT-NO 
TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

**MOTION PASSED 5-1.**

**XXII. ORDINANCE #14-15-32: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE CICERO GATEWAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT:**

Trustee Vorderer moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to approve Item XXII.

**ROLL CALL:**

TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES 
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES 
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES 
TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES 
TRUSTEE STREIT-NO 
TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

**MOTION PASSED 5-1.**

Village President Bury thanked Special Counsel Matt Welch for the detailed memo given to the Board.

**XXIII. RESOLUTION #14-15-29: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE SECURITY FOR CERTAIN LOANS FROM FIFTH/THIRD BANK:**

Trustee Vorderer moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to approve Item XXIII.

**ROLL CALL:**

TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES 
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES 
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES 
TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES 
TRUSTEE STREIT-NO 
TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

**MOTION PASSED 5-1.**
XXIV. RESOLUTION #14-15-30: A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH K PLUS ENGINEERING, LLC:

Trustee Desmond moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to approve Item XXIV.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-NO
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED 5-1.

XXV. RESOLUTION #14-15-31: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE REICH, HARKER, AND POINTS OF DELIVERY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN AND CDM SMITH, INC:

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Desmond to approve Item XXV.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

XXVI. RESOLUTION #14-15-32: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND THE EXISTENCE AND FORMATION OF THE ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION:

Trustee Vorderer moved, seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to approve Item XXVI.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

XXVII. RESOLUTION #14-15-33: A RESOLUTION APPROVING DAVIS CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION'S BID PURSUANT TO THE 2014 CONCRETE REPAIR AND 50/50 SIDEWALK PROGRAM:

Trustee Carberry, seconded by Trustee Vorderer to approve Item XXVII.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

XXVIII. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF SIX (6) POLICE OFFICERS WITH DIRECTION TO THE BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS (BUDGETED POSITIONS THAT HAVE BECOME VACANT THROUGH RETIREMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS):

Trustee Vorderer moved, seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to approve Item XXVIII.

Trustee Vorderer asked for clarification from Police Chief Murray that we are approving six people in anticipation of future retirements. This way there will be authorization to get these people in schools and get them ready to go on the day of the retirements.

Police Chief Murray stated that was correct. Four of the positions are anticipated and two are filling open positions.

Trustee Carberry asked if there was a current existing list we are working off of and asked about grading with ex-military and if this has been successful.

Police Chief Murray stated we have hired several ex-military and they have worked out very well.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
XXIX. VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT:

A. DISB RES. #2014-09D: APPROVAL OF SEMI-MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS:

Approval of semi-monthly disbursements #2014-09D dated May 13, 2014, in the amount of $5,393,095.39 authorizing the expenditure of funds and the Village President and Clerk to sign same.

Trustee Carberry moved, seconded by Trustee Vorderer to approve Item XXIX. A.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNIczAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. GENERAL VILLAGE MATTERS

Village Clerk Quinlan discussed the DARE and EDGE Programs that are taught to grammar school students in the Village. Every school year our Police Department works very hard in teaching and mentoring students on the effects of drugs, alcohol and gang violence. Clerk Quinlan thanked the Oak Lawn Police Department (especially Police Chief Murray and Sergeant Pacetti) for all of their support for this program. The small amount of time that our officers spend in the classroom is a fraction of the amount of the time it takes to prepare for class time; Kudos to our Police Department.

XXX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE A CLASS “C” LIQUOR LICENSE (SPECIAL EVENT) FOR THE OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE “SPRING INTO SUMMER” EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to approve XXX. Item A.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNIczAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. ORDINANCE #14-15-33: AN ORDINANCE ISSUING A CLASS “C” LIQUOR LICENSE (OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – “SPRING INTO SUMMER” EVENT)

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to approve XXX. Item B.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNIczAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. REQUEST TO APPROVE A CLASS “C” LIQUOR LICENSE (SPECIAL EVENT) FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN “FALL ON THE GREEN FESTIVAL” TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH, 2014

D. ORDINANCE #14-15-34: AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CLASS “C” LIQUOR LICENSES THAT CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE (FALL ON THE GREEN – SEPTEMBER 5-7)

Trustee Carberry moved, seconded by Trustee Quinlan to approve XXX. Items C. and D.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE OLEJNIczAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEE DESMOND-YES TRUSTEE STREIT-YES
TRUSTEE CARBERRY-YES TRUSTEE QUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. and F. were moved up on the agenda.

G. GENERAL VILLAGE MATTERS

Village President Bury announced that the 10th Annual Charity Hockey Game between the Oak Lawn Police and Fire Departments will be held on Sunday, May 18th, 2014. Game time is 5:00 p.m. and doors open at 4:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena. This is a great family event; tickets for adults are $5 and for students $2. There is usually a ringer or two on the teams.
Fire Chief Sheets stated that the Fire Department was glad to win for the past several years and they are going to take it again this year.

Village President stated that Police Chief Murray is just smiling because he knows he’s got victory this year. The teams are donating all proceeds to the Illinois Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) which is an organization dedicated to helping survivors of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. It will also support the Police Department Hockey Charities and the Fire Department Hockey Charities.

Village President Bury asked the Board of Trustees at the next meeting to consider the summer schedule again if they want to do that.

Village President Bury discussed that she was at the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Luncheon today and they have a record amount of members. She learned that in the entire southwest suburban area, the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is second with the number of members. Oak Lawn has a very active Chamber and she applauds them all.

Village President Bury thanked Concord Nursing Home at 94th and Ridgeland for inviting her to tour their facility during Nursing Home Week. The entire inside is remodeled and they will be getting a new facade in the fall. They are very animated to make it a wonderful experience for residents, clients and their families.

XXXI. EXECUTIVE SESSION #2014-04: FOR THE PURPOSE OF 1) REVIEWING FOR THE RELEASE OF MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETINGS FROM APRIL 10, 2008, JUNE 14, 2010 AND ALL CLOSED MEETING MINUTES FOR 2011, 2012 AND 2013:

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Quinlan to move into Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEEOLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEEDESMOND-YES TRUSTEESTREIT-YES
TRUSTEECARBERRY-YES TRUSTEEQUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trustee Quinlan moved, seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to adjourn Executive Session at 9:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEEOLEJNICZAK-YES TRUSTEE VORDERER-YES
TRUSTEEDESMOND-YES TRUSTEESTREIT-YES
TRUSTEECARBERRY-YES TRUSTEEQUINLAN-YES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

XXXII. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Olejniczak moved, seconded by Trustee Carberry to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.

VOICE VOTE; ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.