

**VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST**

**RULES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST, 350 VICTORY DRIVE, PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS  
COOK AND WILL COUNTIES**

**Village Hall- Boardroom**

**7:00 p.m.**

**January 6, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Trustee Theresa Settles, Trustee Tiffani Graham, Trustee Candyce Herron, Trustee Joseph Woods, Trustee Maya Hardy, Trustee Glenna Hennessy, and Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Village Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Christopher Mannino, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Village Attorney Leslie Kennedy, Assistant Finance Director Sharon Floyd, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, Chief Water Plant Operator David Vavrek, Sustainability coordinator Carrie Malfeo, and Haley Crim, Intern

**RECORDER:** Village Clerk Sheila McGann

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Family and Friends of Firefighter/paramedic Shane Krivanec; other members of the Police and Fire Department Family; David Hoover, Executive Director of Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative; and Gary Kopycinski, eNews Park Forest

**Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Vanderbilt. Roll was called by Clerk McGann.

Mayor Vanderbilt began the meeting with the swearing in of Firefighter/paramedic Shane Krivanec. Manager Mick read Firefighter Krivanec's bio. He was sworn in by Clerk McGann and his badge was pinned on by his mother. Firefighter Krivanec was congratulated and welcomed by the Mayor, Board, Manager, and the Fire Department family.

**1. Presentation on Municipal Electric Aggregation for the purpose of using renewable energy**

Manager Mick gave some background on the Village and electric aggregation. While it saved the participating residents some money in 2012-2014, there has not been a favorable rate for residents to continue. Village Staff has continually looked at options in the energy market where the Village could save money for residents and/or reduce Park Forest's carbon footprint. Manager Mick said no one on the Board was a part of the body that adopted the aggregation plan back in 2012/2013. Manager Mick introduced David Hoover, Executive Director of Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC), who presented slides and a video explaining the concept to be explored. He said there would be annual civic grants available, approximately \$20,000 to \$40,000. Also the EPA tracks the greenest communities. He would

expect Park Forest to be in the top 20 in the entire country when compared to similar communities. The video explained the energy grid, the renewable electricity certificate (REC), and how the solar farms and power is attributed to a certain municipality. He added that per state law, residents would have the option to opt out while their rates will remain the same. Manager Mick stated that an aggregation project using renewable energy sources would be in line with the Park Forest Sustainability Plan. He also said that ComEd would still be the supplier and that residential electric bills would still come from this company. Also, any issues a resident would have outages, etc. would go through ComEd. There is no change in the cost to residents. When asked by Trustee Woods why would someone choose to opt out, Mr. Hoover said there are other markets with higher rates than ComEd and some residents are more comfortable with ComEd or do not understand deregulation. He reiterated that there was no change in the rates and the customer is not leaving ComEd. When asked by Trustee Settles if there are any risks using renewable energy, he said there are no risks for residents and the price would be the same. There may be some risk to birds with regard to windmill blades. Manager Mick explained that the best option is to go to market for 24-36 months and see if/how the market will have changed in that time. Mayor Vanderbilt asked the Board if there were any objections to moving forward. Hearing none, he said the Board will move forward on the proposal.

## **2. Purchase of a 2021 International HV607 Dump Truck, Replace Vehicle/Equipment #623**

Manager Mick said this item is from the Public Works Department. While this item is currently allocated for in the current budget, it is above his spending authority and, in accordance with the Village's purchasing policy, must be approved by the Village Board. Director Ysaguirre said this purchase is to replace a 1994 dump truck. He explained the process of purchasing a vehicle through the State of Illinois. As there is no trade in value for the older vehicle, it will be sold at auction at a future date. Staff recommends purchase of the new vehicle. Mayor Vanderbilt asked the Board if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

## **3. Approval of an Agreement/Proposal for the replacement of the Police Department Communications Tower**

Manager Mick said this item is out of the Public Works Department, Public Safety, and SouthCom. The antennae and communications tower need to be replaced at the Police Station. Director Ysaguirre detailed the components of the construction of the new tower, building the new foundation, and installing the SouthCom radio signals. As other sites were considered, it was determined to rebuild a new tower where the decades old tower existed. Hearing no questions, this item will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

