

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

**Village Hall - Board Room**

**7:00 p.m.**

**April 25, 2022**

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

**ABSENT:** none

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Village Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Paul Winfrey, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Village Attorney Leslie Kennedy, Assistant to the Village Manager/Director of Human Resources Jason Miller, Finance Director Mark Pries, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Health Rob Gunther, Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes, Director of Economic Development and Planning Department Sandra Zoellner, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, and Mark Geising, IT Coordinator

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Phil Perkins, EDAG Chairperson; Members of the EDAG Committee: Margaret Banks, Mercedes Gross, Denise Williams-Harvey, Mike Jordan, John V. Moore, and Lane Cameron; Janet Fiorenzo; approximately 30 friends and family of Janet Fiorenzo; and Gary Kopycinski, eNews

**Roll Call**

Mayor Vanderbilt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll was called by Clerk McGann.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Mayor led the Board and the Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor introduced EDAG Chairman Perkins and Director Zoellner who presented the Sam Montello Business Person of the Year Award to Janet Fiorenzo of Tower Cleaners. Mr. Perkins listed many of the activities that Ms. Fiorenzo generously donates to helping numerous groups in Park Forest. She is a three time winner of the award. Ms. Fiorenzo thanked Mr. Perkins, Ms. Zoellner, and the EDAG members for this nomination. She also thanked her inside team, within the business and the outside team, the Mayor, the Manager, and the Board who keep a business friendly environment. She said that we all have to work together and your heart has to be in the community. Mayor Vanderbilt, each of the Trustees and the Manager congratulated Ms. Fiorenzo for all she does in the community and her generous contributions behind the scenes as well.

Mayor Vanderbilt invited Chairman Perkins to present the annual EDAG report. He introduced the members of EDAG and said the group has three traditional goals and one new goal. They continue to review applications and see how the business will work with the community and to be consistent with Village policies. They encourage new business to hire local. EDAG also wants to stimulate businesses to work together within the community and have residents shop

local. EDAG is also working with staff to retain small businesses and actively to get new business to establish themselves in Park Forest. They used a community-wide survey to help understand the needs of the residents. EDAG and staff are also working with businesses in other areas, i.e. to help with GPS errors, to assist with property tax issues, and to continue to educate business owners with business property tax education.

Mayor Vanderbilt thanked Mr. Perkins and all the EDAG members for work they; their efforts are valued. Each of the Board members voiced their appreciation for the hard work they do. When asked what they, as Board members, could do to make their job easier, Mr. Perkins asked them to continue to work with the elected officials and to find a champion outside the Village help make changes. The Mayor again thanked EDAG members and Mr. Perkins.

### **Reports of Village Officers**

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Vanderbilt thanked to Bloom Township Supervisor T.J. Somer on the recent senior gas card give away. He also thanked the Park Forest Police for helping with traffic control. He also thanked staff for all the Earth Day celebrations that took place in Park Forest in April.

#### **Village Attorney**

No comments

#### **Village Manager**

Manager Mick said the Village has a few full time employment opportunities with more information available on the Village's website. The document shredding event will be held this Saturday in the parking lot of Village Hall. The Saturday Rules meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 9:00AM and open to the public. Park Forest Main Street Market begins Saturday, May 7 from 7:00 am to Noon. The Park Forest Business Breakfast is scheduled for May 12.

#### **Village Clerk**

No report

### **Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons**

Trustee Settles reported that the Housing Authority met earlier in April via Zoom. There are two openings on the Housing Authority with applications available on the Village's website. The Park Forest Garden Club will distribute four different types of oak trees and morning glory seeds this Saturday at the shredding event.

Trustee Graham commented on Carolyn Huff and congratulated her on her retirement.

Trustee Woods reported that the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive Thursday, April 28. Last week Trustee Woods attended the Bloom Trail National Honor Society induction ceremony. He congratulated all the members.

Trustee Herron noted that the Recreation, Parks, and Community Health is planning a sneaker ball event this summer with more information soon.

Trustee Hardy said that the Cable Commission will meet Wednesday, April 27. She congratulated Carolyn Huff on her retirement and thanked all those who supported and contributed to the United Way Food Drive.

Trustee Slone reported that the Beautification Committee will meet May 3. The Senior Commission will meet on May 5. The Sustainability Commission will also meet on May 5

**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 minute of the Rules meeting of February 7, 2022, the Rules meeting of March 7, 2022 and the Rules meeting of April 4, 2022.**
- 2. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution Recognizing and Thanking Carolyn Hoff for her 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 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget.**
- 4. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve to renew the contract with Dutch Valley Landscape Contractor, of Beecher, IL, for the 2022 mowing of Areas #1- #10 in the amount of \$38,550.40.**
- 5. MOVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to approve the purchase of a pavilion from Parkreation Inc, of Prospect Heights, in the amount of \$179,775 for Somonauk Park.**
- 6. MOVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to award the FY 22-23 contract to Linde (Formerly Praxair) for the Water Treatment Chemical- Bulk Carbon Dioxide in the amount of \$325/ton, for 324 tons, totaling \$105,300.**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Woods and seconded by Trustee Herron. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if anyone wished any items be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, a roll call vote was called by Mayor Vanderbilt on the motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda was approved with the following results:

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

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

**DEBATABLE:**

**7. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance # 2161 Adopting the Annual Budget for the year Commencing July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2022 (Final Reading)**

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

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

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

**Adjourn to Executive Session-**

**As permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2(c) the purpose of the Special Rules Meeting is to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.**

Motion was made to go into executive session by Trustee Herron, seconded by Trustee Settles and passed unanimously following a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

The Regular Meeting was adjourned with seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, and no (0) absent.

Mayor Vanderbilt adjourned the Regular Meeting to enter into executive session at 7:51 p.m. for the purpose of (6) setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Mayor Vanderbilt said that no action would be taken after the executive session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila McGann  
Village Clerk