

SPECIAL RULES MEETING/BUDGET REVIEW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

Village Hall

6:00 p.m.

May 7, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt; Trustees: Tiffani Graham, Theresa Settles, Candyce Herron, Joseph A. Woods.

ABSENT: Trustee Robert McCray

STAFF PRESENT: Village Manager Tom Mick, Director of Finance/Deputy Village Manager Mark Pries, Assistant Finance Director, Sharon Floyd, Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes, Code Enforcement Manager Jerry Martin, and Program Manager Executive Director Housing Authority Geraldine Dupaty, Park Forest Police Department: Police Chief Christopher Mannino, Field Operations Deputy Chief Paul Winfrey, Support Services Deputy Chief Brian Rzycki; Park Forest Fire Department: Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Roberts

Document Reviewed: Village of Park Forest, Illinois 2019/2020 Budget

Mayor Vanderbilt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., and the roll was called.

Village Manager Mick gave an overview of the upcoming budget meetings and gave a brief explanation of the budget book to the new trustees.

Director of Finance/Deputy Village Manager Mark Pries began his Financial Summary by further explaining the budget book; referring to it as a communication device, policy document and financial planner. He clarified that the budget is an authority to spend money and not a mandate to spend money. Mr. Pries also provided page suggestions that would give budget book format understanding to the new trustees.

Mr. Pries reviewed the Financial Projection Budget 2019/2020 (sect. 2, page 2) and the School District 163 Tax Bill Break Down (sect. 2-7). The question was asked by trustee Graham if it would be possible to provide the same dollar bill breakdown for other school districts that Park Forest resident tax dollars may go towards such as Dist.162. Mr. Pries answered yes, breakdowns for other districts can be provided to the board, however, as far as it being added to the budget book they would have to be mindful of conciseness.

Both Mr. Pries and Mr. Mick reviewed General Fund Revenues & Expenditures (sect. 2-15, 2-16), General Fund Summary (sect. 2-33), and the All Funds Revenue & Expenditure (sect. 2-24, 2-25).

Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok began the Fire Department Summary by reviewing their performance measures on section 5-10. He further discussed some of the challenges the department is

experiencing such as staffing issues (especially prevalent during concurrent calls) and unfunded mandates. The Budget Detail (sect. 5-22, 5-23, 5-24, 5-25) was reviewed. Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Roberts noted that included in this budget is the training room renovation as well as the replacement of a pickup truck.

Police Chief Christopher Mannino began the Police Department summary by reviewing their mission and providing an overview of the various staff positions that keep the department operating. He also explained their partnership with the Urban Youth Trauma Center's Youth Violence Prevention Program and their P.O.P. program (problem oriented policing).

The following sections were reviewed: Police Calls for Service (sect. 4-15), Traffic Crash Data (sect. 4-18), Citizen Complaints (sect. 4-19), Mandatory Training (sect. 4-21), Capital Outlay Breakdown (sect. 4-36), Police Calls for Service & Criminal Incident Data (sect. 4-15, 4-16).

Trustee Settles inquired about the recent addition of body cameras. Chief Mannino said they have been in use since the end of January and have been a great addition to the department. Mick noted that there have been less cases going to court since the body cameras provide so much evidence. Mayor Vanderbilt posed the idea of having a red light camera installed at the intersection of Sauk Trail & Western Avenue. Chief Mannino responded that the previous police chief looked into this idea. However, the crash data was not high enough for that intersection to qualify. The department is aware of the speeding drivers in the area and have been using a speed trailer and have increased traffic enforcement to address that issue. They are also using social media to help address issues to the community. Every month the department selects something to focus on for the month; ex. car thefts of running vehicles left unattended.

Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes reviewed Grant Overview (sect. 9-2, 9-3), Building Department Performance Measures (sect. 9-7) and Housing Voucher Program Data (sect. 20-2). The department will look into how to implement a work program with the housing program at the suggestion of Mayor Vanderbilt.

Mayor Vanderbilt brought up the idea of partnering with schools for cable television content. Kerestes responded that they have reached out to schools and are open to the idea. He suggested that those schools interested should come out to the cable commission meetings and connect.

Mr. Mick closed the meeting by reminding the Board of upcoming dates related to the budget: May 9- Budget Review: Recreation & Parks and Economic Development.

Mayor Vanderbilt moved to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.; second by Trustee Woods.

Respectfully submitted, Deanna Eaton, Recorder