

**VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST**

**Village Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017  
Village Hall 7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor John Ostenburg, Trustee Mae Brandon, Trustee JeRome Brown, Trustee Graham, Trustee Georgia O'Neill, and Trustee Settles

**ASBENT:** Trustee Robert McCray

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Village Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Pete Green, Fire Chief Bruce Ziegle, Village Attorney Mark Sterk, Deputy Village Manager/Finance Director Mary Dankowski, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development Larrie Kerestes, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, Director of Public Relations Jason Miller, Director of Health Jenise Ervin, IT Manager Craig Kaufman, and Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther

**RECORDER:** Village Clerk Sheila McGann

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Bruce Jennings, Norfolk Road Development

**Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ostenburg. Roll was called by Clerk McGann.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Approving a Pre-Annexation Agreement**

Mayor Ostenburg asked Manager Mick to introduce this agreement. Manager Mick explained that this item will be on the agenda at the January 23 meeting for Board discussion. A public hearing was recommended by the Village's attorneys. Director Kingma detailed the proposed ordinance for the self-storage unit and the adjacent property adding that the agreed terms are consistent with any future planning of Village annexation.

Mayor Ostenburg explained that tonight's hearing is for the public. The Board will discuss this at the next rules meeting. Mayor Ostenburg asked three times if any member of the public had any questions pertaining to this agreement. No questions were heard.

**Reports of Village Officers**

**Mayor**

Mayor Ostenburg read a proclamation announcing January 17 as a National Day of Racial Healing. He reported on a number of meetings he recently attended since January 3 and went

over his calendar of meetings for the next week. He also attended the Police Honors Program on Saturday. He commended the Police Officers on the challenging work they perform. South Suburban Mayors and Managers and the IL Municipal League Lobby Days in Springfield are scheduled for April 25 and 26.

**Village Attorney**

No report

**Village Manager**

Manager Mick went over a number of activities in Park Forest which include the next Neighborhood Meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at Blackhawk School at 7 pm.

**Village Clerk**

No report

**Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons**

Trustee Settles said that the Environment Commission met on January 5; March will begin their monthly Saturday meetings. The Commission on Human Relations is sponsoring the Black History Celebration on Saturday, February 25.

Trustee O'Neill said the Economic Development Advisory Group meet last week. The Housing Authority will meet Thursday, January 26.

Trustee Brandon reported that the Teen Zone had a good turnout at their open house tonight and received a grant for technical equipment to be used by Rich East students. The Plan Commission did not have a January meeting but will meet in February. The Youth Commission will meet Tuesday, January 24.

Trustee Graham said that the Recreation and Parks Advisory Group meeting was today. The Library Board will meet Thursday, January 19. She encouraged all to stop by Tall Grass Arts to see their new exhibit.

Trustee Brown congratulated the Teen Zone on their grant and their new home at the Rec Center.

All of the Trustees commented on the Police Honors Ceremony thanking those that protect our community.

**Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions**

None

**Motion: Approval of Consent**

Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the following items:

**CONSENT:**

**1. Approve the Minutes of the Rules Meeting of December 5, 2016, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2016 and the Minutes of the Special Rules Meeting of January 3, 2017**

**2. Adopt a resolution awarding a contract to KLF Enterprises, Inc. for demolition of 3 vacant, blighted residential structures and authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract.**

**3. Authorize the Manager to purchase a Ford F250 from Currie Motors Frankfort, Inc. at a total cost of \$30,239.00**

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee O'Neill. Mayor Ostenburg asked if anyone wished any items be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. On the motion to approve the consent agenda, a roll call vote was called by Mayor Ostenburg. The consent agenda was approved with the following results:

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1

The consent agenda was adopted with six (6) ayes, no (0) nays and one (1) absent.

**DEBATABLE:**

**4. An Ordinance Granting a Variation for Chapter 118 (“Zoning”), Article VII (“Signs”), Section 305(a) (1) (“Residential Development Identification Signs”) (Final Reading)**

This item has had first reading and discussion. Move for adoption of the ordinance was motioned by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Brown. The ordinance was moved and seconded to adopt this ordinance at final reading. Mayor Ostenburg asked if there were any questions or comments. None being heard, he 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: 1  
Abstain: 1 (Mayor Ostenburg)

The ordinance was adopted with five (5) ayes, no (0) nays, one (1) absent, and one (1) abstention.

**5. An Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of a Property at 271 Allegheny Street to the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority (Final Reading)**

This item has had first reading and discussion. Move for adoption of the ordinance was motioned by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Graham. The ordinance was moved and seconded to adopt this ordinance at final reading. Mayor Ostenburg asked if there were any questions or comments. None being heard, he called for a roll call vote by Clerk McGann. The ordinance was approved following a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1

The ordinance was adopted with six (6) ayes, no (0) nays and one (1) absent.

**6. Ordinance Approving a Pre-Annexation Agreement (Norfolk Road Development) (First Reading)**

This item has had first reading and will be on the agenda for discussion at a rules meeting and action at a subsequent regular meeting.

**Adjournment**

This concluded the Regular Board meeting.

There being no further business. Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Brandon, seconded by Trustee Brown and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila McGann  
Village Clerk