

AGENDA

SPECIAL RULES MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS

Village Hall

6:30 p.m.

May 10, 2010

Budget Introduction and Overview

Adjournment

MOTIONS

MOVED that the Consent Agenda and each item contained therein be hereby approved:

1. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2009, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2009, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2010, the Minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of April 10, 2010, the Minutes of the Special Rules Meeting of April 10, 2010 and the Minutes of the Saturday Rules Meeting of April 10, 2010
2. MOVED, that the Manager be authorized to contract for mowing of designated areas within the Village with Suburban Landscaping of Chicago Heights in the amount of \$49,415.00 with a 10% contingency in case of a longer mowing season for a total amount of \$54,356.00.

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VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST

**Village Board Regular Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2009
Village Hall 8:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Ostenburg, Trustee Mae Brandon, Trustee Bonita Dillard, Trustee Gary Kopycinski, Trustee Kenneth Kramer, Trustee Robert McCray, Trustee Georgia O'Neill

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager Tom Mick, Deputy Village Manager/Finance Director Mary Dankowski, Police Chief Tom Fleming, Fire Chief Robert Wilcox, Director of Recreation and Parks John Joyce, Director of Public Health Christine Blue, Director of Public Relations Jason Miller, Director of Community Development Lawrence Kerestes, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, Assistant to the Village Manager Denyse Carreras, and Director of Public Works Ken Eyer

RECORDER: Village Clerk Sheila McGann

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Myra West, La Rabida Joli Burrell Children's Advocacy Center; Marconi Family; fellow firefighters; Lieutenant Paul Hodges; Ed Fischer, resident

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Ostenburg. Roll was called by Clerk McGann. Mayor Ostenburg led the Board and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Reports of Village Officers

Mayor

Mayor Ostenburg stated that a completed selection of chairs and vice chairs for commissions will be on the agenda for approval at the January 26 Regular Meeting.

Village Manager

Manager Mick introduced Fire Lieutenant Paul Hodges who presented Nathan Marconi to be sworn in as a firefighter/paramedic by Clerk McGann. Firefighter Marconi was welcomed and congratulated by Chief Wilcox, Mayor Ostenburg, Manager Mick, and the Board of Trustees.

Manager Mick introduced Myra West from La Rabida Services. Ms. West gave a presentation that included a description of the services provided by La Rabida for children with a history of abuse and/or trauma. La Rabida works with DCFS, the local police, hospitals, and state's attorney office. The organization has been working in Park Forest for ten years and does not charge any fee to families they assist.

Chief Fleming noted that with the help of La Rabida, a child that has been assaulted is interviewed by a licensed clinical psychologist, not a police officer. He added that a new program “Go, Girl, Go” facilitated by Governors’ State University will be working with young ladies to help them with self esteem issues and to learn to make good decisions.

Director of Public Health Christine Blue reported that letters were sent to all 2008 Ten Ton Challenge with the results of the challenge. Also, over seven thousand pounds of food was donated to the Rich Township Food Pantry as a result of the program. Ms. Blue thanked all that made this project possible.

Manager Mick said that the Aspire Workshop will continue with Jesus Rodriguez, the Illinois Theater Center mural painter. The Park Forest Historical Society will co-sponsor the sixtieth anniversary of the Village of Park Forest celebration on February 2.

Village Clerk

Clerk McGann gave election information for the upcoming election of village trustees and library trustees.

Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons

Trustee Kramer said that the Senior Commission will meet with the Human Relations Commission Tuesday, January 13.

Trustee Brandon noted that the Youth Commission will meet January 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Dillard reported that the Plan Commission met and discussed the zoning changes that are on tonight’s debatable agenda. They also discussed their future presentation to the Board.

Trustee O’Neill stated that EDAG met Wednesday, January 7 and discussed their goals which will be presented to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions

None

Consent Agenda

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

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Saturday Rules Meeting of July 12, 2008; the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2008; the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2008; the Minutes of the Special Rules Meeting of December 6, 2008; the Minutes of the Saturday Rules Meeting of December 6, 2008; the Minutes of the Saturday Rules Meeting of January 3, 2009**
- 2. Approval of a Resolution in Recognition of Barack Obama**

3. Approval of an Amendment to Engineering Services Agreement for 2009 Water Main Replacement

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Kramer and seconded by Trustee Brandon. Mayor Ostenburg asked if anyone wished any items removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Trustee Kramer asked about wording of the resolution. The corrected resolution will be available to each trustee to be signed so it will be received before the inauguration. 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 approved with seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays and no (0) absent.

Debatable Agenda

Mayor Ostenburg called for the items on the debatable agenda. The debatable agenda included the following items:

4 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 86 of the Code of Ordinances (Solid Waste) for the Village of Park Forest, Cook and Will Counties (First Reading)

Since this ordinance was discussed at a previous rules meeting, Mayor Ostenburg asked for a motion to suspend the rules to consider this on second reading this evening. Move to suspend the rules was motioned by Trustee Kramer and seconded by Trustee Dillard. Mayor Ostenburg called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

The motion to suspend the rules was approved with seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays and none (0) absent.

On the main motion, the ordinance was moved by Trustee Kramer and seconded by Trustee Brandon to adopt this ordinance at final reading. Mayor Ostenburg asked if there were any questions or comments. Mayor Ostenburg called for a roll call vote by Clerk McGann.

The ordinance was approved unanimously.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0
Absent: 0

The ordinance was approved with seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays and none (0) absent.

5. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 118 (“Zoning”) of the Code of Ordinances, Article III (“Districts”), Section 118-152 (“Commercial Requirements”) and adopting a new Section 118-155 (“Conditional Uses”) (First Reading)

This will be on the agenda at the next rules committee meeting for discussion and action at a subsequent meeting.

6. An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use for a Food Production Facility at Orchard Park Plaza, located at 138 S. Orchard Drive (First Reading)

This will be on the agenda at the next regular rules meeting for discussion and action at a subsequent meeting.

Adjournment

This concluded the regular Board meeting.

Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss the setting of price for the sale of real estate. Motion was made by Trustee Brandon, seconded by Trustee Kramer, and a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

The motion was adopted with seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays and no (0) absent.

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the regular meeting and move to executive session at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST

Village Board Regular Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2009

Village Hall 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Ostenburg, Trustee Mae Brandon, Trustee Bonita Dillard, Trustee Gary Kopycinski, Trustee Kenneth Kramer, Trustee Robert McCray, Trustee Georgia O'Neill

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Village Manager/Finance Director Mary Dankowski, Police Chief Tom Fleming, Deputy Chief Bruce Ziegler, Director of Recreation and Parks John Joyce, Director of Public Health Christine Blue, Director of Public Relations Jason Miller, Director of Community Development Lawrence Kerestes, Assistant to the Village Manager Denyse Carreras, Information Technology Coordinator Craig Kaufman, Director of Public Works Ken Eyer

RECORDER: Village Clerk Sheila McGann

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ed Feingold, Stacy Holland, Mel Muchnick, and Alicia McCray, Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra; and Frankfort Mayor Jim Holland; Beverly Sterrett, Illinois Government Finance Officers Association; Janet Porter, South Suburban Special Recreation Association, Jerry Shnay, SouthtownStar Newspaper

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Ostenburg. Roll was called by Clerk McGann. Mayor Ostenburg led the Board and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Reports of Village Officers

Mayor

Mayor Ostenburg read a proclamation honoring the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra for their rich history throughout the southland region over the last three decades.

Ed Feingold, executive director of the IPO, gratefully accepted the proclamation and thanked the Village of Park Forest for their support since the orchestra's inception in 1954. Mr. Feingold also introduced former and current members of the board of trustees that were in the audience. Stacy Holland, IPO, also thanked the Village of Park Forest for the proclamation.

Beverly Sterrett, Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, presented the Village of Park Forest with the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award and Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the only national award in government budgeting; only 2% of all applicants in Illinois have received both of these awards. Ms. Sterrett commended the staff members for their commitment and dedication

in their excellence in reporting especially Deputy Village Manager/Finance Director Mary Dankowski and Assistant Finance Director Stephanie Rodas.

Mayor Ostenburg noted that the Village has received a number of these awards due to Director Dankowski's and Assistant Director Rodas' hard work which keeps the Village financially sound.

Executive Director of South Suburban Special Recreation Association Janet Porter presented to the Board the yearly report and thanked the Village for the continued support. Ms. Porter detailed the service available to those in the south suburban area. She thanked Recreation and Parks Director John Joyce for his help and input in continuing this program.

Village Attorney

None

Village Manager

Deputy Manager Dankowski reported on upcoming events in Park Forest including information regarding Illinois Theatre Centre, Tall Grass Art Galley, and the Rotary fundraiser. The South Suburban Mayors and Manager's legislative breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 14. The Village received a \$4,182 check from FEMA for reimbursement costs relating to the September 2008 flooding. Ms. Dankowski said that Jim Kaderas from the CN Railroad said that there will be two additional trains beginning Tuesday, March 10.

Mayor Ostenburg added the CN railroad traffic east into Park Forest will not increase at this time.

Village Clerk

Clerk McGann gave voting details on the upcoming election.

Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons

Trustee O'Neill congratulated and thanked IPO and SSSRA who are receiving awards tonight. Their work in Park Forest is valued and appreciated. Economic Development Advisory Group met last week and discussed a new program and will report later to the Board.

Trustee Brandon reported that the Youth Commission will have their first meeting of the year Tuesday, March 9.

Trustee Dillard noted that the Plan Commission will meet March 23.

Trustee Kopycinski reported that the Human Relations Commission will meet Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. The Environment Commission did not have a quorum at their last meeting. He also encouraged residents to shop locally.

Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions

None

Consent Agenda

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

- 1. A Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Rules Meeting of September 2, 2008; the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 8, 2008; the Minutes of the Rules Meeting of January 26, 2009 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2009; the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2009**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Kramer and seconded by Trustee Dillard. Mayor Ostenburg asked if anyone wished any items removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Trustee Dillard asked that the minutes of the Rules Meeting of September 2, 2008 be removed and considered at a later time. Trustee Kramer noted several scribes' errors which will be passed on for correction.

On the motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the Minutes of the Rules Meeting of September 2, 2008, a voice vote was called by Mayor Ostenburg. The motion to approve the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

Debatable Agenda

Mayor Ostenburg called for the items on the debatable agenda. The debatable agenda included the following items:

- 2. An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use for a Day Care Center Located at 213 Nashua Street (Hope Lutheran Church) (Final Reading)**

Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading. Motion to adopt was made by Trustee Kramer and seconded by Trustee Brandon. Mayor Ostenburg asked if there was any other discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Ostenburg asked for a roll call vote by Clerk McGann. The ordinance was approved with the following results:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

The ordinance was approved with seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays and no (0) absent.

- 3. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1895 Adopting the Annual Budget for the Year Commencing July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009 (First Reading)**

This will be on the agenda at the next rules meeting for discussion and action at the subsequent regular board meeting.

This concluded the regular committee Board meeting.

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

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the rules meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST

**Village Board Regular Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2010
Village Hall 8:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Trustee Mae Brandon, Trustee Bonita Dillard, Trustee Gary Kopycinski, Trustee Kenneth Kramer, Trustee Robert McCray, Trustee Georgia O'Neill

ABSENT: Mayor John Ostenburg

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager Tom Mick, Deputy Village Manager/Finance Director Mary Dankowski; Village Attorney Paul Stephanides, Police Chief Tom Fleming, Fire Captain Michael Wheeler, Director of Public Relations Jason Miller, Director of Community Development Lawrence Kerestes, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, Director of Public Works Ken Eyer

RECORDER: Village Clerk Sheila McGann

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Charles Derringer, Chicago Heights; Nikki Arseneau, SouthtownStar Newspaper

At 8:40 p.m. roll was called by Clerk McGann. Due to Mayor Ostenburg's absence, Senior Trustee Ken Kramer was named President pro-tem and led the Board and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Reports of Village Officers

Mayor
None

Village Manager
Manager Mick noted the Black History Month Program on February 27 will honor Michael Jackson. The next Saturday Rules meeting will be on March 6 and open to the public. The Park Forest Historical Society named the 2010 inductees who will be honored on April 18, 2010.

Village Attorney
Attorney Stephanides had no report.

Village Clerk
Clerk McGann had no report.

Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons

Trustee O'Neill noted that there are a variety of entertainment opportunities planned for the next few weeks at Freedom Hall.

Trustee Brandon reported that the Youth Commission met last week and is continuing to work on applications for student liaisons to be included in the planning of Youth Day. She encouraged residents to support the Haiti Relief effort by attending Freedom Hall concerts.

Trustee McCray noted that Park Forest Library is now open with a new look while it is under construction.

Trustee Kopycinski reported that the Black History Month program sponsored by the Human Relations Commission will honor Michael Jackson on Saturday, February 25 at Freedom Hall.

Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions

Charles Derringer 150 Grayslake, Chicago Heights. Mr. Derringer commented on the local water sheds in this area. He also commented on the importance of Asian Carp as a food source.

Consent Agenda

President Pro-tem Kramer called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the following items:

- 1. Approve the Minutes of the Saturday Rules Meeting of February 6, 2010; the Minutes of the Special Rules Meeting of February 8, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2010**
- 2. Authorize the Manager to Execute the Intergovernmental Equipment Purchase agreement with the Southcom Municipalities.**
- 3. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Amendments to a Site Lease Agreement Between the Village and Sprintcom Nextel.**
- 4. Adopt a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code and Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs in the amount of \$716,514.18.**
- 5. Authorize the Village Manager to purchase up to 500 tons of additional road salt from Morton Salt, if needed; said cost for 500 tons would be \$36,270.**

6. Authorize the Village Manager to execute a five-year contract with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP for audit services; the cost per year is as follows: 2010, \$39,600; 2011, 40,400; 2012,41,600; 2013, 42,800; 2014, 44,100.

7. Authorize the Village Manager to Enter into Local Agency Agreement with the State of Illinois for Route FAU 2836 (Orchard Drive) from US Route 30 to Sauk Trail to Orchard Drive.

8. Adopt a MFT resolution appropriating funding for Phase II Design Engineering for the Orchard Drive improvement in the amount of \$476,000.

9. Authorize the Village Manager to Enter into Phase II Engineering Services Agreement with Baxter & Woodman for Route FAU 2836 (Orchard Drive) from US Route 30 to Sauk Trail in the amount of \$476,000.

10. Authorize the Village Manager to contract for fire hydrant and hydrant valve improvements with M & J Underground, Inc. of Monee, IL in the amount of \$199,288 with a 30% contingency for additional or unexpected work for a total cost not to exceed \$259,074.40.

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Dillard. President Pro-Tem Kramer asked if anyone wished any items removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. On the motion to approve the consent agenda, a voice vote was called by President Pro-tem Kramer. 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 Agenda

President Pro-tem Kramer called for the items on the debatable agenda. The debatable agenda included the following items:

11. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Park Forest (Crime Free Housing) (First Reading)

This item will on the agenda for further discussion at the next rules meeting.

12. An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Park Forest (Increasing the Fines for Violations of Handicapped Parking Provisions) (First Reading)

This item will on the agenda for further discussion at the next rules meeting.

13. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 (“Alcoholic Beverages”) of the Code of Ordinances (First Reading)

This item will on the agenda for further discussion at the next rules meeting.

14. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances (Cruelty to Animals) (First Reading)

This item will on the agenda for further discussion at the next rules meeting.

15. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 102 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding the Impoundment of Vehicles for Driving on a Suspended License (First Reading)

This item will on the agenda for further discussion at the next rules meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pro-tem Kramer called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Dillard, seconded by Trustee Brandon, and passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Sheila C. McGann
Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SATURDAY RULES MEETING
April 10, 2010**

PRESENT: Village Mayor John Ostenburg; Village Trustees Mae Brandon, Bonita Dillard, Gary Kopycinski, Robert McCray and Georgia O'Neill; Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes; Director of Recreation and Parks John Joyce

ALSO

PRESENT: Residents Kim Schaefer and Vernice Warren

Mayor Ostenburg called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

Resident Kim Schaefer stated that she and Vernice Warren are in attendance at today's meeting to express concern to the Village Board about Talala School. She stated that it is important that Talala be kept open. She added that it is not beneficial to students to ship them to other schools in the district when they have a neighborhood school to attend. Mayor Ostenburg stated that the Village is in favor of keeping Talala School open, and will try to stay involved in keeping the school open.

