

**RULES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST, 350 VICTORY DRIVE, PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS
COOK AND WILL COUNTIES**

Village Hall

Boardroom 7:00 p.m.

April 3, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt, Trustee Theresa Settles, Trustee Tiffani Graham, Trustee Joseph Woods, Trustee Maya Hardy, and Trustee Erin Slone

ABSENT: Trustee Candyce Herron

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Village Manager/Director of Community Relations Larrie Kerestes, Police Chief Paul Winfrey, Fire Lieutenant Neil Grove, Village Attorney Leslie Kennedy, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Health Kevin Adams, Director of Community Relations Larrie Kerestes, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, and Mark Geising, IT Coordinator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Roll Call

Mayor Vanderbilt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. A Resolution approving the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT) Joint Task Force Agreement

Acting Village Manager Kerestes asked Chief Winfrey to give the background on this resolution. Chief Winfrey how beneficial contracting with South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT) has been the Village allowing for assistance with highly trained tactical Personnel in low-frequency/critical incidents. The new agreement has no significant changes but an increase in cost. Mayor Vanderbilt asked the Board if there were any questions or comments. Trustee Settles asked about the length of the agreement. Chief Winfrey said it would be perpetual until cancelation from either side. When Trustee Slone asked about the cost, Chief Winfrey said the cost was \$2,000 annually for each municipality. Hearing no other questions, this item will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

2. Contract for Fiscal 2024 Residential Water Shut Off Valve Replacement

Acting Village Manager Kerestes noted that the next three items are out of the Public Works Department. Director Ysaguirre explained how the water shut off valves seize up or break and replacements are necessary. The bid process was followed with three bids opened March 23rd with M/J Underground of Monee as the lowest bidder. Staff recommends approval of the contract with them. Mayor Vanderbilt asked the Board if there were any questions or comments. When asked for details about the replacements from Trustee Slone and Trustee Woods, Director Ysaguirre said there is a running list in Public Works for replacements. Some breaks can be identified by the age of the home, the number of prior shut offs, and just deterioration over time. Hearing no other questions, this item will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

3. Contract for Water Treatment Chemicals

Director Ysaguirre reported that seven bids were open on March 23rd. The contract was structured so each item could be awarded separately based on the lowest bidder. Staff recommends awarding contracts to the following companies:

- Midwest Salt for Salt
- Linde (formerly Praxair) for Carbon Dioxide
- Univar USA for Soda Ash
- Graymont Western Lime for High Calcium Quicklime (Calcium Oxide)
- Water Solutions for Blended Polyphosphate

Trustee Hardy asked if there was an alternative for the blended polyphosphate due to the 15% contingency with Water Solutions. Director Ysaguirre explained that they have not increased their price for the past few years. If there is an increase, it will come to the Board for the increase. Also, they are the only ones that use it. Hearing no other questions or comments, this item will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

4. FY 23-24 MFT Street Sweeping Maintenance Contract

Director Ysaguirre reported that the bid process was followed with two bids opened on March 23rd. Illinois Central Sweeping LLC, of Tinley Park, was the lower bid. They have worked well with the Village in the past and staff recommends awarding the contract to them. Hearing no other questions or comments, this item will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Vanderbilt thanked the Public Works Department for the cleanup work they did throughout the Village over the weekend.

Manager's Comments

Director Kerestes stated that voting will take place from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 4th at their scheduled voting place. Director Ysaguirre noted that Public Works Department has procedures they follow after storms; they do not remove trees from private property, only branches out in front. Director Kerestes added that current scheduled hydrant flushing will be postponed until Fall. Director Ysaguirre said that the second tie-in will continue. Due to the weather, the Egg-stravaganza has been rescheduled from Saturday, April 8th to Saturday, April 15th. The Park Forest Historical Society will induct six new members to the Hall of Fame on Sunday, April 16th.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Settles announced the Park Forest Garden Club will host a Spring Tea at the Church of St. Mary's on Monee Road on Tuesday, April 11th. There will be a speaker with refreshments and raffle baskets with \$15 admission.

Trustee Graham thanked the Public Works for their diligence with the weekend storm cleanup. The Commission on Human Relations will meet Tuesday, April 11. The Youth Commission will meet Wednesday, April 12. Trustee Graham thanked all the election judges for working early voting and on Election Day.

Trustee Woods thanked our residents for doing their civic duty by voting.

Trustee Hardy also thanked Public Works Department for getting the streets cleared after the storm.

Trustee Slone reported thanked those who participated with the community clean up through the Sustainability Office. The Senior Commission will meet in the afternoon on Thursday, April 6th. The Environment Commission will meet in the evening on Thursday, April 6th. She encouragement residents to learn more about being sustainable during Earth Month.

Attorney's Comments

No report

Clerk Comments

Clerk McGann reminded residents that Election Day is Tuesday, April 4. Voters may only vote in person at their assigned polling place. Voters can find their specific polling place online at il.elections.gov.

Audience to Visitors

Kim Elmore-Perkins, of Hemlock, was concerned the damage done that may take place with upcoming street sweeping and the current condition of some Park Forest streets.

Chris Bell commented on fire safety news.

Adjournment

This concluded the Rules Meeting of the Board of Trustees Meeting.

There being no further business. Mayor Vanderbilt called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Slone and passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned unanimously with a voice vote with the following results:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 1

Mayor Vanderbilt adjourned the Rules Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk