

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
350 VICTORY DRIVE
PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS**

Village Hall

Board Room 7:00 p.m.

April 24, 2023

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

ABSENT: Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt and Trustee Candyce Herron

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Paul Winfrey, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Village Attorney Leslie Kennedy (7:05), Director of Finance Mark Pries, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Health Kevin Adams, Director of Community Relations Larrie Kerestes, Assistant to Village Manager Jason Miller, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, Cultural Arts Supervisor Chuck Sabey, Village Planner Andrew Brown, and Mark Geising, IT Coordinator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Family and friends of the Park Forest Police and Fire Departments; Friends and family of retiring Chuck Sabey; SSSRA Executive Director Lisa Drzewiecki; and Mamie Rodgers, Board of Fire and Police Commission

Roll Call

Trustee Settles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Due the absence of Mayor Vanderbilt, Senior Trustee Settles was appointed President Pro Tem.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Pro Tem Settles led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to a prior work commitment, Manager Mick noted that Mayor Vanderbilt was absent and read a plaque thanking the Mayor, his wife, Kathleen, and his family, for his service to the community and the Village as mayor and trustee.

Manager Mick read a second proclamation thanking Chuck Sabey for his 45 years of dedicated service to Park Forest serving Park Forest in many roles over the years. After receiving his plaque, Mr. Sabey thanked everyone for their support through his journey. Each of the Trustees thanked Mr. Sabey his dedication and all he has contributed to the Village including the music festival and Main Street Nights. Manager Mick added that Mr. Sabey has many other interests. He enjoyed his job and it showed.

Manager Mick read a third proclamation in honor of the 50th anniversary of South Suburban Special Recreation Association which was established in 1973 with Homewood, Olympia Fields, and Park Forest as founding members. SSSRA has provided year-round opportunities and recreation for persons with disabilities or special needs. Director Adams presented Executive Director Drzewiecki the proclamation. Ms. Drzewiecki said it is an honor to have Park Forest be a part of the SSSRA organization. She thanked the Village for their assistance with the

innovative offerings they have contributed to throughout the years. Each of the Trustees thanked Director Drzewiecki and SSSRA for their commitment and the valuable service they provide to the community.

Manager Mick introduced and read the bio for Kenneth Nichols who was sworn in as Park Forest Police Officer by Clerk McGann.

Manager Mick introduced and read the bio for Marcus White who was sworn in as Park Forest Police Officer by Clerk McGann.

All the Trustees welcomed Officer Nichols and Officer to White to the Park Forest family. Their service is appreciated and valued. The two new officers were thanked for applying for the police officer position and for their service to the community.

Reports of Village Officers

Mayor

Absent

Village Attorney

No report

Village Manager

Manager Mick acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Rodgers who was present at the Board Meeting who is a member of Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Personnel Board that oversees the hires and promotions of the Village's Police and Fire Departments. Manager Mick added that vehicle stickers must be displayed by April 30.

Village Clerk

No report

Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons

Trustee Graham reported that the Youth and Commission on Human Relations will sponsor a joint job fair on Saturday, May 27. Plans are continuing for the upcoming Youth Day.

Trustee Woods thanked all the board members who have served. The thanked the Mayor Vanderbilt for his sacrifice to this community. While board members often disagree, all who serve care about Park Forest. Trustee Woods reported on his Lobby Day in Springfield which offered insights to sources for local government with Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) for services.

Trustee Hardy attended the Birch Street Homes Annual Meeting and thanked them for the invitation. She also thanked the outgoing mayor for his many initiatives for the Village.

Trustee Slone said the Environment Commission sponsored a Local Food Expo which was well attended by Park Forest and surrounding areas residents.

President Pro Tem Settles thanked the Environment Commission for sponsoring the Local Food Expo. She also thanked Mayor Vanderbilt for his service and time to Park Forest as trustee and mayor.

Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions

None

Motion: Approval of Consent

CONSENT:

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 Executive Sessions meetings of: June 17, 2019, October 7, 2019, January 21, 2020, February 17, 2020, March 2, 2020, March 16, 2020, December 7, 2020, June 28, 2021, July 12, 2021, September 13, 2021, September 27, 2021, November 15, 2021, March 7, 2022 and April 25, 2022 and the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 20, 2023, the Special Rules meeting of March 20, 2023, the Rules meeting of March 27, 2023, the Regular meeting of March 27, 2023, and the Rules meeting of April 3, 2023.**
- 2. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution Recognizing and Thanking Chuck Sabey for his Dedicated Service to the Village of Park Forest.**
- 3. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution adopting Fiscal Policies for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget.**
- 4. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution to rescind resolution R-21-25 and authorize the Village Clerk to execute a Rebuild Illinois-MFT spending Resolution for Design Engineering Services in the amount of \$78,646 for design work associated with non-FAU portions of Shabbona Drive and South Orchard Drive.**
- 5. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a contract DACRA for Municipal Enforcement.**
- 6. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve to renew the contract with Dutch Valley Landscape Contractor, of Beecher, IL, for the 2023 mowing of Areas #1 - #10 in the amount of \$38,550.40 and Areas #12 - #18 in the amount of \$44,688.**
- 7. MOVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to approve an additional purchase order in the amount of \$121,497 for the purchase of Soda Ash and \$53,640 for Quick Lime.**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Hardy and seconded by Trustee Graham. President Pro Tem Settles asked if anyone wished any items be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Trustee Woods supported approval of the consent agenda but would give the Clerk additional information for the executive session minutes. Hearing no other

comments, a roll call vote was called by President Pro Tem Settles on the motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda was approved with the following results:

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2

The consent agenda was adopted with five (5) ayes, no (0) nays and two (2) absent.

DEBATABLE:

8. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2179 Adopting the Annual Budget for the year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 (Final Reading)

Move for adoption of the ordinance was motioned by Trustee Woods and seconded by Trustee Slone. The ordinance was moved and seconded to adopt this ordinance at final reading. President Pro Tem Settles asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, the President Pro Tem Settles called for a roll call vote by Clerk McGann. The ordinance was approved following a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2

The ordinance was adopted with five (5) ayes, no (0) nays, and two (2) absent.

Adjournment Sine Die

This concluded the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

There being no further business. President Pro Tem Settles called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Slone, seconded by Trustee Hardy and passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2

President Pro Tem Settles adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk