

**VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST**

**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.**

**January 25, 2021**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Village Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Christopher Mannino, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Village Attorney Leslie Kennedy, Deputy Village Manager Mark Pries, Director of Economic Development and Planning Department Hildy Kingma, Director of Communications Jason Miller, Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysagarrie, and IT Coordinator Craig Kaufman

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** none

**Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Vanderbilt. Roll was called by Clerk McGann.

**Reports of Village Officers**

**Mayor**

Mayor Vanderbilt reported that the Tinley Park Convention Center will administer Corvid-19 vaccines at Harlem and just north of Interstate 80. Appointments are required; sign up at [vaccine.cookcountyl.gov](http://vaccine.cookcountyl.gov). As Inauguration day was January 20, Mayor Vanderbilt congratulated to President Biden and Vice-President Harris. The Park Forest Police Department is working with Rich Township School District 227, District 163, and Aunt Martha's to help children of the community who have been effected by trauma. This is the second year of the Trauma-Informed Care Project grant with the third year grant expected.

The Recreation, Parks, and Public Health Department will partner with District 163 to work together for various grants and other available resources with President Davis. There will be a combined Board meeting in February. There is a referendum on the April 6 election regarding Crete-Monee 201-U to build new buildings, to repair buildings, and to update and equip schools in School District CM 201-U. The repairs include Talala School and Monee Elementary School. The Future Forward Referendum will help with the District's strategic planning effort plans. Mayor Vanderbilt noted that there has been concern about ballot access; he suggested those

interested should look at the public statutes and authorities deemed appropriate for independent assessment.

### **Village Attorney**

No report

### **Village Manager**

Manager Mick reported that Public Works is monitoring the upcoming snow and will plow/salt as needed. He noted that there is a drive up Covid-19 testing center at the Aqua Center. More information is on the Village's Facebook page. As Park Forest is now in Tier 1, bars and restaurants are open with restrictions as are meetings and social gatherings. The Park District Permits will be issued by lottery due to restrictions. Call Village Hall or check the Village's homepage for more information. A Saturday Morning Rules Meeting is scheduled for February 6. The Village will monitor Covid-19 positivity rates to see if the meeting will be held as planned or rescheduled. He congratulated the Park Forest Police Department on their recent grant which is shared with School District 163 and out over a period of three years.

Employment milestones are usually recognized at the holiday party in December. These anniversaries are to be recognized even without the 2020 holiday party:

- 15 years: Hildy Kingma, Julius Moore, John Sweitzer, and Sandra Zoellner
- 20 years: Brian Rzycki, Mitchell Greer, Lloyd Elliot, and Terry Ringman
- 25 years: Pat Hisel, Ryan Roberts, Jamie Prado
- 30 years: Traci Apt, Kathy Fisher, Judi Lancaster, and Larry Davis

He congratulated all these employees on their millstone anniversaries and their longstanding dedicated service to Park Forest.

### **Village Clerk**

No report

### **Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons**

Trustee Settles congratulated those with milestone anniversaries and thanked them for their service and dedication to the Village. She encouraged all residents to be safe in the upcoming snowstorm and continue to take all necessary precautions regarding Covid-19 virus.

Trustee Woods had no commission reports.

Trustee Hardy congratulated the staff on their service awards. They are well deserved.

Trustee Graham congratulated all staff who pursue the many grants that have benefitted Park Forest. She also thanked the milestone staff for their dedication to Park Forest. The Youth Commission is looking for two new members. If interested, submit an application. Continue to be safe for yourself and others.

Trustee Hennessey reported that the Library Board met Thursday, January 21. They were discussing unemployment benefits and a renewal of contract for maintenance. She recognized all the employees who received service awards and she grateful to them for all they do. She noted that Park Forest as a community and hopes that we will do better during the spring election and not be so divided. The community needs to work together.

Trustee Herron congratulated the Police Department on receiving the grants that benefit our community. She also offered her congratulations to the staff that reached the milestone anniversaries for their dedicated service to our community.

### **Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions\***

As per the agenda posting, public comments were to be sent to Manager Mick by 3p.m. of the day of the meeting and would be read at the meeting. None were received. (See below)

### **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 a Resolution Authorizing the Sale by Public Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Park Forest.**
- 2. MOVED, that they Mayor and Board of Trustees Amend the Award of the 2020 Residential Water Shut off Valve Replacement contract (\$137,500) to Calumet City Plumbing, located in Calumet City, IL, for an additional amount of \$88,880, for a total not to exceed \$226,380.**

#### **Appointments**

**MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees reappoint Tegan White, to a term on the Beautification Awards Committee to expire on December 31, 2023.**

**MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint Andrew Klinger, to a term on the Police Pension Board to expire on December 31, 2023.**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Settles and seconded by Trustee Woods. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if anyone wished any items 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.

**DEBATABLE:**

**3. Ordinance: An Ordinance Related to Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages), Article II (Licenses), Section 6-49 (Number Limited) of the Code of Ordinance of the Village of Park Forest, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois (First Reading)**

This item has had first reading and will be on the agenda for discussion at the next Rules Meeting.

**Adjournment**

This concluded the Regular Board meeting.

There being no further business. Mayor Vanderbilt called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Hardy, seconded by Trustee Graham and passed unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned following a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

The meeting was adjourned with seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, and no (0) absent.

Mayor Vanderbilt adjourned the special rules meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila McGann  
Village Clerk

**NOTE – DUE TO COVID-19**

**THE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

**\*Public, in-person attendance of the Meeting has been deemed unfeasible; All public comment can be sent prior to the phone conference Board Meeting, via email to [tmick@vopf.com](mailto:tmick@vopf.com), by 3 pm the day of the meeting; Public comments received via email will be read during the public meeting.**

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