

VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST

**Village Board Rules Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2019
Village Hall 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: none

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Manager Tom Mick, Police Chris Mannino, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Village Attorney Leslie Kennedy, Assistant to Village Manager Denyse Carreras; Deputy Finance Director Mark Pries, Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther, 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: Gary Kopycinski, eNews Park Forest; one resident

Roll Call

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

1. A Resolution Authorizing Executing an Intergovernmental Agreement with School District 227

Manager Mick said this item is from the manager’s office regard the Downtown TIF. He gave an explanation of the TIF and requirements for an extension which include letters of support from each of the taxing bodies involved. This item was drafted by Village Attorney Mark Sterk. Mayor Ostenburg noted that there has been extensive discussion with the Board on this matter; he explained the purposed of TIF districts and their impact when used properly. Mayor Ostenburg asked the Board if there were any questions. Trustee Vanderbilt asked about the effect on Legacy Square. Mayor Ostenburg said that there won’t be additional tax for them. Hearing no other questions, this item will be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

2. Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution and Municipal Maintenance Cost Estimate for Fiscal Year 2020

Manager Mick said this item is from Public Works as an annual agenda item. Director Ysaguirre gave a thorough explanation of the Motor Fuel Tax expenses/expenditures for the 2020 budget as required by the Illinois Highway Code. 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.

3. A Resolution Affirming the Village of Park Forest’s Commitment to Establish and Implement a Race Equity and Leadership Plan

Manager Mick said this item is from the manager's office and the Race Equity and Leadership Steering Committee. He gave background information on REAL in Park Forest which began in 2016 and facilitated public discussion. This item reaffirms Park Forest's commitment by codifying and supporting REAL going forward. Mayor Ostenburg asked the Board if there were any questions. There were no questions. Mayor Ostenburg explained how REAL will help Park Forest to continue to make necessary changes to keep up with concerns so as to insure all segments of the community are treated equally, i.e. race, gender, age, and sexual orientation. The steering committee has meet once a week for over a year developing a plan for the Village to constantly look at policies and language to insure equality.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Ostenburg went over his calendar for the last two week which included meetings in. Park Forest and the South Suburbs

Manager's Comments

Manager Mick reported on a number of important March and April events in Park Forest.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Vanderbilt thanked all those involved in putting together the Black History month events. He also thanked those who organized and attended Sunday's Blue Mass at St. Irenaeus.

Trustee O'Neill said this week's Senior Advisory meeting will be canceled. The Library Board met on March 21 and discussed their budget.

Trustee Brandon attended the Black History Month program and gave kudos to the Commission, staff, and students who participated. She noted that the Veterans Commission will meet March 9. On March 13, EDAG will meet.

Trustee Graham noted that the Planning and Zoning meeting will take place on March 12. The Youth Commission is scheduled to meet on March 13.

Trustee Settles reported that she attended Representative Robin Kelly's legislative update.

Mayor Ostenburg stated that Representative Kelly has been a good and active representative for her constituents in the south suburbs.

Attorney's Comments

None

Clerk Comments

Clerk McGann reported on early voting information for the April 2 election.

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 McCray seconded by Trustee Graham and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the rules meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk