

VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST

Village Board Rules Meeting

Monday, July 11, 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 Ziegle, Village Attorney Cary Horvath, Deputy Village Manager/Finance Director Mary Dankowski, Assistant to Village Manager Denyse Carreras, Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther, Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, IT Manager Craig Kaufman, and Director of Health Department Jenise Ervin

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.

1. Enabling Resolution to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the MWRDGC for the Distribution of Rain Barrels

Manager Mick said this item is from Public Works Department. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) distributes free rain barrels to Cook County residents to divert rainwater. The Village has worked out an agreement for Park Forest residents living in Cook County to receive the free rain barrels (no installation included.) This intergovernmental agreement is required. The Village, at their expense, will also distribute free rain barrels to Will County residents at no cost to the residents. Director Ysaguirre added four barrels may be requested. This is open to businesses as well for this year only. These rain barrels may be a different design as those offered in the past, but will operate in the same fashion. Mayor Ostenburg asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

2. Urban Forestry Operations

Manager Mick noted this item is from the Recreation and Parks Department. This routine item is a renewal bid split between two contractors, one for removal of trees and the other for pruning of trees. The Village is happy with their work. Mayor Ostenburg asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

3. Purchase of Freedom Hall Stage Curtains

Manager Mick noted that this item comes from Recreation and Parks to replace the current stage curtains at Freedom Hall. The curtains at Freedom Hall were last replaced in 1999. Director Gunther added that the tracks will also be re-roped. Mayor Ostenburg asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

4. Awarding of the 2016 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Contract

Manager Mick said this item is out of the Public Works Department. Director Ysaguirre said that the contractor has done work for the Village for a number of years and is familiar with our sewers. The work will be performed south of Sauk Trail; funds will come the sewer fund. Mayor Ostenburg asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

5. 2016 Street Resurfacing

Manager Mick noted that this item is out of the Public Works Department. Director Ysaguirre explained the bid process. The funds for this project will come from the sewer fund, the general fund, and the Downtown fund. Mayor Ostenburg said that the Board spent time discussing side street repair during the budget review process. He noted that consolidating the water main replacement with street repair and curb work is a more economical way to use the funds. Mayor Ostenburg asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, this item will be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Ostenburg had attended the National League of Cities Summer Board and Leadership Meeting in Kansas City. While there, he also participated in the Race, Equity And Leadership (REAL) workshop which focused on housing issues. He commented on the wonderful Fourth of July experience in Park Forest which included the parade, a concert, and fireworks. Mayor Ostenburg talked about ways in which Cook County is planning two economic growth zones in the south suburbs that will attract business and jobs. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has been working with ComEd regarding grants. Eighty-three communities applied and twenty-two were awarded funds. The grant funds awarded to Park Forest will be used for defibrillators. On Friday, there will be a meeting with Father Johnson regarding the reuse of the school building at St. Irenaeus.

Manager's Comments

Manager Mick commended all staff for their combined efforts that made the Fourth of July celebration a success. The Live Grow Discover Ken Kramer \$1,000 Scholarship was awarded to Emily Aguirre, Southland College Prep Charter School. There was a fund raiser for Officer Tim Jones at Dunagains last weekend. Many residents came out and supported the effort. Applications for the Park Forest Police Department are being accepted with a deadline of August 5. On July 30, there will be a Re-cycle Fest accepting various items. See the Village website for more information. The Veterans Commission is looking for Viet Nam veterans to be recognized on Veterans Day in November.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Brandon thanked those on the parade route and staff who were involved in the Fourth of July celebration. The Youth Commission had a special meeting July 6 to go over the budget for

Youth Day scheduled for August 13. Vendors and volunteers are needed. The Youth Commission's regular meeting is scheduled for July 13. Trustee Brandon attended the South Suburban Garden Walk and noted that three Park Forest homes were on the walk.

Trustee O'Neill reported the Housing Authority meeting was held on June 30. It was noted that the 2015 audit was approved and accepted. EDAG will participate in the Midsummer Madness event. She, too, enjoyed the Fourth of July celebration.

Trustee Settles noted that the Environment Commission met July 7 and are partnering with the Village for battery recycling. They, too, participated in the Fourth of July parade with handouts. She also noted that the Commission on Human Relations will meet July 12.

Trustee McCray enjoyed the Fourth of July parade and fireworks and was glad to see so many residents also enjoying the events. The Veterans Commission met July 9 and they are continuing to plan for the November Veterans Day celebration. He also commented on the fund raiser for Police Officer Timothy Jones held at Dunnigan's.

Trustee Graham also attended the South Suburban Garden walk. She also commented on her first camp-out that was also the first overnight camp-out at Central Park.

Trustee Brown also enjoyed the Fourth of July events. He also commented on long standing race problems in our society and noted that it must be faced in order make things better.

Attorney's Comments

None

Clerk Comments

None

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 McCray, seconded by Trustee Settles and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the rules meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk