

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Village Hall 7:00 p.m.

M I N U T E S

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Ostenburg, Trustee Mae Brandon, Trustee Robert McCray (7:01), Trustee Georgia O'Neill, Trustee Tiffani Graham, Trustee Theresa Settles, and Trustee Jonathan Vanderbilt

ABSENT: none

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Manager Tom Mick, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Police Chief Christopher Mannino, Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther, Director of Personnel Denyse Carreras, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, Director of Finance Mark Pries, Director of Public Relations Jason Miller, Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, IT Coordinator Craig Kaufman

RECORDER: Village Clerk Sheila McGann

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow; Christina Fisher, GFOA; Members of the Park Forest Police Department; a few residents; Gary Kopycinski, eNews Park Forest

Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ostenburg. Roll was called by Clerk McGann

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ostenburg led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

Reports of Village Officers

Mayor Ostenburg said the agenda would be altered due to a number of guests. (McCray 7:01) Manager Mick asked Chief Mannino to introduce the new addition to the Police Department. When Toby (K-9) died last year, the canine program was put on pause until Park Forest received a grant for a new canine and training. The funds were received through Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow's office. Chief Mannino introduced Officer Karl and his new partner, Tucker. Mr. Glasgow explained how funds are received and used to purchase and train dogs to be used in positive programs.

Manager Mick introduced Christina Fisher from the Government Finance Officers Association who presented Mayor Ostenburg and Director Pries with the 2018-2019 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. She commended them on their commitment, hard work, and high standards. Director Pries said that the success is due to the group effort by the Mayor, Trustees,

department heads, and staff who put so much work into the document. Mayor Ostenburg added that the budget is a yearlong process as the Board receives updates throughout the year. There are a series of hearings which are open to the public with clear explanations of how dollars are spent. Mayor Ostenburg said that it was an honor for the Village to receive this award for the last twenty-four years. Manager Mick added that the Village has also received a certificate In Excellence in Reporting for twenty-three years in a row. The Budget is available for review on the Village's website.

Mayor

Mayor Ostenburg reported that he was in Washington, D.C. March 8-13 to attend the National League of Cities Convention. He noted that the REAL 101 was well-attended and the REAL 201 will be more intense. He hoped the Board will continue to work toward race equity in the future. As Liquor Commissioner, he met with the new theater owners to discuss adding five gaming machines. Since they already have the liquor license, there is no need to change their license but explain what the gaming expectations from the Village. He will be participating in a number of other local meetings involving Park Forest and the South Suburbs before he vacation on March 26.

Village Attorney

None

Village Manager

Manager Mick reported on the Race Equity and Leadership event expressing his respect for Mayor Ostenburg's role in REAL organization. With 19,000 communities involved, Mayor Ostenburg is the co-chair of this national organization. He noted how important it is that we all support our Police Department. He added that the Board is wearing Tim Jones' t-shirts, thinking of Officer Jones and supporting his recovery. Manager Mick reported on other March and April events in Park Forest. He also congratulated Mayor Ostenburg on his retirement noting an April 25 reception at Dining on the Green.

Village Clerk

Clerk McGann gave information regarding early voting in Cook and Will Counties for the April 2, 2019 election.

Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons

Trustee Settles thanked Will County State's Attorney Glasgow for funds for the Park Forest's new K-9 member of the Police Department, Tucker.

Trustee Brandon attended the REAL 101 workshop with the REAL Steering Committee. The Veterans Commission met April 16 and are preparing for Memorial Day and Veterans Day events. She also congratulated the Finance Department and Director Pries on the 2018-19 Distinguished Budget Award. EDAG met and are continuing to work on new businesses and properties that are for sale noting that taxes have been issue with some properties and businesses.

Trustee Vanderbilt said that the Human Relations Commission will have an event on April 28. He noted that he attended a manufacturing advisory board workshop held at Crete-Monee High School early in March. He attended the Space and Engineering Night at Marian High School last week.

Trustee Graham said the Youth Commission Job Fair will be held on April 27 for those aged 16-19. The Job Prep Workshop will be held on April 6.

Each of the Trustees expressed their appreciation for the funds from Will County that allowed Park Forest to receive and train a new K-9 dog.

All of the Trustees wished Officer Tim Jones love, prayers, and good wishes on his continued recovery.

Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions

Reverend James Hunt, New Hope Christian Church in Monee, introduced himself and said he was running for the Crete-Monee 201U School District and asked for support. Mayor Ostenburg said that the Board does not participate in election activities.

Motion: Approval of Consent

Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the following items:

MOVED that the Consent Agenda and each item contained therein be hereby approved:

CONSENT:

- 1. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting of February 16, 2018 and the Saturday Rules meeting of March 2, 2019.**
- 2. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution Authorizing Executing an Intergovernmental Agreement with School District 227**
- 3. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution and Municipal Maintenance Cost Estimate for Fiscal Year 2020**
- 4. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution Affirming the Village of Park Forest's Commitment to Establish and Implement a Race Equity and Leadership Plan**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee O'Neill. Mayor Ostenburg asked if anyone wished any items be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. On the motion to approve the consent agenda, a voice vote was called by Mayor Ostenburg. The consent agenda was approved with the following results:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

The consent agenda was adopted with seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays and none (0) absent.

DEBATABLE:

5. Ordinance: An Ordinance Authorizing a Donation Agreement for property at 203 Indianwood Boulevard to M&M Buckley Management (First Reading)

This item has had first reading and will be on the agenda for discussion at a subsequent rules meetings and on the agenda for action at a subsequent regular meeting.

6. Ordinance: An Ordinance Authorizing a Donation Agreement for property at 209 Indianwood Boulevard to M&M Buckley Management (First Reading)

This item has had first reading and will be on the agenda for discussion at a subsequent rules meetings and on the agenda for action at a subsequent regular meeting.

7. Ordinance: An Ordinance Related to Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages) of the Code of Ordinances (First Reading)

This item has had first reading and will be on the agenda for discussion at a subsequent rules meetings and on the agenda for action at a subsequent regular meeting.

Adjournment

This concluded the regular Board meeting.

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

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the regular meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk