

**VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST**  
**Village Board Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, April 25, 2016**  
**Village Hall 7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

**ASBENT:** Trustee Robert McCray

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Pete Green, Fire Chief Bruce Ziegler, Village Attorney Felicia Frazier, Deputy Village Manager/Finance Director Mary Dankowski, Assistant to Village Manager Denyse Carreras, Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, and Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, Director of Health Jenise Ervin, IT Coordinator Craig Kaufman, Director of Communications Jason Miller, Assistant Director of Economic Development Sandra Zoellner, and Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Martin

**RECORDER:** Village Clerk Sheila McGann

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Family and friends of the Fire Department Awards ceremony recipients; EDAG Chairperson Phil Perkins

**Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. He noted that Trustee McCray is out of town. He altered the agenda slightly and skipped to the Manager’s report.

**Reports of Village Officers**

**Mayor**

Mayor Ostenburg reported on a number of meetings he attended this week. He also was going to attend the kick-off of a new program with Congresswoman Robin Kelly, “The UP Initiative,” which is collaborative program between Congress and the community to reduce gun violence and increase economic opportunity.

**Village Attorney**

No report

**Village Manager**

Manager Mick introduced Fire Chief Ziegler; Captain Meyers introduced each of the award recipients as Chief Ziegler distributed the awards. The 2015 Park Forest Fire Department Awards were as follows:

**Award of Merit:** Firefighter/Paramedic Carolyn Gray

**Life Saving Medal:** Firefighter/Paramedic Ed Wright, Firefighter/Paramedic Nate Marconi, Firefighter/Paramedic Bob Pillman, and POC Firefighter/EMT Joel Stanford

**Unit Citation:** Lieutenant/Paramedic William Brei, Firefighter/Paramedic Neil Grove, Firefighter/Paramedic C Cory Murdoch, Firefighter/Paramedic Michelle Potts, and Firefighter/Paramedic William Toberman Jr., POC Captain William Tilley, and POC 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant/Paramedic Pete Flint (January 25, 2015)

**Unit Citation:** Captain/Paramedic Phil Myers, Firefighter/Paramedics Christopher Apt, Firefighter/Paramedic Carolyn Gray, Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Grove, Firefighter/Paramedic Robert Pillman, Firefighter/Paramedic Drew Sparks, POC Captain William Tilley, and POC Firefighter/EMT Brian Rimkus (February 2, 2015)

**Unit Citation:** Lieutenant/Paramedic Mark Cotrano, Firefighter/Paramedic Neil Grove, Firefighter/Paramedic Cory Murdoch, Firefighter/Paramedic Michelle Potts, and Firefighter/Paramedic William Toberman Jr. (April 4, 2015)

**Meritorious Commendation:** Lieutenant/Paramedic William Brei, Lieutenant/Paramedic Mark Cotrano, Firefighter/Paramedic Joseph Gray, Firefighter/Paramedic Cory Murdoch, Firefighter/Paramedic Michelle Potts, and Firefighter/Paramedic William Toberman Jr.

**Firefighter of the Year:** Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Hisel

The Mayor and each of the trustees commended the recipients for their dedication and service to the Village of Park Forest. The Mayor thanked all Park Forest public safety workers for their commitment.

Manager Mick introduced Economic Development Advisory Group Chairperson Perkins who delivered the EDAG annual report to the Board. The report included their goals and the many accomplishments throughout the past year.

Manager Mick introduced Heidi Gonzalez who invited Park Forest to attend the American Cancer Society Relay for Life to be held at Rich South High School on Saturday, June 11.

Manager Mick also gave an update on the beautification schedule on Route 30. He reminded residents that fire hydrant flushing begins next week with a detailed map on the Village website. Also, vehicle stickers must be displayed by April 30. The Senior Fair is planned for May 6. The Farmers' Market opens May 7. There will be a Viet Nam Veterans recognition ceremony at Prairie State College. Anyone interested in being recognized should call the Manager at Village Hall.

**Village Clerk**

No report

**Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons**

Trustee Brandon noted that the Youth Commission will meet for a workshop on Tuesday, April 26.

Trustee Graham reported that Recreation and Parks Commission will participate on Opening Day at the Aqua Center on July 26.

Trustee Brown said he attended the Fair Housing Achievement Award dinner and enjoyed the film and photographs showing the history of fair housing.

**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. Authorize Village Manager to enter into a contract for 2016 water system improvements with Austin Tyler, Elwood, IL in the amount of \$5,736,231.13 with a 5% contingency for any additional work as determined by the Village Engineer for a total cost not to exceed \$6,023,074.19.**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee O'Neill. 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: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

The consent agenda was adopted with six (6) ayes, no (0) nays and one (1) absent.

**DEBATABLE:**

None

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

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the regular meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila McGann,  
Village Clerk