## **4. An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Transportation Authority for a Sidewalk along Rte. 30 (Orchard Drive to East Village Limits)**

Manager Mick said this item is out of Public Works Department and is the secondary leg of a sidewalk on the south side of Route 30 with most of the construction work to be paid by the RTA and the State. Director Ysaguirre explained the application process and how the funds will be awarded. The intergovernmental agreement is required for the project to be completed. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

### **5. Purchase of 1 Wallace & Tiernan OSEC (On-Site Electrolytic Chlorination) System**

Manager Mick said this item is out of the Public Works Department and, in particular, for the needs of the Water Plant. The Board has been briefed regarding a broken main chlorine feed which must be replaced. Director Ysaguirre explained the EPA requirements for water treatment facilities and the need for the two pumps. Staff recommends purchase of 1 OSEC system. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

### **6. Purchase of Seventeen APX60000 Police Radios**

Manager Mick said this item is out of the Police Department. As this item is above the Manager's spending authority, it must go to the Board for approval. Chief Mannino gave background of the radio/communication system of the Park Forest/Richton Park/Matteson/Olympia Fields area. The current radios received in 2011 are beginning to become obsolete and inoperable. This is the first phase-in of the purchase of nineteen new radios. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

### **7. Purchase of Two 2020 Ford Utility SUV Police Interceptors**

Manager Mick said this is a routine item is out of the Police Department, purchasing two new vehicles and phasing out old police cars. The purchase is above the Manager's spending authority and the purchases are in the budget. Chief Mannino explained that the Police Department cycles their vehicles annually due to their extreme wear and tear. The vehicles are purchased at a competitive price through Currie Motors in Frankfort and the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if there were any comments or questions by the Board. When asked by Trustee Woods how many vehicles are in the Police Department fleet, Chief Mannino said there are a variety of vehicles for different uses which include vehicles for administrative and investigative use and 13 marked patrol vehicles. Trustee Hennessy asked what criteria is used to determine if a vehicle is to be replaced. Chief Mannino said it is based on the cost of repairs, age, mileage, and its use. Hearing no other questions, this item will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

### **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Vanderbilt reported on a number of meetings, events, and openings he had attended in Park Forest recently.

### **Manager's Comments**

Manager Mick reported on various events, meeting dates, and holidays relating to the Village and noted that more detailed information is on the Village's website. The Police Honors Ceremony will take place Saturday, February 8 at Freedom Hall at 3:00 p.m. The award ceremony is open to the public.

### **Trustee's Comments**

Trustee Graham noted that the Environment Commission met Thursday, January 2; they are continuing to work on Earth Week events. The Youth Commission will meet Wednesday, January 8.

Trustee Woods stated that the Economic Development Advisory Group will meet Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. and will reconvene jointly with the Planning and Zoning Commission at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Park Forest Complete Count Committee will take place on Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Settles said that the Veterans commission will meet Saturday, January 11 and they are continuing to look for volunteers for the Veterans' Closet and Resource Center.

Trustee Hardy reported that Commission on Human Relations is working Black History Month's play and panel discussion, "Are We Equal?" at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 29 at Freedom Hall.

Trustee Herron thanked Director Gunther and Recreation and Parks staff on the event "Guide Through the Wetlands" which was informative and the s'mores were enjoyable.

Trustee Hennessy commended the Recreation and Parks on their newest brochure which was mailed to residents and also available at Village Hall.

The Mayor and Trustees congratulated the newest business in Park Forest, Jump in Playpen, and hoped everyone had a happy new year.

**Attorney's Comments**

No report

**Clerk Comments**

No report

**Audience to Visitors**

None

**Adjournment**

This concluded the Rules Board meeting.

There being no further business. Mayor Vanderbilt called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Hardy seconded by Trustee Graham and passed unanimously.

Mayor Vanderbilt adjourned the rules meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila McGann  
Village Clerk