Ms. Schaefer informed the Board that Talala no longer offers gym or band. She commented that it seems that Talala School is not "known", and they need help in promoting the school. She stated that the PTO would like to work with the Village and School District 201U to promote the school. Ms. Schaefer informed the Board that the PTO is sponsoring a "Chat and Chew" community bazaar and health fair on Saturday, April 17. She requested help from the Village in promoting this event. Mr. Joyce stated that a banner for the "Chat and Chew" could possibly be put up at the Tennis and Health Club or on the corner of Orchard and Lakewood by Walgreens. Mr. Kerestes stated that the Village requires a 30-day advance notification to post information on the Downtown sign. He added that every entity is allowed to have a sign on their property no more than 30 days per year, and the Village must universally enforce this regulation. Mayor Ostenburg suggested that the Village prepare information for all groups on timelines and steps to take to have an event promoted through the Village public relations system. He suggested that in the future, advance notice be given so the Village will have ample opportunity to help support school events. He added that the Village would try to help promote Talala.

Ms. Warren stated that the landscape at Talala School has changed. She stated that the school has begun to take an active lead in the community and is working to provide programs that respond to parent's needs. She stated that the school has begun to offer volunteer-run after school programs, and they would like to have a computer lab at the school. Ms. Warren stated that the PTO is attempting to secure grants and will be holding fundraisers to fund school programs. She added that the school district would like to add 80 new students to Talala by busing these students from University Park. Ms. Schaefer stated that Talala is not given the same opportunities as other schools in the district, such as offering bus service to students. Ms. Warren stated that over 300 students currently attend Talala School, and most of these students are from Park Forest. She added that it is important to have Village support for the school.

Mayor Ostenburg stated that the Village Board tries to meet with other governmental units on a regular basis. He stated that he would like to arrange a meeting at Talala School between the Village Board and the School Board of School District 201U, with the PTO present. He added that the PTO could showcase what has been accomplished at the school. Mayor Ostenburg stated that he would also like to set up a meeting between himself, Manager Mick, the Superintendent of School District 201U and the President of the District 201U School Board. He stated that the Village would like the School Board to know that the Village supports Talala School as a community facility.

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Trustee Kopycinski commented that the School District is a separate government entity from the Village, but the Village will try to advocate for the school and do all that it can to support Talala School. Mayor Ostenburg commented that two Village trustees are from the Talala area of Park Forest, so there is an elected presence on the Village Board from that area. Trustee Brandon commented that the area and school need to be recognized.

Mayor Ostenburg suggested recognizing Talala honor students at Village Board of Trustee meetings as a way of promoting and providing recognition for the school.

There being no further business, Mayor Ostenburg requested a motion to adjourn. Trustee Dillard made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCray, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Dyrda, Recorder

VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL RULES MEETING
April 10, 2010

PRESENT: Village Mayor John Ostenburg; Village Trustees Mae Brandon, Bonita Dillard, Gary Kopycinski, Ken Kramer, Robert McCray (9:28 a.m.) and Georgia O'Neill; Village Manager Tom Mick

ALSO Rich Township Supervisor Al Riley; Rich Township Trustees Nick Bobis,
PRESENT: Therese Goodrich and Elliott Johnson

Mayor Ostenburg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Manager Mick opened the meeting by stating that the Village periodically schedules meetings with various governmental entities to maintain lines of communication. He stated that the Village would like to continue, or further collaborate, with Rich Township on projects that will be beneficial to the area. Mayor Ostenburg agreed that the Village would like to keep lines of communication open and determine how to better collaborate with the township.

Rich Township Supervisor Al Riley thanked the Village Board for arranging today's meeting. He stated that the Village and township must collaborate and come together regionally. He added that services need to be provided, but there are limited resources. Supervisor Riley discussed township issues and concerns. He explained that the primary concern is building and stabilizing communities. He stated that Rich Township has the highest home foreclosure rates in the metropolitan area, and he is working on legislation to address this problem. He explained that the Food Pantry has seen an approximate 30% increase in requests for assistance. Mayor Ostenburg requested information on how many of those requesting assistance are residents of Park Forest. Rich Township Trustee Therese Goodrich stated that the township helps people with many issues, including assistance with food, medicine, housing and utilities. Supervisor Riley informed the Board that a PACE grant has been received that will be used to install a GPS tracking system to assist in picking up people along the PACE route.

Supervisor Riley introduced Nick Bobis, the newest Rich Township Trustee. Trustee Bobis stated that the township and the Village must identify areas where both entities could collaborate and work together. He added that all residents must be aware of what the township is doing and the services that are provided to township residents. Mayor Ostenburg commented that Rich Township is an amenity to the community and provides many services. He added that residents are aware of, and make use of, many of these services, including the Jolly Trolley.

Manager Mick provided an update on the 211th Street Metra project. Mayor Ostenburg commented that Metra must service the south region in a fashion equitable to the services provided for the northern and western suburbs.

Manager Mick stated that the Canadian National settlement provides economic benefits to the Village. He reviewed some of the projects and public safety initiatives that will be funded by the settlement. He added that the funds received for noise mitigation will be distributed to Park Forest residents along the Canadian National route that will be the most affected by the increase in train traffic.

There being no further business, Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to enable the trustees to look at the new Jolly Trolley bus.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Dyrda, Recorder

**VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2010**

PRESENT: Village Mayor John Ostenburg; Village Trustees Mae Brandon, Bonita Dillard (9:58 a.m.), Gary Kopycinski, Ken Kramer and Georgia O'Neill; Village Manager Tom Mick

ALSO

PRESENT: Resident Therese Goodrich

Mayor Ostenburg called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

A Resolution Opposing a Reduction of the Local Government Distributive Fund

Mayor Ostenburg informed the Board that the purpose of this meeting is to consider a resolution opposing a reduction of the local government share of state income tax revenues. He provided background information on this issue. He explained that the Board has been asked by Mayors and Managers to adopt this resolution as part of a statewide effort by municipal officials. Manager Mick stated that the decrease of the local government share of state income tax revenues would severely impact the Village. He added that if this reduction passes, the Village may be forced to make some tough decisions in the way of budget and staff cuts. Mayor Ostenburg commented that other entities would suffer as a result of the proposed state budget.

Mayor Ostenburg stated that to meet current financial demands of the state there needs to be an increase in revenue coming into the state, he supports an increase in the state income tax as a more equitable solution. Trustee Brandon agreed that she also supports an increase in the state income tax. Trustee Kopycinski commented that the proposed state budget is an example of "government by politics".

Trustee Dillard arrived at the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Mayor Ostenburg requested a motion to approve "A Resolution Opposing a Reduction of the Local Government Distributive Fund".

Trustee Brandon moved, Trustee Kramer seconded that the resolution opposing a reduction of the local government distributive fund be adopted.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 1

The resolution was approved with six (6) ayes, no (0) nays and one (1) absent.

Their being no further business, Mayor Ostenburg requested a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kramer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brandon, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 a.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Dyrda, Recorder

AGENDA BRIEFING

DATE: April 30, 2010

TO: Mayor John A. Ostenburg
Board of Trustees

FROM: Rob Gunther.
Parks Superintendent

RE: Mowing Bids

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Bids were recently solicited for the mowing of designated areas within the Village. The bid announcement was sent to 11 companies and a notice was published in the SouthtownStar. As in the past this contract would be for two years.

The Village received bids from three companies and these are shown in the attached table. The contract is divided into separate areas for billing purposes and the totals are for the estimated number of mowings for the season.

The low bid represents a 9% increase from last year's pricing. Village Staff recommends to contract with Suburban Landscaping for this work. Suburban Landscaping has had this contract the past two years and has worked well with the Village and been a responsible and responsive contractor. Since the mowing takes place throughout the Village the funds are found in several different budgets.

SCHEDULE FOR CONSIDERATION: This item will appear on the Consent Agenda of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2010 for your consideration.

