

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

Village Hall

Board Room 7:00 p.m.

August 21, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Trustee Theresa Settles, Trustee Tiffani Graham, Trustee Maya Hardy, Trustee Erin Slone, Trustee John Moore, Trustee Randall White and Mayor Joseph Woods

ABSENT: none

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Brian Rzycki, Deputy Fire Chief Mark Cotrano, Village Attorney Priscilla Centeno, Human Resource Director Jason Miller, Director of Economic Development Sandra Zoellner, Assistant Director of Finance Sharon Floyd, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Health Kevin Adams, Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, and IT Coordinator Mark Geising

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: ComEd External Affairs Manager Bonita Estelle; Economic Development Advisory Group (EDAG) Chairperson Phil Perkins; Denise Williams-Harvey, EDAG Commissioner; Library Board members Sevena Merchant and Felicia Rangold; and approximately ten residents

Roll Call

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked Clerk McGann to call the roll.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Woods led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports of Village Officers

Mayor

Mayor Woods thanked Trustee Graham for presiding over the recent Rules Meeting in his absence. He congratulated members of the Police Department on their promotions. He congratulated the Youth Commission on a successful Youth Day in the Village. He welcomed a new business to Park Forest, CreA's Love Butter, LLC, which is named after the business owner's mother. The Corn Roast Event was a positive collaboration between the Village and the Rotary Club. Mayor Woods offered his condolences to Congresswoman Robin Kelly on the death of her husband, Dr. Nathaniel Horn.

Village Attorney

No report

Village Manager

Manager Mick also offered his condolences to Representative Kelly on her loss. Manager Mick said there would two presentations tonight: ComEd and the Economic Development Advisory

Group (EDAG). Manager Mick introduced ComEd External Affairs Manager Estelle who gave the Board ComEd's Annual Report. The PowerPoint presentation included a summary of system improvements in 2022/2023, how outages are detected and service source is re-routed, and the replacement and location of underground residential distributions cables. Also discussed was vegetation management: tree trimming, removal of storm tree debris, and trimming of limbs to repair wires. She noted that removal of the trees on private property is the homeowners' responsibility. She also discussed programs available to ComEd customers, i.e. energy efficiency programs, payment assistance, and various bill and payment options. She warned residents of scams and recommended call 1-800-EDISON1 if they had any questions or concerns. She noted that the average time of an outage is 103 minutes. Also discussed were solar options and EV incentives. Mayor Woods asked the Board if there were any questions or comments. Trustee Slone asked about eligibility for solar programs. Ms. Estelle said they use the same guidelines for LIHEAP. When Trustee Hardy asked for clarification of Distribution Automation (DA), Ms. Estelle explained that DA detects issues on the system and re-routes the power. Manager Mick noted that Park Forest is now below the regional benchmark for outages. This is due to new cables and the investment to the Smart Grid program by ComEd. He thanked Ms. Estelle for her presentation.

Manager Mick introduced EDAG Chairperson Perkins who handed the EDAG Annual Report 2022/2023 to the Mayor, Manager, and Trustees. He reviewed the report and noted their four goals and summarized their efforts and results of the past year's goals. He noted that EDAG has updated their goals for FY 23/24 and have a new member, Andrew Gladstone. Mayor Woods thanked Mr. Perkins for the meticulous report. The Mayor asked the Board if there any questions or comments. The Trustees each thanked EDAG for their commitment and continued hard work on the Village's behalf. When asked by Trustee Settles about the property taxes meeting, Mr. Perkins said it was fruitful and generated allies with their case. Trustee Hardy added that businesses with concerns can call Ms. Zoellner and know they are heard. Mayor Woods said Park Forest makes decisions for Park Forest and EDAG exemplifies that.

Manager Mick reported that Village Hall and the Police Station will be cooling centers during the forecasted upcoming hot weather. The Senior Health Fair is scheduled for Thursday, August 24. The Board's summer meeting schedule is over with the next Rules meeting for Tuesday, September 5th and the Saturday Morning Rules meeting for September 9th which is open to the public.

Village Clerk

No report

Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons

Each of the Trustees offered their sincere condolences to Congresswoman Kelly on the passing of her husband, Dr. Nate Horn.

Trustee Graham said that the All-Out Smoke Pit will soon be hosting their grand opening. They are looking for local artwork for their restaurant. She also congratulated Trustee Slone on her new appointment, Deputy Director of Illinois Funds for Outreach.

Trustee Hardy reported that Recreation, Parks, and Health Department will have the Somonauk Park grand re-opening on Saturday, September 30th. The Housing Authority met last week. She congratulated the Chicago Heights and Park Forest Rotary Club on the wonderful corn roast. Trustee Hardy is excited there will be twenty-five members in this year's Civic Leadership Academy.

Trustee Slone also enjoyed the Rotary Club's Corn Roast. She added she was at the Illinois State Fair and will be working with Office of the Illinois State Treasurer's Office. She thanked Ms. Estelle and Mr. Perkins for their thorough and informative reports.

Trustee White congratulated Trustee Slone on her new appointment.

Trustee Moore reported that the Library Board met last week. They want to share information on challenge grants for Tall Grass and the Historical Society. He congratulated Olympia Fields on their success of the PGA BMW Championship event. He enjoyed the Rotary Club's corn Roast Event. Trustee Moore gave details regarding the wake of Dr. Horn at Leak and Son Funeral Home. It was suggested to wear purple and a fedora at the service.

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 the Rules meeting of July 10, 2023 and the Regular meeting of July 17, 2023.**
- 2. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement consolidating SouthCom and E-Com emergency services.**
- 3. MOVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Solaris Roofing Solution, Inc, of Elburn, IL, to re-roof sections of the Police Department roof in the amount of \$100,985 with a 10% contingency for a total not to exceed \$111,083.50.**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Hardy and seconded by Trustee Slone. Mayor Woods 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 Woods 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:

4. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Chapters 22 and 34 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Park Forest (Final Reading)

Move for adoption of the ordinance was motioned by Trustee Settles and seconded by Trustee Graham. The ordinance was moved and seconded to adopt this ordinance at final reading. Mayor Woods asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, the Mayor Woods 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.

5. Ordinance: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of 9 Arrowhead Court, 223 Arrowhead Street, and 228 Arrowhead Street to Habitat for Humanity (Final Reading)

Move for adoption of the ordinance was motioned by Trustee Slone and seconded by Trustee Graham. The ordinance was moved and seconded to adopt this ordinance at final reading. Mayor Woods asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, the Mayor Woods 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.

Adjournment

This concluded the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

There being no further business. Mayor Woods called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Moore and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned unanimously with a voice vote with the following results:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Mayor Woods adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk