

SATURDAY RULES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST COOK AND WILL COUNTIES ILLINOIS
January 4, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt; Trustees Tiffani Graham, Joseph Woods, Maya Hardy, Glenna Hennessy, Candyce Herron

ABSENT: Trustee Theresa Settles

STAFF PRESENT: Director of Personnel Denyse Carreras

Mayor Vanderbilt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The roll was called. Board opened the floor to Director of Personnel Denyse Carreras for department update. She updated the board on a few new employment laws. Effective beginning this year, minimum wage will increase by \$1 and will continue to increase by \$1 until the year 2025. By 2025, minimum wage will be at \$15. This increase effects village part-time employees as well as seasonal. The \$1 increase will be taken into account for the next budget which begins July 1st.

Illinois has made annual sexual harassment training mandatory. The training is still in development however, it has been said that they will offer online training.

Ms. Carreras concluded by making the board aware that the personnel manual will have some new information.

Mayor Vanderbilt stated that Village Manager, Tom Mick has given the board 3 strategic planning partners to look at. Mayor Vanderbilt will be meeting with them soon and will then present to the board. The 3 include: B2B Solutions, Northern Illinois University, and a firm in Michigan.

Director of Personnel Denyse Carreras updated the board about the recent fire at 33 Monee Road. The fire is still under investigation however they are thinking it might be a case of arson. This is the 4th fire at this vacant residence. The structure of the residence is so not in sound condition and that if another fire were to occur, fire personnel would not be allowed to go inside but rather treat fire from the outside.

A resident extended her appreciation to the board for allowing residents the opportunity to attend meetings. She expressed her plan to get more involved and attend commission meetings as well.

Mayor Vanderbilt provided a Jet Foods update and stated that they plan to open in mid-February. In other news, Aldi is interested in having a location on Sauk Trail or further south. They do not want the Family Video building but they do like the location. Aldi will not purchase the property if the building is not demolished and Family Video is not willing to pay for demolition. No decisions have been made, just talk.

After all comments and questions were taken from the public by the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Eaton