

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW  
September 26, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Miller at 7:00 P.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Miller led the Board Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

The Roll Call of Board Trustees by Clerk McGuffey is as follows:

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska  
Absent: None

**4. SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

*Part time-Officer Jorge Sanchez was sworn in as a Full Time Police Officer by Village Clerk McGuffey. Family, friends, and residents were present to congratulate and take photos.*

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 12, 2023, to be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Grossi, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

**5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES**

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of September 30, 2023:

1.) Payroll – Full-time / Part-Time / Officials	\$ 121,244.83
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3.)	Bills Payable	\$	<u>85,725.46</u>
4.)	Total Expenditures:	\$	206,970.29

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
 Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Sudkamp, Grossi, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska  
 No: None  
 Motion Carried.

**6. TREASURERS REPORT FOR AUGUST 31, 2023:**

Revenues:	\$	866,766.21
Expenses:	\$	<u>832,192.53</u>
Exceeds Expenses	\$	34,573.68

Action Requested: None, information only.

**7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

Agenda Item # 1 - Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss four possibilities for the board to consider regarding the 48<sup>th</sup> and Central proposed Annexation from Aviator Coffee Bar who is requesting to voluntarily annex into the Village of Forest view. A representative from Aviator Coffee Bar will be at the meeting to present their plans.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Aviator Coffee Bard to voluntarily annex into the Village of Forest View.

Motion Failed.

Agenda Item # 2 - Letter from Administrator Dropka informing the board that California Auto/Chicago Liquors owners will be at the meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the property next door to their current business at 5201 – 5205 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street. They are requesting the board’s approval to build a video gaming terminals at 5219 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street and build a large parking lot to alleviate parking issues at their current business.

Action Requested: Motion to approve their plans subject to all appropriate permits, fees and plans are submitted.

Motion Failed.

Agenda Item #3 – Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss a property tax intervention and is requesting the board approve Resolution N. R23-14, authorizing Odelson, Murphey, Frazier,

and McGrath, LTD to intervene on behalf of the Village of Forest View in the 2022 state property tax appeal of First Midwest bank, 5504 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Forest View, IL 60402.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution N. R23-14 authorizing Odelson, Murphey, Frazier, and McGrath, LTD to intervene on behalf of the Village of Forest View in the 2022 state property tax appeal of First Midwest Bank, 5504 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Forest View, IL

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Motion: Trustee Grossi  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska  
No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 4 – Letter from Fire Chief Jones requesting the board approve the one-year contract with Metro Paramedic Service for six (6) fulltime Firefighter/Paramedics at a cost not to exceed \$800,000.00.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the one-year contract with Metro Paramedic Service for six (6) fulltime Firefighter/Paramedics at a cost not to exceed \$800,000.00.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska, Hubacek, Grossi, Sudkamp  
No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from Administrator Dropka requesting the board approve a proposal from Current Technologies to increase storage for some cameras in our security camera system at a cost of \$ 19,178.23.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the proposal from Current Technologies to increase storage for some cameras in our security camera system at a cost of \$ 19,178.23.

Motion: Trustee Liska  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Liska, Ramirez, Sudkamp, Grossi, Hubacek, Nevarez  
No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 6 - Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss the Forest View Honor Guard and the proposal received from Police Chief Zarate to purchase three Forest View Police Honor Guard uniforms and badges from The Smith and Warren Badge Company at a cost of \$3,539.85. The purchase would allow for implementation of the Honor Guard that was proposed at the September 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase of three (3) Forest View Police Honor Guard uniforms from The Smith and Warren Badge Company at a cost of \$3,539.85.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Ramirez, Grossi, Sudkamp, Nevarez, Liska  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 7 – Letter from Superintendent of Water and Public Works to discuss bid that was received from Bulk Storage, Inc. for the salt dome project and is requesting the board approve the bid from Bulk Storage Inc. to build a salt dome not to exceed \$224,347.00.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the bid from Bulk Storage Inc. to build a salt dome not to exceed \$ 224,347.00.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Sudkamp, Grossi, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 8 – Letter from Superintendent of Water and Public Works requesting the board recognize Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> as the Village’s first official Arbor Day and approve the Tree City USA proclamation.

Action Requested: Motion for the board to recognize Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> as the Village’s first official Arbor Day and approve the Tree City USA Proclamation.

Motion: Trustee Liska  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Liska, Ramirez, Nevarez, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

**8. APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BUSINESS LICENSE:**

Agenda Item # 9 - Letter from Administrator Dropka regarding a request from Abdallah Herzallah and Ahmad Alnawaiseh owners of Prime Mast Xpress, Inc. to approve a Business License for them to lease approximately 25.86 acres from MWRD for trailer and truck parking along with container storage.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a Business License to Abdallah Herzallah and Ahmad Alnawaiseh owners of Prime Mast Xpress, Inc. for them to lease approximately 25.86 acres from MWRD for trailer and truck parking along with container storage.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Hubacek  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

**9. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:**

Agenda Item # 10 Letter from Administrator Dropka requesting the board approve building permit No 23-21 to Kathy Ehresman at 4601 Wisconsin Ave. They provided two options (A or B) for installing a 10-foot drive through the apron to access their backyard with their truck and is requesting to remove the curb and install a 10-foot concrete apron in the parkway to access their backyard with their truck and is asking for the board to consider Option (A) removing the curb and installing a ten-foot-wide concrete apron in parkway or Option (B) removing the curb and installing two concrete strips in apron in parkway and direction on the required materials.

✓ *The Trustees asked Jeff Ehresman several questions regarding the thickness of the gravel and concrete and what he would prefer. He stated that the curb needs to be removed and that he would go with whatever the board agrees so he is able to park the truck in his yard and not get stuck in the mud. President Miller asked Building Commissioner Brniak if he had any concerns and which option he would recommend. Brniak stated that the strips are not the norm and would not be consistent with other aprons in the village and suggested that the 10 ft wide concrete apron would be keeping with consistency.*

Action Requested: Motion to approve Building Permit No. 23-32 to Kathy Ehresman, 4601 Wisconsin Ave to remove the curb and install a ten-foot-wide concrete apron in parkway.

Motion: Trustee Liska  
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Liska, Nevarez, Grossi, President Miller

No: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez  
Motion Carried.

F23-19 Kathleen Ehresman, 4601 Wisconsin Ave. Installing in rear yard two paver tire strips with a base of 6' of CA7, 2.5" paver stones, 23" wide x 26' long.

NF23-24 Christina Medina, 4613 Grove Ave. Repair the side of fence and replace.

NF 23-30 Alex Nevarez, 4547 Grove Ave. Tear off and install a new roof on the house and garage and a flat roof on the addition.

NF23-31 Kent and Shirley Minor, 4509 Wenonah Ave, Replacing bathroom tile and shower door.

NF23-33 John W. Marbes, 4523 Wisconsin Ave. Landscaping project, removing overgrown bushes, removing low concrete block wall in front, paver block front and side, replacing with Unilock Brussels block.

NF23-34 Karen Hlava, 4526 Wenonah Ave. Tear off and replace the roof of the house and garage.

NF23-35 Karen Hlava, 4526 Wenonah Ave. Replace Furnace, Air sealing and Phenolic foam insulation.

Action Requested: None, informational only.

## **10 APPLICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS:**

Agenda # 11 - F23-20 Avis Budget Group, 5401 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Installation of seven dual pedestal L2 EV Charging stations and installation of 480V pad mounted transformer.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Commercial Building Permit No. F23-20 to Avis Budget Group.

Motion: Trustee Liska  
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

## **11. APPLICATIONS FOR ART TRECKLER ROOM RENTAL REQUEST:**

Agenda Item # 12 - Resident Bee Kirchgatterer of 4516 Wisconsin Avenue is requesting the Boards approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, December 16, 2023 for a Christmas Party to be held from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm with approximately seventy-five guests.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the request.

Motion: Trustee Grossi  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Ramirez, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

## **12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

### **FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

Village Administrator Mike Dropka provided the following details:

- Reported that he is finalizing with Muniweb for the Village of Forest View website, and it will be launched on Monday, October 2, 2023.
- Mentioned the red-light camera project continues to be ongoing, and they are making preparations for that regarding signage and crosswalks and stop bars.
- Reported that the sign up for the Halloween House Decoration Contest will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be flyers in the village hall and there will be fillable forms online for residents to sign up on our website. Last year seven households signed up for the competition and there were three prizes handed out to the top three houses.
- Trick or Treating hours will be the same as last year from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm since we didn't hear of any issues that occurred, and Halloween will be on a Tuesday this year.
- Announced that our annual Veterans Day program will take place outside by the flagpole at 11:00 am on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and asked everyone to please mark their calendars.
- Reported that the Oktoberfest Committee has been meeting in preparation for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest on October 7, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm and all residents are invited and told everyone to remind their neighbors to RSVP before Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Currently we have received a total of 184 RSVP's for 139 adults and 45 children, and 20 Bingo players. He said the RSVP's are low so far but there is still time to RSVP. He said that copies of the Oktoberfest schedule are in Village Hall and will be on the website. So far, we have received 22 sponsorships amounting to over \$10000. In conclusion he is seeking volunteers for the Oktoberfest and is hoping that more residents and family members sign up for a shift or two to help out.

## **13. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

A) Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec reported:

- On the MFT project, the stripping on 47<sup>th</sup> street and talked to our Engineer to look at the streets that are applicable and ask them to process them next year.
- ME Simpson was out flushing hydrants and hydrostatic testing that resulted in a main break. The work was stopped and will resume later this week or next week.
- Lawn bags are being offered again this year and can be picked up at Village Hall.

- Continues working with Metropolitan Industries on the SCADA which the village has not done to give us a better insight of our 5-year plan for our water station and what upgrades are needed for our infrastructure regarding our tank and reservoir inspections.
- Public Works received the 2 new pickup trucks, the stripping is done, and the Trustees were invited to come to the garage to look at them.

B) Police Chief Zarate reported:

Repeated the Officers activity for the month of August 2023.

- The Police department issued 69 Traffic State Citations, 14 Parking Tickets, 95 P Traffic (Ordinance) Tickets, 16 Accident (Crash) Reports, for a Total of 140 Service Calls. There were 10 arrests, 1 misdemeanors, and 0 Felonies.
- Monies generated by the Police Department-Paid Parking/Ordinance Tickets\$ 10,875.00, 7 Tow Seizures at \$3,500.00, Truck enforcement \$2,250.00 for a total combined of \$16,625.00.
- ✓ *Trustee Sudkamp asked Chief Zarate if cars are allowed to be parked on the curb or on the little sidewalks that are on some parkways in the village. The Chief said that no one is allowed to park on any curbs, parkways, or small sidewalks in the parkway.*

C) Fire Chief Jones reported:

- For the Month of August 2023, the Fire Chief reported that the Fire Department Report. They received a total of 59 calls that included 15 EMS calls, 29 Fire calls, 13 motor vehicle accidents, and 2 other Fire calls for invalid assists / stand by-fill ins. The Fire Department did 4 fire station tours and completed 496 hours of training.
- The Fire Department will hold a Fire Prevention Open House on October 15<sup>th</sup> along with the Police Department, there will be tables set up with pamphlets, a vehicle in a tent, demon showing side by side rooms one with a sprinkler and with a non-sprinkler.
- Chief Jones thanked the board for approving the contract with Metro so he can hire 6 fulltime firefighters for his department.
- ✓ *Trustee Grossi asked if these new temp employees will do the training. Chief Jones said that the training hours for his department will increase because they will all go through the same training with the Fire Department even though they will all be certified before they start working for his department.*
- His department has been painting the firehouse and the new carpets are being installed.

**14. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

- Trustee Sudkamp inquired about getting speedbumps in the town and signs by park with double fines.
- Administrator Dropka stated that he is looking into other alternatives regarding enforcing traffic on 46<sup>th</sup> street.
- Trustee Grossi stated that we should contact IDOT regarding the change in traffic, the increase in traffic on 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> street, the wear and tear on our streets and look at statistics showing before and after the roads were blocked off in Stickney.



- Trustee Ramirez asked the Chief to give his Police Officers a refresher on the Village Ordinances.

**15. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:** No reports

**16. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- There were several questions and comments from residents regarding the Forest View Park. One resident complained that his child was yelled at for being in the park with his bike. Another resident wanted to know why there is a bike rack in the park when no bikes are allowed in the park and stated this causing mixed messages. Another resident and a village trustee both stated that they offered to volunteer to be park guards but a representative at the meeting commented that the Park District President does not want a guard in the park. The Village Board Trustees in the meeting told the residents that the Village does not have control over the park district and that if they have any questions or comments, they need to go to the park district board meetings that are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.
- One resident stated that there is a house on 45<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin that has 4 dogs and wanted to know how many dogs are allowed per household. The Chief said that 3 dogs are allowed and there were a few households with four dogs that were grandfathered in. She said that there are two adult dogs and two Mastiff puppies that were born in May. Trustee Ramirez stated that she is aware that this family is trying to find homes for the last two puppies.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Trustee Grossi  
 Second: Trustee Hubacek

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

To adjourn at 8: P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey  
 Village Clerk