

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
VILLAGE HALL – BOARD MEETING ROOM**

May 10, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Miller at 7:02 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska
Phone: Trustee Nevarez
Absent: Trustee Ramirez

4. SWEARING IN CEREMONIES

- Barry Adler to be sworn in as a Full-time Police Officer.
- Jorge Garcia to be sworn in as a Part-time Police Officer.

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 26, 2022 be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Grossi, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska
Absent: Trustee Ramirez

Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES:

- A. To approve the village payroll in the gross amount of \$ 95,704.71. This payroll covers the period from May 1 through May 15, 2022, for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Official's payroll from May 1 - May 31, 2022, and the part-time payroll from April 16 – April 30, 2022.
- B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 79,704.71.
- C. Total Expenditures: \$ 175,384.31.

Action Requested: Motion to approve:

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp
Absent: Trustee Ramirez
Motion Carried.

7. Report of Revenues as of April 30, 2022:

Cash Receipts:	\$	408,159.74
Sales Tax:	\$	26,230.15
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	20,128.60
Interest:	\$	750.54
Local Gas Tax:	\$	<u>38,138.88</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	493,407.91

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. Departmental Correspondence:

Agenda Item # 1 – President Miller is supporting the United States Coast Guard and National Safe Boating Council with the Safe Boating Campaign to increase public participation in this outdoor sport and the need for greater attention to courtesy, safety, and education to minimize incidents with lead to boating mishaps and the significant number of boaters who lost their lives by drowning who would have survived had they worn a life jacket. President Miller is proclaiming May 21st – May 27th this year as National Safe Boating Week in the Village of Forest View, Illinois and urge all residents to always practice safe boating techniques while on our lakes and waterways.

Action Requested: Motion to approve President Miller proclaiming May 21st – May 27th this year as National Safe Boating Week in the Village of Forest View.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek
Absent: Trustee Ramirez
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 –President Miller is requesting recognition of 35 years of A.B.A.T. E. of Illinois, Inc and over 352,318 registered motorcyclists statewide and in recognition of the continued roll Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety and awareness and is proclaiming

the Month of May, this year 2022 as Motorcycle Awareness Month urging motorists to join to improve safety and awareness on our roadways.

Action Requested: Motion to approve President Miller proclaiming the Month of May, this year 2022 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek
Absent: Trustee Ramirez
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3 - Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss Ordinance No 22-13 An Ordinance amending the Forest View Village Code to prohibit littering. Additionally, the Village Code has a Section 7-1-7 which goes back to 1940, titled “Spitting in Public” that states “It shall be unlawful for any person to spit upon any public sidewalk or upon the floor of any public conveyance or upon the floor of any theater, hall, assembly room or public building.” Ordinance No 22-13 replaces the outdated provision with the anti-littering provision.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-14, an Ordinance amending the Forest View Village Code to prohibit littering and replacing Village Code section 7-1-17

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez
Absent: Trustee Ramirez
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 4 – Letter from Administrator Dropka to inform the Board that the City of Chicago announced they are increasing our water rates by 5% beginning on June 1, 2022. Water sales is profiting the village about \$200,000, specifically what the village is charged by the City of Chicago, compared to what we are billed for water. However, the water fund in our budget ended with a \$15,000 deficit last year and may end up with similar numbers this year. This is because we use monies in the water fund to make repairs to water mains, and general upkeep of the water department among other things. He states that he has been looking at the televising video footage and reading the reports form the company we hired to do the work with Tim Kutt, Tanner Miller, and our Village Engineer. It appears to look like substantial repairs are going to be needed. Additionally, the village is not capturing about 30% of its water usage in billable water due to an aging system that needs repair and will give a brief history of the water rate increases for the past eleven years. Currently the village is charging \$0.075 per cubic foot for residents, \$0.16 per cubic foot for industrial, and \$0.17 per cubic foot for commercial. He is providing three different ordinances to review and choose. One option is to pass on the 5%

increase from the City of Chicago, the second option is to increase the water rates by 7.5% and the third option is to increase the water rates to 10%. He is requesting the Board to approve Ordinance No. 22-14 amending Chapter 8 “Public Ways and Property” Section 8-2-1: Water Rates of the Village of Forest View Village code to amend water rates and recommend an increase rate amount of 5%, 7.5%, or 10%.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-14 amending Chapter 8 “Public Ways and Property” Section 8-2-1: Water Rates of the Village of Forest View Village code to amend water rates and recommend an increase rate amount of 10%.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska

Absent: Trustee Ramirez

No: Trustee Grossi

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 5– Letter from Superintendent O’Donohue regarding the need to purchase a paint sprayer to paint the crosswalks, lane dividers, curbs, etc. in the Village. He is requesting approval to purchase the Powerliner 850 paint Sprayer from Sherwin-Williams for a price not to exceed \$2,299.00.

Action Requested: Motion to approve to purchase the Powerliner 850 paint Sprayer from Sherwin-Williams for a price not to exceed \$2,299.00.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska, Grossi

Absent: Trustee Ramirez

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 6– Letter from Chief Jones is seeking the board’s approval to enter into an agreement with Alexis Fire Equipment Company for the refurbishment of the Village’s 1999 Pierce Fire Engine.

Action Requested: Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to approve the Fire Engine Agreement with Alexi Fire Equipment and tax-exempt leasing not to exceed \$290,000.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp

Absent: Trustee Ramirez

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #7 – Letter from Chief Stelter requesting approval to change Officer Salomon Guzman status from a Part-time Police Officer to Full-time Police Officer.

Action Requested: Motion to approve changing Officer Salomon Guzman status from a Part-time Police Officer to Full-time Police Officer.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek

Absent: Trustee Ramirez

Motion Carried.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Agenda Item # 8 Village President Nancy Miller is requesting the Board’s approval to rent the Art Treckler Room for a Wedding Ceremony on Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM for approximately fifty (50) guests and waive the rental fee.

Action Requested: Motion to approve and waive the rental fee.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek

Absent: Trustee Ramirez

Motion Carried.

10. APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

F22-14 Elizabeth Shoup, 4601 Clinton Ave. Replacing and installing 24-Foot pool.

NF- 15 Laura McGuffey, 4600 S. Wenonah Ave. Tear off and replace shingles on entire roof and tuckpoint back chimney.

NF22-16 Nicole & Scott Rehak, 4516 Home Ave. Replacing three windows.

NF22-17 Mr. Ray, 4516 S Wenonah Ave. Tear off and shingle roof on house.

Action Requested: None, information only.

11. APPLICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL PERMITS (Pending Required Documents):

Agenda Item # 9 Letter from Administrator Dropka requesting the Board to pre-approve the three (3) commercial building permits listed below. Permit numbers will not be issued until all required documents have been received. Since the next board meeting is June 21, 2022, we do not want to hold up the commercial work for a month. The four (4) available

commercial building permit numbers will be listed in the board meeting agenda once they are issued.

- 1.) Clear Channel Outdoor, 6500 W. Canal Bank Road. Maintenance on digital billboard panel 17' x 59'. ***(Pending all required documents including endorsement page from Electrical Contractor)***
- 2.) Graham Enterprises, Inc. 5503 West 47th Street. Demolition and disposal of the existing warehouse and truck repair shop. ***(Pending all required documents including Cook County demolition permits)***
- 3.) Park N Fly, 5200 W. 47th Street. To install new signs (see attached). ***(Pending all required documents)***

Trustee inquired about the height of the Park N Fly sign and if it will require lights and asked who would be responsible with FAA.

Action Requested: Motion for the Board to pre-approve the three (3) commercial building permits listed above. Permit numbers will not be issued until all required documents have been received. Since the next board meeting is June 21, 2022, we do not want to hold up the commercial work for a month. The four (4) available commercial building permit numbers will be listed in the board meeting agenda once they are issued.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustees Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez
Absent: Trustee Ramirez
Motion Carried.

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

Village Administrator Dropka reported:

- First Communications will be installing a new phone system for the village on May 26th.
- The key fob and new doors project are finishing. The front doors were installed today, and the back doors will be installed tomorrow. He stated that he is hoping that everything will be online by the end of the week and new key cards will be issued to everyone. He commented that they are looking into lettering or etching for the doors and the village logo, office hours, etc.
- Met with the FOP for contract negotiations on May 6, 2022. He reported that this was their fourth meeting and has scheduled the next meeting for May 15, 2022.

- Happy to report that the Village received the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from Cook County that was applied for in December. The village is receiving \$111,000 which will help defray the one-time costs associated with changing dispatch centers. He wanted to give a special thanks to Sargent Perez and Chief Jones who assisted with him in applying for this grant.
- Mentioned that he facilitated another meeting between BP, IDOT and State Representative Aaron Ortiz regarding permit issues they were having with MWRD and IDOT. The issues were resolved and IDOT has given a waiver to BP to allow their plans to move forward.
- The Police and Fire Pension Boards quarterly meetings were held over the last few days, and he attended the SCMC spring membership meeting and two ILCMA conferences.
- Reported that he is looking at reinstating a 457 Plan for employee's who are not in IMRF or the Police Pension Fund. He stated he is looking into what was done in the past and will produce a proposal for the board at the June meeting.
- Stated that he will be working with the department heads in the next few weeks to put together a budget for next year and will schedule a special meeting in the first part of June to go line by line as was done in the past year and discuss what is being proposed. He is hoping the board passes the appropriations ordinance at the June board meeting even though the village has until July 31st to file.
- Continuing to work with Lakeshore Recycling on their proposal and wanted to expand their operations and what the process will look like.
- Announced that the Village of Stickney has invited everyone to participate in a Soccer and Little League Parade on Saturday, May 14th. He informed the board members that if interested in participating they should meet at the Village Hall on Saturday at 11:00 am and our fire truck will take you over to the line up and will be able to ride in the parade on the fire truck. The parade will start at Noon at 41 Street and Grove Ave.
- Communicated that he is hoping that the board is able attend the special board meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 P.M.

Chief of Police Stelter reported:

- Reported that his department recovered a stolen Mercedes, and the suspect was charged with felony possession of a motor vehicle.
- Stated that two officers are in special training with MCAT for lead homicide investigations, intense interviewing, and interrogations for task force. He is hoping to eventually have all officers go through this training.
- Reported that Sargent Perez is the department training officer.

A discussion ensued between the Trustees and Chief Stelter regarding cars parking on the east side of the park and asking why they are not being issued tickets. This has been a continuing issue for over a year and the Park District is not doing anything about it.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Reported on his monthly Fire Department activity report.
- Held two Fire station tours this month.
- Reminded everyone that the Fire Department is having an Open House on Friday May 20th from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. a will feature summer safety tips, and fire station tours.

There will be providing free blood pressure checks and blood sugar tests and will be serve pizza and refreshments.

- Reported that he is preparing for a larger scale Fire Department Open house to celebrate Fire Safety Month in October and will provide more information when available.
- For the Soccer and Little League parade he is hoping to display as much fire equipment as possible.
- He has interviewed to Part time firefighters for his department and stated that they tend to lose employees during the summer months
- Thanked the board for approving the refurbishment of the Fire Engine.

A trustee asked the Chief where the EMS'S calls are coming from, he stated that they are mostly coming from the expressway.

Superintendent of Public Works O'Donohue reports:

- Mentioned that between all the rain, they were able to fill the hole on 45th and Grove and used extra hot asphalt to fill in a couple of other trouble spots in town.
- Communicated that starting this week or next they will be checking for tall grass blights in the village.

B.) Reports from Village Trustees

Trustee Grossi thanked Administrator Dropka for providing the weekly update on current issues.

C.) Report from the Village President - None

13. PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

Resident asked if residents are allowed to raise chickens in the village after seeing a conversation on a Facebook page. The resident was told that the Village has an ordinance that prohibits the keeping of pigeons, poultry, or livestock.

14. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:08 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Grossi

15. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Liska

Remote/Phone: Trustee Nevarez

Absent: Trustee Ramirez

Agenda # 10 – Letter from Administrator Dropka recapping the meetings that he and both Chiefs have attended and will provide details on several options for a New ETSB Dispatch Center for Forest View.

“At the conclusion of the meeting, a new employment matter was brought to the Board’s attention.” A motion was made to adjourn to closed session under 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act, with no action to be taken following the closed session.

16. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:48 P.M.

Agenda # 10 – Letter from Administrator Dropka recapping the meetings that he and both Chiefs have attended and will provide details on several options for a New ETSB Dispatch Center for Forest View. Administrator Dropka is seeking advice from the board.

Action Requested: Administrator is Administrator Dropka is seeking advice from the board on details discussed in closed session.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustees Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez
Absent: Trustee Ramirez
Motion Carried.

17. Questions from the Audience - None

18. Public Comment or Questions - None

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Grossi

20. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Liska
Remote/Phone: Trustee Nevarez
Absent: Trustee Ramirez

21. ADJOURNMENT

To adjourn at 8:49 P.M.

VOICE VOTE: AYES: ALL NAYS: NONE Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk