

**SPECIAL RULES MEETING/BUDGET REVIEW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

Village Hall

6:00 p.m.

May 9, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt; Trustees: Tiffani Graham, Theresa Settles, Joseph A. Woods, Maya Hardy (6:05), Candyce Herron (6:57), Erin I. Slone

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Village Manager Tom Mick; Director of Finance/Deputy Village Manager Mark Pries; Assistant Finance Director Sharon Floyd; Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks & Community Health Kevin Adams; Manager and Tennis Professional Brad Skoryi; Community Health Coordinator Margaret Lewis; Assistant Cultural Arts Manager Victor Blackful; Director of Economic Development Sandra Zoellner; DownTown Facility Manager Heather Jones; Planner Andrew Brown

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Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks & Community Health Kevin Adams began his summary highlighting the department's function (sect. 6-1). He highlighted the community health mentioning the mask policies, Main Street Market and the blood drive. He also highlighted the Teen Zone changes and getting back to programs for teens.

Assistant Cultural Arts Manager Victor Blackful began his summary of Freedom Hall (sect. 6-3). He highlighted ways they are looking to increase awareness of Freedom Hall. He mention how people have used Freedom Hall for events and booked it again for other events. He also mention some updates that they are planning to do like updating the paint and carpet.

Director of Economic Development Sandra Zoellner began her summary highlighting the department's function (sect. 8-1). She mention that Jet Foods are not coming to Park Forest. However, they have been working with Aldi to open a store here in the community. She also mention that Central Park Plaza has been sold and how community relations has helped with home sales.

DownTown Facility Manager Heather Jones highlighted the department's function (sect. 17-1). She spoke about the renovations of 299 Main Street and there's currently a pending tenant for that location. 361 Artist Walk will begin its renovation next week. She also mention the taxes and budget has increased. They are appealed annually.

Planner Andrew Brown began his summary of the capital projects (sect 18-1). He stated how the Village has been acquiring property with the no cash bid for the past 15 years. He also mention how battery and recycling collection boxes was added to the Village Hall, Police and Fire departments and the Water Plant and that 88 pounds of batteries were collected between 2020 and 2021.

Trustee Theresa Settles motioned to adjourn at 10:03 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Tiffani Graham.

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Dixon, Recorder