

**SATURDAY RULES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE HALL, 350 VICTORY DR. PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS
July 1, 2023**

PRESENT: Mayor Joseph Woods; Trustee Theresa Settles, Tiffani Graham, Maya Hardy, Erin Slone, Randall White

ABSENT: Trustee John V. Moore.

STAFF PRESENT: Thomas Mick Village Manager; Police Chief Paul Winfrey

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:

A resident inquired about a house on Nauvoo Street. She stated that it has been abandoned for at least five (5) years. She wanted to know if there was a way to remove the house because she does not believe it is livable. Manager Mick stated that he will research. If the taxes are being paid, there isn't much that the Village can do but to site it for any violations. He will look into it and give an update.

Next, the resident inquired about mental health. She was wondering about resources for families, especially young people that the Village can provide. Mayor Woods stated that he has spoken to Margaret Lewis, the Community Health Coordinator, and she is also interested in it and it is on the radar. Trustee Slone stated that they hosted a workshop for seniors in the community regarding different outlets and one of the items they talked about was mental health. They are working on programming a resource. Mayor Woods asked the resident if she would be interested in being a part of any events that come up regarding mental health and she stated that yes, she would.

Chantinel Laws, the mother of Jerrica Laws, inquired to the Mayor and Trustees about who does the police chief report to. She stated that the current detective on her daughter's case nor the Police Chief is answering her questions and she wants to request a new detective. She wants someone to be held accountable for the lack of information that she is receiving. Discussion ensued.

Mick provided departmental/operational updates including 4th of Jul programming, items to be on upcoming Board Meeting agendas, new home projects in the community, the annual consumer confidence report and how roadway projects are progressing.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Graham and seconded by Trustee Settles. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Dixon