Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,
970 Madison Street, Cook County, Oak Park, Illinois
June 1, 2010, 7 p.m.

SPECIAL JOINT TIF INTER-JURISDICTIONAL MEETING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 97 AND OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 200

The meeting was held at the Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School, located at 325 S Kenilworth Avenue.

President Traczyk called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Clouser, Spatz, Reddy, Barber, and Traczyk
Absent: Gates and Harton
Also Present: Superintendent Constance R. Collins (7:15 p.m.), Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Therese O’Neill, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier
Village Board Present: Craig Lesner, Tom Barwin, David Pope, Ray Johnson, John Hedges, Colette Lueck, Jan Pate, Glenn Brewer and Theresa Powell
D200 Present: Ralph Lee, John Allen, Superintendent Atilla Weninger and Chief Financial Officer Cheryl Witham

Village President David Pope introduced the agenda. Tom Barwin explained the history behind the Oak Park TIF agreements. He shared that three separate agreements exist - the Greater Downtown TIF, the Madison Street TIF, and the Harlem/Garfield TIF. Barwin reported on the improvements in each area, as well as future plans. Barwin elaborated on how the TIF projects can also encourage private investment in these areas.

Craig Lesner distributed a spreadsheet that he presented as a working document. He suggested that this document be used to calculate the TIF payouts moving forward. Lesner referenced the two footnotes in the agreement and acknowledged that they were considered when creating the spreadsheet.

Lesner reported that according to the calculations defined on the spreadsheet, the TIFs currently owe the following amounts:

District 97  1.5 million
District 200  1.8 million
Township .1
Village .6
Library .2
Park District .2

Lesner shared a timeline to follow in the future, beginning with the TIF report distribution in October of each year. He suggested that staff members from the three governing bodies meet in the near future to determine plans for moving forward. Peter Barber insisted, President Pope agreed that our next annual TIF update would be scheduled for the first week of June 2011.

There being no further business to conduct, Village President David Pope, in representation of all boards, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be on Monday June 14, 2010 beginning at 7 p.m. in the administration building, located at 970 Madison Street.