

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

Village Hall

6:00 p.m.

May 8, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Joseph A. Woods; Trustees: Theresa Settles, Tiffani Graham (conference call), Maya Hardy (conference call), Erin I. Slone, John V. Moore, Randall White

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Village Manager Tom Mick; Director of Finance/Deputy Village Manager Mark Pries; Assistant Finance Director Sharon Floyd; Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre; Assistant Director of Public Works Nick Christie Chief Water Plant Operator Wendy Schafer; Public Works Superintendent Brett Millsap; Director of Recreation, Parks & Community Health Kevin Adams; Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks & Community Health Margaret Lewis; and Tennis & Health Club Manager Brad Skoryi

Document Reviewed: Village of Park Forest, Illinois 2023/2024 Budget

Mayor Joseph A. Woods called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre presented Public Works (sect. 7-1) budget to the Board and listed all the departments and funds that are in Public Works. Director Ysaguirre stated passengers on the Jolly Trolley are still down compared to pre-Covid. Public Works detail was reviewed, Director Ysaguirre said they budget a lot in the Maintenance section since repairs are ongoing, which has included the fence along Rt. 30 has been hit before and sections had to be replaced.

Director Ysaguirre reviewed other budget sections that fall under Public Works. In the Municipal Parking Fund (sect. 13-1) lot usage of lot #2, Metra train parking, is averaging 30-40 cars a day. There was discussion on what could be done with this lot instead of a parking lot.

Director of Recreation, Parks & Community Health Kevin Adams began with a brief summary the department's function (sect. 6-1). He reviewed professional services and that is the fund that pays for fireworks and the Village's contribution to SSSRA, which is based on the EAV for Park Forest. The farmers market has a new manager this year. Mayor Woods asked if vendors have to be licensed with the Village to be in the Farmers Market which they do not, they have to fill out a Vendor form. The market averages on the low end 250 people per week up to 500, when the produce comes in. When discussing Freedom Hall, Director Adams mentioned some updates that are being planned including new stage drapes. They are focusing on increasing revenue.

Director Adams moved on to the Tennis & Health Club (sect. 12-1), he said Mr. Skoryi has done a good job at bringing in tennis leagues to the Club and that revenues are up this year. Tennis teams from all over come to Park Forest to use the facility. With Pickleball becoming popular, the Tennis & Health Club has drop-in games on Friday nights, which has brought more people in.

Mr. Mick closed the meeting by reminding the Board of the next budget meeting on May 10.

Trustee Moore motioned to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. and seconded by Trustee Settles.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Thurston, Recorder