

**Village of Oak Lawn Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes #2025-05
Village Hall Auditorium- 9446 S. Raymond Avenue
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:30 PM**

1. Call to Order by Mayor Vorderer at 7:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Village President: Terry Vorderer- present

Village Trustees:	Alex G. Olejniczak- present	Tim Desmond- absent
	Paul Mallo- present	Ralph Soch- present
	William "Bud" Stalker-present	Jamie Pembroke- present

Also Present:

Assistant Village Manager:	Jerry Dillon
Fire Chief:	Mike McMillin
Police Chief:	Dan Vittorio
Emergency Communications Director:	Diana Tousignant
Economic Development Manager:	Coleen Barkmeier
Public Works Director:	Bill Meyer
IT Director:	Ray Gaida
Village Attorney:	Michele Niermann
Village Attorney:	Tom Melody

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. 2025 Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Coloring Contest Winner Presentation

The Chamber of Commerce, along with Chief Vittorio and Chief McMillin, announced the winners of the coloring contest. Mayor Vorderer congratulated the winners.

Fire Safety Winners	Public Safety Winners
3 rd Place Leigha Heidemann, 4 th grader at St. Catherine 2 nd Place Giovani Guerrero, 3 rd grader at St. Germaine 1 st Place Stella Podraza, 3 rd grader at Columbus Manor	3 rd Place Vinny Drnovsek, kindergartner at St. Linus 2 nd Place Eloise Gangel, 1 st grader at St. Linus 1 st Place Avery Conrick, 2 nd grader at St. Catherine

5. Eagle Scout Recognition- Karen Jones

Mayor Vorderer presented Karen Jones with a Certificate of Recognition from the Village of Oak Lawn for her achievements.

6. Oak Lawn Fire Department Oath of Office

Firefighter/Paramedic Joseph LaPorta and Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Hansen take the Oath of Office as newly promoted Fire Engineers.

7. Public Comments

Kristen Adamiak explains a recent interaction with the Animal Welfare League in Chicago Ridge. She is a resident of Joliet, however her father lives locally on the southside. Her father's dog was picked up by Oak Lawn Animal Control and brought to Animal Welfare where they kept the dog for sixteen (16) days. They were not allowed access to the dog and had to formally re-adopt the dog. She has found that this has also happened to others within the community. She implores the Village to consider other options for bringing stray or loose animals and wanted the Board to be aware.

Trustee Stalker asked if Animal Welfare gave a reason for why they held the dog so long.

Kristen explained that they wanted proof of ownership in the form of vet records, which they did not have. Photos and videos were not accepted.

Carly Roberts, former southside resident, adds to Kristen Adamiak's comments. She presents the Board with information about recent lawsuits that have been brought against Animal Welfare. She states that Chris Higgins of Animal Welfare informed them they no longer were contracted with the Village. She asks the board to do more research and find another facility to bring strays.

8. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None.

9. Approval of closed meeting minutes #2025-01 dated January 28, 2025.

Trustee Stalker motioned to approve, seconded by Trustee Soch.

Roll Call:	Trustee Olejniczak- yes	Trustee Soch- yes
	Trustee Mallo- yes	Trustee Pembroke- yes
	Trustee Stalker- yes	

Motion passes 5-0-1.

10. Approval of regular meeting minutes #2025-04 dated February 25, 2025.

Trustee Stalker motioned to approve, seconded by Trustee Soch.

Roll Call:	Trustee Olejniczak- yes	Trustee Soch- yes
	Trustee Mallo- yes	Trustee Pembroke- yes
	Trustee Stalker- yes	

Motion passes 5-0-1.

11. New Business by Village Trustees

Trustee Pembroke asks residents to slow down on residential streets. The weather is warming up and there are more pedestrians out. He adds to stop at the stop signs, and slow down.

Trustee Stalker agrees and reminds residents to slow down.

Trustee Soch asks parents to please educate the children on the scooters. It is their safety at risk. As the other Trustees had mentioned, there is a lot of speeding, and the kids need to be just as careful on the scooters.

12. Village Manager's Report

None.

13. Consent Agenda

All items on the consent agenda are routine and brought forward at the direction of the Board of Trustees, Village Manager, or Village Committees and will be enacted with one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

- A. Resolution #25-05-13: A Resolution requesting Community Development Block Grant funds for sanitary sewer lining project in the amount of \$500,000 for program year 2025. (Village Manager)
- B. Resolution #25-05-14: A Resolution amending Resolution #24-20-81, waiving competitive bidding, and approving payment of an additional audit premium of \$29,822 to Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) for worker's compensation coverage. (Village Manager)
- C. Resolution #25-05-15: A Resolution approving a proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. for professional design engineering services for the 2025 Street Program in an amount not to exceed \$38,800.00. (Village Manager)
- D. Resolution #25-05-16: A Resolution approving a proposal from Federal Engineering, Inc. to provide professional consulting services to the Oak Lawn Regional Emergency Communications Center (OLREC) and oversee the migration of public safety emergency communications technology systems for the new OLREC 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for a total price not to exceed \$117,109.00. (Village Manager)
- E. Resolution #25-05-17: A Resolution approving and authorizing execution of a settlement agreement and general release with Proven Business Systems, LLC vs. Village of Oak Lawn, et al. (previously tabled on February 25, 2025)
- F. Resolution #25-05-18: Resolution rejecting all bids submitted in response to a request for proposals for managed print solutions. (previously tabled on February 25, 2025)

Trustee Mallo motions to approve, seconded by Trustee Pembroke.

Trustee Mallo motioned to remove items E and F from consideration.

Roll Call:	Trustee Olejniczak- yes	Trustee Soch- yes
	Trustee Mallo- yes	Trustee Pembroke- yes
	Trustee Stalker- yes	

Motion passes 5-0-1.

Attorney Tom Melody explains that we will go into a brief discussion in executive session after the Village President's report. We will then return to open session for a vote on items E and F.

14. Village Clerk's Report

- A. Disbursement Resolution #2025-05D dated March 11, 2025 in the amount of \$5,707,572.99 (five million, seven hundred and seven thousand, five hundred and seventy two dollars and ninety nine cents).

Trustee Mallo motions to approve, seconded by Trustee Pembroke.

Roll Call:	Trustee Olejniczak- yes	Trustee Soch- yes
	Trustee Mallo- yes	Trustee Pembroke- yes
	Trustee Stalker- yes	

Motion passes 5-0-1.

B. Early Voting information

Early Voting begins at the Oak Lawn Library this upcoming Monday, March 17 and will run each day through Monday, March 31. This includes weekend hours. Please see our website for hours for early voting. Election day is Tuesday, April 1.

15. Village President's Report

Mayor Vorderer explains that municipal elections have the lowest voter turnout, often less than ten percent. This election provides the services closest to home. Please come out and vote.

He also updates on the success of the Hometown Hero Banner program. We have taken the banners down for the winter, but they will go back up soon for the remainder of the two years, and then returned to the families.

Trustee Olejniczak motions to adjourn to executive session for discussion of a pending litigation.

Trustee Stalker seconds the motion at 8:08pm.

Roll Call:	Trustee Olejniczak- yes	Trustee Soch- yes
	Trustee Mallo- yes	Trustee Pembroke- yes
	Trustee Stalker- yes	

Motion passes 5-0-1.

Open session resumes at 8:22pm.

Mayor Vorderer now explains that a vote will be taken on items E and F.

E. Resolution #25-05-17: A Resolution approving and authorizing execution of a settlement agreement and general release with Proven Business Systems, LLC vs. Village of Oak Lawn, et al. (previously tabled on February 25, 2025)

Trustee Mallo motions to approve, seconded by Trustee Olejniczak.

Roll Call:	Trustee Olejniczak- yes	Trustee Soch- yes
	Trustee Mallo- yes	Trustee Pembroke- yes
	Trustee Stalker- yes	

Motion passes 5-0-1.

F. Resolution #25-05-18: Resolution rejecting all bids submitted in response to a request for proposals for managed print solutions. (previously tabled on February 25, 2025)

Trustee Mallo motions to approve, seconded by Trustee Soch.

Roll Call:	Trustee Olejniczak- yes	Trustee Soch- yes
	Trustee Mallo- yes	Trustee Pembroke- yes
	Trustee Stalker- yes	

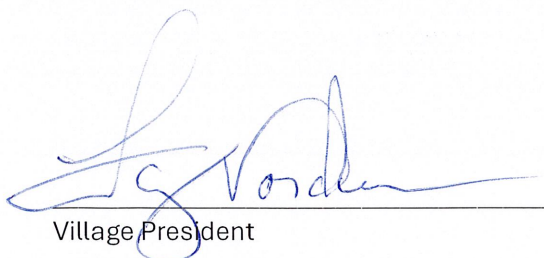
Motion passes 5-0-1.

16. Adjournment

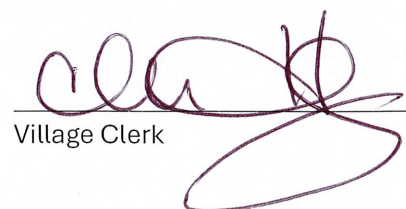
Trustee Olejniczak motions to adjourn at 8:23pm, seconded by Trustee Pembroke.

Roll Call:	Trustee Olejniczak- yes	Trustee Soch- yes
	Trustee Mallo- yes	Trustee Pembroke- yes
	Trustee Stalker- yes	

Motion passes 5-0-1.



Village President



Village Clerk