

**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 3, 2022

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt; Trustees: Theresa Settles, Tiffani Graham, Joseph A. Woods, Candyce Herron, Maya Hardy, Erin I. Slone

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Village Manager Tom Mick; Director of Finance/Deputy Village Manager Mark Pries; Assistant Finance Director Sharon Floyd; Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok; Shift Commander Mark Cotrano; Shift Commander William Brei; Police Chief Paul Winfrey; Deputy Chief Bryan Rzycki; Deputy Chief John DeCeault; Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes; Executive Housing Director Tiffany Perry;

Document Reviewed: Village of Park Forest, Illinois 2022/2023 Budget

Mayor Vanderbilt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Village Manager Mick gave an overview of the upcoming budget meetings and an explanation of the budget and the overview section. Mr. Mick mentioned that the first two sections of the budget is where residents will find what is going on with the budget.

Director of Finance/Deputy Village Manager Mark Pries began his Financial Summary by further explaining the budget book; referring to it as a communication device, policy document and financial planner. Mr. Pries explained the transmittal letter is a requirement by the Government Finance Officers Association in order to receive the GFOA award.

Mr. Pries began his review of the Overview (pages I-XX), and reviewed the IRMA premiums. He stated that Sales Tax has increased over the last 2 years and explained how sales tax is distributed and how it is zip code specific for large companies.

Mr. Pries reviewed Financial Summary (sect. 2-1 - 2-55). Mr. Pries said that property taxes provide 55% of the general fund revenue. He referenced pages 2-17 & 2-18 as a quick reference to the General Fund revenues and expenses. Mr. Pries noted there is a 6.1 month reserve in the general fund balance.

Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok began the Fire Department Summary by reviewing the charts on pages 5-2 & 5-3, acknowledging the increase in calls. There was discussion about the ambulance billing collection rate, the aim is for 65% but the average is 43.5%. In 2021 Fire Department began tracking citizen complaints and investigation of each complaint.

Police Chief Paul Winfrey began the Police Department summary by reviewing the Police Department's commitment to youth needs and it will continue to focus on the youth. The department will be reminding the public of the Problem Oriented Policing (POP) program on social media. Chief announced that all Officers have now received Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) train-the-trainer certification.

Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes reviewed Community Development (sect. 9-1 – 9-16). He started by stating the average home sales price is \$126,330. Owner occupied houses are at the highest since 1993. The number of foreclosed properties have decreased since 2015 by 79%. Mr. Kerestes said the Village of Park Forest has issued 94 building permits in April 2022. He moved on to Housing Voucher Program Data (sect. 20-2) and said the number of portables are decreasing since more owners are occupying their homes rather than renting.

Mr. Mick closed the meeting by reminding the Board of upcoming dates related to the budget: May 9 and May 10.

Trustee Candyce Herron motioned to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.; second by Trustee Hardy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Thurston, Recorder