

VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST

**Village Board Rules Meeting
Monday, January 7, 2019
Village Hall 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Ostenburg, Trustee Mae Brandon, Trustee Tiffani Graham, Trustee Georgia O’Neill, Trustee Theresa Settles, and Trustee Jonathan Vanderbilt

ABSENT: Trustee Robert McCray

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Manager Tom Mick, Police Chris Mannino, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Village Attorney Leslie Kennedy, Deputy Finance Director Mark Pries, Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther, Director of Public Relations Jason Miller, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, Director of Building/Community Development Larrie Kerestes, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, and IT Coordinator Craig Kaufman

RECORDER: Village Clerk Sheila McGann

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nathaniel Koehneke and Jarrod Cebulski, Patrick Engineering; Steven T. Vaughn, CERA, Village Attorney Leslie Kennedy

Roll Call

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

- 1. Approval of a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the improvements to Illinois St. (FAU 1719)**
- 2. Approval of a Resolution to appropriate \$364,420 dollars in Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Construction and Construction Engineering costs associated with improvements for Illinois St. (FAU 1719)**
- 3. Approval of a Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation for the improvements to Illinois St. (FAU 1719)**

Manager Mick said items 1, 2, and 3 are out of the Public Works Department and will be taken together. These include the local agency agreement with the State of Illinois, appropriation of MFT Funds, and construction engineering costs. Director Ysaguirre explained the process and details of the project. Mayor Ostenburg asked the Board if there were any questions. After brief discussion, it was noted that this item will be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

- 4. An Ordinance Amending Section 2-528 (“Schedule of Fines/Penalties”) of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Park Forest, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, to Amend Fines and Penalties**

5. An Ordinance Amending Section 102-66 (“Penalties”) of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Park Forest, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, to Amend Fines and Penalties

Manager Mick said that items 4 and 5 are out of the Police Department. Chief Mannino gave an overview of the two ordinances adding that the ordinance related to non-moving vehicle citations has not been updated/increased since 1992. The increase in fines from \$25 to \$50 will include parking fines, sticker violations, and compliance violations which parody surrounding communities. Trustee Vanderbilt asked if handicapped parking fines will increase. Chief Mannino said those are set by state statutes at \$250.00 for the first offense. Mayor Ostenburg asked the Board if there were any other questions. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

6. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Village Code of Ordinance Relating to Anti-Nepotism

Manager Mick said this item is out of the Manager’s Office. He explained the Village’s longstanding practice of anti-nepotism has worked well in Park Forest. However, the practice is not substantiated by Village Code. The ordinance was crafted by Village Staff and has been reviewed and approved by Village Attorney Felicia Frazier. Board discussion ensued. Trustee Brandon stated that she feels the Board has always acted ethically but that codifying an anti-nepotism expectation is a good thing for the future of the Village. Trustee Vanderbilt had asked about appointment of the village manager and a residency requirement. Mayor Ostenburg said anti-nepotism and residency are two different things which would require a full hearing by the Board and will not be added at this time. Mayor Ostenburg stated that Park Forest has been seen as a traditionally independent and non-partisan political community and has well-respected as such across the south suburbs. He added that whatever the Board passes, it can also change it in the future. He asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

7. A Resolution requesting that the Village of Park Forest be allowed to participate in Cook County’s No-Cash Bid Program for the Tax Delinquent Properties

Manager Mick said this item is out of the Economic Development and Planning Department. Director Kingma explained the 12 to 18 month process which allows the Village to participate in the program. Mayor Ostenburg asked the Board if there were any questions. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Ostenburg expressed his appreciation to the Board, Staff, and citizens for the kind words offered to him on the passing of his mother. He reported on last week’s meeting of the Electoral Board and its role hearing challenges to petitions for the offices of mayor and trustee. The scheduled follow-up meeting is Thursday, January 10 and is open to the public. Mayor Ostenburg went over the meetings on his calendar for the next two weeks.

Manager's Comments

Manager Mick noted that the Board's full meeting calendar is online. Residents may recycle their old holiday trees at the Aqua Center. The Police Department's Honor Ceremony will be at Freedom Hall on January 26. There will be a finance report and audit review on February 2 which is open to the public.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Brandon encouraged residents to support Park Forest's Theater 47. Economic Development Advisory Group will meet Wednesday, January 9. The Veterans commission will meet on Saturday, January 12.

Trustee Vanderbilt reported that the Human Relations Commission will meet Tuesday, January 8.

Trustee Graham congratulated Congresswoman Robin Kelly on her inauguration. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Tuesday, January 8. The Youth Commission is scheduled to meet Wednesday, January 9.

Each of the trustees offered their condolences to the Mayor and his family on the passing of Mayor Ostenburg's mother, Lena Ostenburg.

Attorney's Comments

None

Clerk Comments

No report

Audience to Visitors

None

Adjournment

This concluded the Rules Board meeting.

There being no further business. Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Brandon seconded by Trustee Settles and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the rules meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk