

**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.**

**March 15, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Roberts, Village Attorney Ross Secler, Deputy Village Manager Mark Pries, Assistant to Village Manager Denyse Carreras 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 Ysaguirre, IT Coordinator Craig Kaufman

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Detective Timothy Jones; Robert and Ida Jones; Retired Police Chief William Jones; Tamera Jones; Family members of Police officer Tim Jones; Patrick Elwood/WGN News; Anthony Ponce /Fox News

**Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Vanderbilt. Roll was called by Clerk McGann.

Mayor Vanderbilt began the meeting with a moment of silence in honor of Chicago Heights Police Officer Gary Hibbs.

Mayor Vanderbilt read a proclamation about Police Officer Tim Jones' history in Park Forest, noting his awards and dedication to the job. He has shown optimism in spite of his challenges and has been an inspiration to many across the nation. With deepest appreciation from the Mayor, the Board, Staff, and all Park Forest residents for his continued hope and example, Timothy Jones is assigned an Honorary Detective of the Park Forest Police Department with a detective badge with his reserved star number, 204. The grandparents of Detective Jones congratulated him said they were very proud. Chief Mannino said Tim's example is the ideal of law enforcement and humanity. We all should emulate him. He thanked him and said he will never be forgotten. Each of the Board members congratulated Detective Jones and his family for overcoming their challenges with faith. The Village is forever in your debt and love to see him smile. Detective Jones is never far from our hearts and never far from our thoughts. Manager Mick said he has been an inspiration to all of us. It was so good to see all of Tim's family as well. He is the epitome of law enforcement service.

## **Reports of Village Officers**

### **Mayor**

Mayor Vanderbilt offered condolences to the family of Chicago Heights Police Officer Gary Hibbs from the Village of Park Forest. He announced a number of food giveaways this weekend. He also thanked Congresswoman Kelly for help in securing the latest stimulus package for assistance in many forms from Washington, D.C. The Mayor congratulated Detective Jones and thanked him and his family for attending tonight's meeting.

### **Village Attorney**

No formal report but available to answer any questions

### **Village Manager**

Manager Mick reported on vehicle sticker sales and that stickers must be displayed before April 30. He provided information regarding early voting for the April 6 election day. Village Hall is an early voting site in Cook County adding that the County Clerk's office makes the final determination for early voting sites. More information regarding early voting for Cook and Will Counties is available on the Village's home page. Recreation, Parks, and Community Health Department has scheduled a series of Easter egg events for Saturday. The Saturday Morning Rules meeting is scheduled for April 3 as the Village will monitor Covid 19 guidelines. Manager Mick wished Trustee Woods a happy birthday.

### **Village Clerk**

No report

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

All the Trustees offered their sincere condolences to the family and police department family on the recent loss of Chicago Heights Police Officer Gary Hibbs

All the Trustees congratulated Park Forest Police Officer Tim Jones for the resolution assigning Timothy Jones as an Honorary Detective, complete with a detective badge with his reserved star number, 204. They recognized him for his dedication and service. He is an inspiration to all.

Trustee Graham reported that the Environment Commission has many events scheduled for Earth Month in April. The Youth Commission is looking for three new commissioners. If anyone is interested, please apply on the Village website. Trustee Graham said she always continues to wear her Tim Jones Strong bracelet.

Trustee Settles sent her condolences to the family of long-time Park Forest resident Claire Zaret who was member of the League of Women Voters for over fifty years. She also was active in Kiwanis and supported the Park Forest Art Fair. If anyone is needs help in signing up for a Covid-19 vaccine, contact Community Health Coordinator Margaret Lewis to help navigate the Internet for an appointment.

Trustee Woods wanted to say that Officer Jones continues to be an inspiration to him. He also noted he received a message from a local senior who wished to thank the Village for providing

Covid-19 testing at the Aqua Center. She and her neighbors took advantage of the local testing and wanted to thank the Village for their efforts and having that available for residents.

Trustee Herron had no reports and wished Trustee Woods a happy birthday.

Trustee Hardy reminded residents to register online for Poetry with a Purpose sponsored by the Commission on Human Relations that will be held Saturday, March 20 at Freedom Hall.

Trustee Hennessy reported that the Library is now open following Covid-19 guidelines. The Library Board will meet Thursday, March 18. She also offered her condolences to the family of Claire Zaret who was an annual and devoted supporter of the Park Forest Art Fair.

### **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 the minutes of the Rules meeting of February 1, 2021, the Regular meeting of February 15, 2021, the Strategic Planning meeting of February 27, 2021, the Saturday Rules meeting of March 6, 2021.**
- 2. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution assigning Timothy Jones as an Honorary Detective, complete with a detective badge with his reserved star number, 204.**
- 3. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution renewing the Class 8 Property Tax Incentive application for 25 South Street.**
- 4. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution renewing the Class 8 Property Tax Incentive application for 30 South Street.**
- 5. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution for Construction on a State Highway, as required by the State and will cover calendar years 2021 and 2022.**
- 6. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution Authorizing the Village of Park Forest to execute a Subrecipient agreement with Cook County for Community Development Block Grant funds.**
- 7. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a contract with CELTS Aquatics Group to manage the Park Forest Aqua Center, for a 3 year period for a total contract cost of \$637,297.**

**8. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a purchase from Currie Commercial Center, in Frankfort, IL, for 2021 F350 4x4 with dump body in the amount of \$44,494 and a 2021 F350 with a service body in the amount of \$43,904, for a total amount of \$88,398.**

**9. MOVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to enter into a contract renewal with Calumet City Plumbing, in Calumet City, IL, for the Residential Water Shut off (B-Box) Replacement Annual Maintenance in the amount of \$228,375.**

**10. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees renew the contract for Removal of Lime Residuals with Greg Hamann Trucking Co, in Grant Park, IL, for a total price of \$232,469.34 with a 25% contingency for any additional work, for a total not to exceed a cost of \$290,586.68.**

**11. MOVED, that they Village Manager is authorized to enter into a contract renewal for the FY 2022 MFT Street Sweeping Maintenance Contract to Illinois Central Sweeping LLC, in Tinley Park, IL, in the amount of \$47,902.**

**12. MOVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Iroquois Paving, in Watseka, IL, for the Well Street Resurfacing in an amount of \$449,954.74 with a 10% contingency for any additional work as determined by the Village Engineer for a total cost not to exceed \$494,950.21.**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Settles and seconded by Trustee Hardy. 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:**

**13. Ordinance: An Ordinance Authorizing a Loan Agreement (Public Water Supply Loan Program – Home Rule Entity) (Final Reading)**

Move for adoption of the ordinance was motioned by Trustee Woods and seconded by Trustee Graham. The ordinance was moved and seconded to adopt this ordinance at final reading. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if there were any questions or comments. None being heard, he called for a roll call vote by Clerk McGann. The ordinance was approved following a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

The ordinance was adopted with seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, and no (0) absent.

**14. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 (“Alcoholic Beverages”), Article II (“Licenses”), Section 6-49 (“Number Limited”) of the Code of Ordinances (First Reading)**

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

**15. Ordinance: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to Table III-2-A (Use Table) and Section III-3 (Use Standards) of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Village of Park Forest, 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 Graham, 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: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

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

Mayor Vanderbilt adjourned the regular meeting at 7:32 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.**

**\*\*A record (verbatim recording) of all action (if any) taken during the Board Meeting in open session will be made available upon request.**

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