	Suburban Landscaping Chicago Heights	Prestige Lawn Care Burr Ridge	Utermark & Sons Homewood
Locations Mowed Weekly			
#1 - Downtown	\$ 575.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 685.00
#2 - Indianwood	\$ 220.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 195.00
#3 - Library	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
#4 - Aqua Center	\$ 120.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 95.00
#5 - Freedom Hall	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
#6 - Tennis & Health Cub	\$ 55.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 75.00
#7 - Police Station	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
#8 - Fire Station	\$ 40.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
#9 - Water Plant	\$ 80.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 95.00
#10 - Well #7 & #2	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 75.00
#11 - Commuter lots	\$ 120.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00
Weekly total	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 1,465.00	\$ 1,620.00
Cost for 26 Mowings	\$ 38,480.00	\$ 38,090.00	\$ 42,120.00
Locations Mowed every 2 weeks			
#12 - Orchard Dr.	\$ 110.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 155.00
#13 - Rt 30	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 95.00
#14 - 26'th St.	\$ 90.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 130.00
#15 - Tamarack St.	\$ 60.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00
#16 - Cul-De-Sac	\$ 270.50	\$ 245.00	\$ 400.00
#17 - Act. # 330000	\$ 412.50	\$ 555.00	\$ 595.00
#18 - Act. # 012000	\$ 192.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 315.00
Biweekly total	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 1,770.00
Cost for 12 Mowings	\$ 10,935.00	\$ 13,455.00	\$ 15,930.00
Estimated Annual Cost	\$ 49,415.00	\$ 51,545.00	\$ 58,050.00

VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST

MEMORANDUM

TO: John A. Ostenburg, Mayor
Board of Trustees

FROM: Thomas K. Mick,
Village Manager

DATE: May 7, 2010

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 102 (“TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES”), ARTICLE I (“IN GENERAL”) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 102-21 (“USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE”)

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

National Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood recently presented on the topic of decreased driver safety in the era of cell phones. It has become very common for cell phone use to take place while individuals are driving their vehicle. With the advent of texting on cell phones, the attention span for drivers continues to dwindle. Secretary LaHood provided a statistic noting that there were more than 8,000 traffic fatalities in 2008 as a direct result of drivers who were trying to text on a cell phone. The attached ordinance has been drafted in the hope that enforcement is the answer to keeping the roads of Park Forest as safe as possible. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

- Composing, sending or reading text messages on a cell phone while driving a vehicle is prohibited.
- Talking on a cell phone without the use of a ‘hands free’ device is prohibited.
- Using a cell phone to browse the internet is prohibited.
- A person may use a cell phone for texting, talking or other purposes if their vehicle is in a stationary or parked position.

While the draft ordinance allows for non-personal use of cell phones while driving as relates to Village, State or Federal agencies, Village Staff expects to make a concerted effort to implement policies encouraging a hands-free approach even in the course of official Village business. The ordinance language has been drafted by Village Attorney Paul Stephanides.

SCHEDULE FOR CONSIDERATION:

This issue will be on the May 10, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda for **FINAL READING**.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 102 (“TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES”),
ARTICLE I (“IN GENERAL”) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, VILLAGE OF
PARK FOREST, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS,
BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 102-21 (“USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES
WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE”)

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Park Forest, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, in the exercise of the Village’s home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. **Village Code Amended.** Chapter 102 (“Traffic and Vehicles”), Article I (“In General”) of the Code of Ordinances, Village of Park Forest, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois is amended by adding a new Section 102-21 (“Use of Cellular Telephones While Operating Motor Vehicle”) to read as follows:

Sec. 102-21. Use of cellular telephones while operating a motor vehicle.

(a) Definitions: The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (1) *Cellular telephone* means a cellular, analog, wireless, or digital telephone capable of sending or receiving communication messages without an access land line for service.
- (2) *Hands-free device* means an external device that connects to a cellular telephone that allows the user to engage in a telephone call without touching the user’s mobile telephone.
- (3) *On-board communications device* means a communications system or device that is hard-wired into the motor vehicle.
- (4) *Use* means talking or listening to another person, text messaging, sending, reading or listening to an electronic message, or browsing the internet.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

- (1) Any person using a mobile telephone or on-board communications device for non-personal use in the course of ordinary business in their employment with a Village, State or Federal agency or authority;

- (2) Any person using a hands-free device for voice communication, provided that such person does not touch the cellular telephone connected to such hands free device while operating or using the vehicle;
- (3) Any person using a cellular telephone to call 911 or other emergency telephone numbers to contact public safety services; and
- (4) Any person using a cellular telephone while maintaining a motor vehicle in a stationary and parked position.

Section 2. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of any provision of this Ordinance, is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such occurrence shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance, or their application, that can be given effect without the unconstitutional or invalid provision or its application. Each unconstitutional or invalid provision, or application of such provision, is severable, unless otherwise provided by this Ordinance. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be take effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____ 2010.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

John A. Ostenburg
Mayor

Sheila McGann
Village Clerk