

VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST

**SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD REMOTELY
PUBLIC NOTICE POSTED AT THE VILLAGE HALL
350 VICTORY DRIVE
PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS**

CONFERENCE CALL

7:00 p.m.

April 6, 2020

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

ABSENT: none

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager Tom Mick, Village Attorney Ross Secler, Director of Finance Mark Pries, Police Chief Christopher Mannino, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok

RECORDER: Village Clerk Sheila McGann

Roll Call

The audio meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Vanderbilt. Roll was called by Clerk McGann.

Reports of Village Officers

Mayor

Mayor Vanderbilt explained that this meeting is being done remotely due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 virus. He thanked first responders, Manager Mick, all the staff, Bloom Township, various businesses, and numerous families that have contributed in their own ways to keep things running so smoothly. He said that updates regarding the virus are available through the Cook County Public Health Website. The US Census deadlines have been extending. He thanked all that have already completed the forms. It is very important to have 100% response for full representation.

Village Attorney

Attorney Secler thanked all of those who worked to put the audio meeting together. He would be available to answer any questions regarding the Open Meetings Act and the conference meeting process.

Village Manager

Manager Mick reminded residents that the governor's stay-at-home order will continue until April 30 for now. This means that Village Hall is operating in a reduced capacity. Water bills can be paid online or by phone. Animal licenses/applications can be downloaded then mailed in or dropped off when completed. Vehicle sticker applications can also be mailed in or dropped off. The deadline for vehicle sticker purchases has been extended.

Manager Mick encouraged all residents to adhere to the stay-at-home order. Unfortunately, municipal violations may be issued if/when it becomes necessary. He noted that Covid 19 updates will also be on the Village website as it will continued to be monitored. He said that Park Forest at 48.1% is trending above the national rate in census replies, but under the state of Illinois rate. If there are any questions regarding the census, call Manager Mick at 748-1129.

Village Clerk

No report

Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons

All of the Trustees thanked the first responders, the Mayor, the Manager, and staff for their continued dedication and courage to keep the citizens safe. They wished all residents to stay safe and be patient during these unusual circumstances. Trustee Woods thanked the 2020 Complete Count Committee for their dedication in the getting the word out for all to complete the Census forms. Trustee Graham encouraged residents to shop locally when possible. Mayor Vanderbilt said the Village’s Facebook page and website includes businesses that are open in Park Forest.

Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions

As per the agenda posting, public comment was to be sent to Manager Mick by 3 p.m. of the day of the meeting and would be read at the meeting. None were received.

Motion: Approval of Consent

Mayor Vanderbilt called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the following item:

CONSENT:

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

1. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees adopt a resolution pertaining to a local disaster and state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Graham and seconded by Trustee Woods. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if anyone wished any item be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, a roll call vote was called by Mayor Vanderbilt on the motion to approve the consent agenda. 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 no (0) absent

Manger Mick noted for the public that this time of the Covid-19 pandemic is a disaster. This resolution’s approval puts the Village in a position to obtain reimbursement in the future from the Federal Government for unexpected costs, i.e.: personal protection equipment, sanitization procedure materials, eye protection, etc. This resolution is good for thirty days and may have to

be approved again if necessary. Mayor Vanderbilt read the resolution and said Manager Mick will serve as the Emergency Services Director.

DEBATABLE: None

Adjournment

This concluded the special regular Board meeting.

There being no further business. Mayor Vanderbilt called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Settles, seconded by Trustee Hardy and passed unanimously by voice vote: all ayes, no noes.

Mayor Vanderbilt adjourned the special regular meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk