

**LEAGUE of WOMEN  
VOTERS** TM OAK PARK / RIVER FOREST



**Oak Park Township Board  
November 13, 2007**

*Ruth Foley, Observer*

Present: Supervisor Boulanger; Trustees Cozzens, Keenan, Davis and Troyner; Clerk White; Attorney Garafalo; Andy Williams as Business Manager; Collector Aagard. Also present, Chris Meier from the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care and Education, and Avis Davis from the Community Mental Health Board.

The meeting began on time at 7:00.

Accepted with additions, the minutes of the October 23 meeting and approved current bills.

A discussion began of whether or not to approve a contract with the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care and Education. Attorney Garafalo saw some legal problems with the contract presented because the contract avoids the regular channels. Trustee Keenan questioned spending taxpayer money with more accountability by the Collaborative and suggested payment should be based on fulfillment of the contract. Trustee Cozzens stated her concerns about funding outside the Township's mission and about how causes for special funding were not distributed in a fair manner using the Township's own policies. Trustee Davis suggested that the Collaboration should abide by the policies used by the agencies applying to Youth Services for contracts and suggested that those requirements be attached to the contract. Supervisor Boulanger suggested turning their proposal and funds over to the Youth Services Committee. The contract was not approved.

Interviews for the Community Mental Health Board will be held soon. From 4-6 candidates will be interviewed. No current board members have applied for another term.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55.