

**RULES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE of PARK FOREST
Monday, February 22, 2016
Village Hall 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Ostenburg, Trustee Mae Brandon, Trustee JeRome Brown, Trustee Graham, Trustee Georgia O'Neill, and Trustee Theresa Settles

ASBENT: Trustee Robert McCray

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Pete Green, Deputy Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Village Attorney Felicia Frazier, Deputy Village Manager/Finance Director Mary Dankowski, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, Assistant to Village Manager Denyse Carreras, Director of Public Health Jenise Ervin, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, Director of Building/Community Development Larrie Kerestes, and Assistant Director of Public Works Nicholas Christie

RECORDER: Village Clerk Sheila McGann

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Kopycinski, e-news

Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ostenburg. Roll was called by Clerk McGann. Mayor Ostenburg noted that the Board met in Executive session at 6:00 pm to discuss matters of litigation with no action taken. As the executive session was adjourned, the rules meeting will be reconvened at this time.

1. 2016 East Lincolnwood Street Sign Replacement

Manager Mick said this item is from the Public Works Department. Assistant Director Christie explained that current street signs do not meet Federal Highway Association standards and must be replaced to meet Retroreflective Standards. He displayed the new and old signs to show the difference. He explained the bid process and the 11 year plan to replace the signs.

Mayor Ostenburg asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he stated that this item will be on the agenda for action at the regular meeting.

2. Well No. 4 Maintenance Contract

Manager Mick asked Assistant Director Christie to explain the maintenance of Well No. 4 who noted that there were five bidders with Peerless Midwest (Mishawaka, IN) as the lowest bidder. Manager Mick explained that last fall Peerless Midwest did work for the Village on a different well. During that time, the Village heard from labor organizations and contractors that Peerless Midwest does not pay prevailing Illinois wage for their work when performed in Indiana. Attorney Frazier had said that there is a loophole in the law that allows this. Manager Mick explained that this is a built in competitive advantage because they can pay less for work that is performed in Indiana. Attorney Frazier explained that the language looks for the lowest responsible bidder. But the public interest can still be served even when the lowest bidder is not chosen. Manager Mick asked for

discussion from the Board. Mayor Ostenburg noted that up to 50% of the work would be performed out of state. As Peerless Midwest is paying less in wages to their employees, it is an advantage to the out of state company. He believes that the Village should choose the local state entity. There will not be a vote tonight and any other questions will be addressed and answered. Trustee Brandon noted that there is competition from Indiana already and we should provide work to Illinois businesses. Trustee Brown stated that we should be concerned about the tax payers in Park Forest and go with the lowest bidder. He also asked if the Indiana contractor hired Illinois workers. Trustee Settles asked if the Illinois bidders were reliability and experienced. Assistant Director Christie said staff was comfortable with all the bidders. Mayor Ostenburg explained that the problem is not that the business is in Indiana, but they are able to submit a lower bid because they do not have to pay prevailing Illinois wage for 50% of the contracted work. This item will be discussed again at the next rules meeting and action taken at a later regular meeting.

3. Extension of Annual Contract for Removal and Disposal of Lime Residuals

Manager Mick said this item is out of Public Works and a routine item. This will be the last of the one year contract extension per the original contract. Next year it will go out for bid.

Mayor Ostenburg asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he stated that this item will be on the agenda for action at the regular meeting.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Ostenburg dispensed with the comments section of the agenda until the regular meeting but opened the floor to the visitors to comment on the items on the agenda.

Manager's Comments

Trustee's Comments

Attorney's Comments

Clerk Comments

Audience to Visitors

None

Adjournment

This concluded the Rules Board meeting.

There being no further business. Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Brandon, seconded by Trustee Brown and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the rules meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk