

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
350 VICTORY DRIVE  
PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS**

**Village Hall - Board Room**

**7:00 p.m.**

**May 16, 2022**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Trustee Theresa Settles, Trustee Tiffani Graham, Trustee Joseph Woods (teleconference), Trustee Candyce Herron, Trustee Maya Hardy, and Trustee Erin Slone

**ABSENT:** Mayor Vanderbilt

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Police Chief Paul Winfrey, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Village Attorney Leslie Kennedy, Deputy Village Manager/Finance Director Mark Pries, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Health Rob Gunther, Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes, Director of Economic Development and Planning Department Sandra Zoellner, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, and Mark Geising, IT Coordinator

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Family and friends of the Police Department family

**Roll Call**

Trustee Settles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll was called by Clerk McGann. Due to the absence of Mayor Vanderbilt, Senior Trustee Settles was appointed President Pro Tem.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Pro Tem Settles led the Board and the Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pro Tem Settles began the meeting noting that five new police officers would be sworn in and three proclamations would be read. Deputy Village Manager Pries introduced and read the bio for each of the five new police officers. Clerk McGann swore them in and their badges were pinned on by their family members. The Board welcomed and congratulated each of the new Park Forest Police Officers to Park Forest: Officer Arthur Rich, Officer Amy Wierzgac, Officer Catrina Bolin, Officer Darnell Hall, and Officer Giovanni Goycochea.

President Pro Tem Settles read the first proclamation noting May 15-21, 2022, as Public Works Week noting the importance of the Public Works employees who protect our health, safety, and quality of life in our community. The second proclamation read is to honor the Emergency Medical Service Week, May 15-21, 2022. The EMS responders are dedicated to protecting the lives of residents 24-7. With many hours of training, they rise to the challenge and respond to all disasters for their community. The third proclamation named May as Motorcycle Safety Month encouraging all residents to be aware of them on the road and continue the education for continued safe operation of motorcycles while we share the road with them.

**Reports of Village Officers**

**Mayor**

Absent

**Village Attorney**

No comments

**Village Manager**

Deputy Village Manager Pries thanked the Board for their participation in the budget review sessions which took place over ten hours. He also thanked staff for the extensive budget preparation. The budget will be on the agenda for the June 13 and June 23 meetings. The Budget itself will begin July 1, 2022. The final Blue Mass at St. Irenaeus before its closing will take place Sunday, May 22 at 9:30 AM.

**Village Clerk**

No report

**Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons**

Trustee Graham reported that the Commission on Human Relations and the Youth Commission met jointly to work on the Job Readiness Workshop scheduled for Friday, May 20. The Job Fair will take place at Village Hall Saturday, May 21. She noted that the grand opening for the Auto Lab will take place on Saturday, May 21. She is happy to see them in the community. She encouraged residents to enjoy opportunities to enjoy meals at Poppin Plates.

Trustee Herron had no commission reports.

Trustee Hardy encouraged residents to consider volunteering for the two vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission. She thanked the residents who came to the Saturday Rules Meeting as it is an informal time to talk to the Mayor, Manager, and Trustees. She thanked staff for the transparent and well-presented budget review that helped the Board to understand all aspects of the Village operations. She welcomed and congratulated Auto Lab, a new business in Park Forest. Trustee Hardy also enjoyed the Business Breakfast and learned a lot about the other Board members.

Trustee Slone reported on the good turnout at the recent Resource Fair for Senior where much information was shared. The Beautification Commission canceled their May 24 meeting. Nomination forms will soon be available. Trustee Sloan thanked staff for the budget review where all questions by the Board were answered.

Trustee Woods reserved his comments.

Trustee Settles congratulated Auto Lab and their opening. The Veterans Commission is planning the Veterans' Day Event on Thursday, November 10. She also noted that commission volunteer applications are available on the Village's website.

**Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions**

None

**Motion: Approval of Consent**

**CONSENT:**

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

**1. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Rules meeting of March 21, 2022, the Rules meeting of March 28, 2022, the Regular meeting of March 28, 2022, the Special Rules meeting of May 3, 2022, the Saturday Rules meeting of May 7, 2022, the Special Rules meeting of May 9, 2022 and the Special Rules meeting of May 10, 2022.**

**2. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution to appropriate \$1,050,225.26 in Rebuild Illinois Fund for Construction and Construction Engineering costs to the NON-FAU portions of Shabbona Dr. and South Orchard Dr.**

**3. MOVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to award the Shabbona Dr. and South Orchard Reconstruction Contract to Iroquois Paving, located in Watseka, IL, in the amount of \$977,072.26 with a 10% contingency for any additional work as determined by the Village Engineer for a total cost not to exceed \$1,074,779.49.**

**4. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Baxter and Woodman Consulting Engineers in the amount not to exceed \$73,153 for construction engineering work associated with improvement to NONFAU portions of Shabbona Dr. and South Orchard Dr.**

**5. MOVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with McGill Asphalt, located in Frankfort, IL, for the Fiscal 2023 Curb and Sidewalk Restoration Program in the amount of \$131,402.50 with a 15% contingency for any additional work as determined by the Village Engineer for a total cost not to exceed \$151,112.88**

**6. MOVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with M/J Asphalt, located in Cicero, IL, for the Asphalt Patching Program in the amount of \$107,700 with a contingency for any additional work as determined by the Village Engineer for a total cost not to exceed \$175,000.**

**Appointments**

**MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint Marilyn Cliffins to an unexpired term on the Beautification Awards Committee to expire on December 31, 2024.**

**MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint Kimberly Spivey to an unexpired term on the Veterans Commission to expire on December 31, 2024.**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Hardy and seconded by Trustee Slone. President Pro Tem Settles asked if anyone wished any items be removed from the consent

agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, a roll call vote was called on the motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda was approved with the following results:

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1

The consent agenda was adopted with six (6) ayes, no (0) nays and one (1) absent.

**DEBATABLE:**

**7. Ordinance: An Ordinance regarding the sale of 20 Main Street, approximately 2.25 improved land parcel, Park Forest, Illinois PIN 31-25-403-005-0000 (First Reading)**

**This item has had first reading and will be on the agenda for action at the May 23 Regular Meeting.**

**Adjournment**

This concluded the Regular Board meeting.

There being no further business. President Pro Tem Settles called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Herron, seconded by Trustee Hardy and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned following a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1

The meeting was adjourned with six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, and one (1) absent.

President Pro Tem Settles adjourned the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila McGann  
Village Clerk