

**SPECIAL RULES MEETING/BUDGET REVIEW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

(This meeting was not open to the public due to restrictions of the COVID-19 virus; However, it was broadcast/recorded on the local cable access channels and streamed live/archived on the Village website.)

Village Hall

6:00 p.m.

May 13, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt; Trustees: Tiffani Graham, Theresa Settles, Joseph A. Woods, Maya Hardy, via video conference: Candyce Herron, Glenna Hennessy

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Village Manager Tom Mick, Director of Finance/Deputy Village Manager Mark Pries, Director of Recreation, Parks and Community Health Rob Gunther, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks Kevin Adams, Director of Economic Development Hildy Kingma.

Document Reviewed: Village of Park Forest, Illinois 2020/2021 Budget

Mayor Vanderbilt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., and the roll was called.

Director of Recreation, Parks and Community Health Rob Gunther began his summary by reviewing his department's function (sect. 6-1). He discussed the various programs offered and gave an updates on the programs. The Farmers Market will be opening on Saturday, June 6th with new guidelines concerning COVID-19. Summer camps, however, are being cancelled this year. Mr. Gunther said the Community Health Coordinator is visiting the Senior Centers weekly and has been able to catch several health issues.

The Aqua Center will not open this summer due to COVID-19 restrictions. JEM Management is willing to work with the Village of Park Forest and not charge the \$140,000 contracted amount with the understanding that the Village will extend the contract for an additional year.

Break 7:55 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Director of Economic Development Hildy Kingma began her summary by reviewing the Department Function (sect. 8-1). She discussed cannabis changes and said there are 6 applications for cannabis businesses in Park Forest.

Ms. Kingma gave an update on businesses in Park Forest. It was mentioned that Subway signed a 20-year lease, which was previously a year to year lease. She then talked about Downtown Park Forest businesses. A few new businesses of note include a daycare, Respond Now and Senator Patrick Joyce's office. Many upcoming business-related and community relations events will be cancelled but staff is considering hosting virtual business events.

Ms. Kingma concluded by reviewing the Capital Projects Fund (sect. 18-1) and Sustainability Plan Implementation (sect. 18-10).

Mr. Pries did a brief review of the Tax Increment Financing Funds (TIF) (sect. 23-1) and said debt service is fully paid as of the end of 2019.

Mr. Mick closed the meeting by reminding the Board of upcoming dates related to the budget: May 14.

Trustee Joseph A. Woods motioned to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.; second by Trustee Settles.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Thurston, Recorder