

## **VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST**

### **Village Board Special Regular Meeting**

**Monday, April 4, 2016**

**Village Hall 7:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

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

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Village Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Pete Green, Fire Chief Bruce Ziegler, Village Attorney Felicia Frazier, Deputy Village Manager/Finance Director Mary Dankowski, Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther, Director of Public Relations Jason Miller, Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, IT Manager Craig Kaufman, Assistant Director of Economic Development Sandra Zoellner, and Assistant Finance Director Stephanie Masson

**RECORDER:** Village Clerk Sheila McGann

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** A number of Village employees; a number of members of the Police Department; Andrew Rubin, Zachary Pearlstein, and Matt Tarshis, Frontline Real Estate Partners; Gary Kopycinski, e-News

#### **Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by Mayor Ostenburg. Roll was called by Clerk McGann.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Ostenburg led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Reports of Village Officers**

##### **Mayor**

Mayor Ostenburg attended a session for Village landlords that had many questions and good reports. Last week a SBA representative met at the Makers' Lab and discussed ideas with those who utilize the Makers' Lab. Mayor Ostenburg and Manager Mick will attend the annual federal lobbying trip to Washington, D. C. next week. Park Forest Baseball parade and opening day is Saturday 16.

##### **Village Attorney**

No report

##### **Village Manager**

Manager Mick wished to thank the community for their support for the recovery of Officer Tim Jones. From the vigil at St. Irenaeus, the well-wishing cards, the blue ribbons and lights, and the fund raisers at Culvers and the next one at McDonald's, the Police Department has been

overwhelmed by the show of support. A gofundme page has already raised over \$65,000 all for the support of Park Forest's own, Tim Jones who continues his recovery.

Manager Mick noted upcoming events, including the NIU Steel Drum Band at Faith United Protestant Church. The speaker series at the Park Forest Library with State Representative Deluca, the monthly gardening workshops and the Youth Commissions Job Expo and Job Readiness Workshops.

**Village Clerk**

No report

**Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons**

Trustee McCray attended the fundraiser at Culvers. All those attending were concerned for Officer Jones and happy to be part of the fundraiser.

Trustee Brandon was happy to see the support from those in and around Park Forest and the south suburban area. It was heartwarming. The Job Fair for students will be held on April 16 at Village Hall. The Youth Commission will meet April 13 and the Plan Commission will meet April 12.

Trustee O'Neill said the Housing Authority will meet April 21. She enjoyed seeing the comments on Facebook supporting the Police Department.

Trustee Brown commented on so many people who care and have come together, he wished there was no tragedy. He worked on interviewing techniques at the Job Fair on Saturday.

Trustee Graham invited those who are interested in a community garden at 320 Neola Street to come to a neighborhood meeting on April 7 to discuss this topic.

Trustee Settles added that there was such an outpouring of people who attended the Culvers Fundraiser for Officer Jones.

**Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions**

None

**Motion: Approval of Consent**

Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the following item:

**CONSENT:**

**1. Adopt a Resolution Thanking Stephanie Masson for her Dedicated Service to the Village of Park Forest**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee McCray. Mayor Ostenburg asked if anyone wished the one item be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. On the motion to approve the consent agenda, a roll call vote was called by Mayor Ostenburg. 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:**

**2. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2023 Adopting the Annual Budget for the Year Commencing July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016 (Final Reading)**

This item has had first reading and discussed at tonight's rules meeting. Move for adoption of the ordinance was motioned by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Settles. The ordinance was moved and seconded to adopt this ordinance at final reading. Mayor Ostenburg 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.

**Adjournment**

This concluded the Special Regular Board meeting.

There being no further business. Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee McCray seconded by Trustee O'Neill and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila McGann  
Village Clerk