

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
October 8, 2024**

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, Liska,
Absent: Trustee Nevarez

4. STICKNEY TOWNSHIP PRESENTATION:

At the meeting Stickney Township Trustees Laura Kreil, Donna Galeher, and Diane Viverito presented a Resolution from Stickney Township honoring the Centennial Anniversary of the Village of Forest View, Cook County, Illinois signed by Township Supervisor Louis S. Viverito.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 24, 2024 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek
No: NA

Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures Oct 1 – Oct 15, 2024:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	108,803.95
Bills Payable	\$	347,614.88
Centennial Checks	\$	<u>4,863.45</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$	461,282.28

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
 Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

7. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF September 30, 2024:

Cash Receipts:	\$	493,108.28
Sales Tax:	\$	65,326.12
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	39,677.26
Local Gas Tax:	\$	48,557.44
Interest:	\$	<u>18,679.73</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	665,348.83

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss the \$110,000 grant that was awarded to the Village for the 46th Street Road Improvement project and is requesting the board authorize Resolution No. R24-13 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County in connection with the “Connecting Cook County” initiative and approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Cook, and the Village of Forest View, authorizing the boards commitment to the 46th Street Road Improvement project.

Action Requested: Motion requesting the board authorize Resolution No. R24-13 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County in connection with the “Connecting Cook County” initiative.

Motion: Trustee Liska
 Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Action Requested: Motion approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Cook and the Village of Forest View, authorizing the boards commitment to the 46th Street Road Improvement project.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 2 – Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss updating the Oversized Vehicle Parking Area Operators Tax. He is requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 24-15 amending section 3-19-2 of the Forest View Village Code.

Action Requested: Motion requesting the board approve the update to Ordinance No. 24-15 amending Section 3-19-2 on Oversized Vehicle Parking Area Operators Tax .

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 3 - Fire Chief Jones is seeking the board's approval to renew our one-year contract with Metro Paramedic Services that will end on October 31, 2024 with the addition of six to bring them up to a total of 12 Contract Personal in the amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.00. Included is an excel spreadsheet with an estimated cost of hiring 8 full time firefighters and what the real cost would be for the village.

Action Requested: Motion to authorize Fire Chief Jones to renew a one-year contract with Metro Paramedic Services that will end on October 31, 2024 with the addition of six to bring them up to a total of 12 Contract Personal in the amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.00.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 4 - Police Chief Zarate is seeking the board's approval to hire Luis M. Franco as a lateral hire, step 4 wage full-time Forest View Police Officer.

Action Requested: Motion to approve hiring Luis M. Franco as a lateral hire, step 4 wage full-time Forest View Police Officer.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Liska

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

9. NEW BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION:

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from Administrator Dropka requesting approval to issue a Business License to ADT Towing & Recovery Inc. to Jorge Martinez III at 4801 S. Harlem Ave. He is requesting to lease 8 spots from MAB Truck Parking located on MWRD property.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a Business License to ADT Towing & Recovery Inc. to Jorge Martinez III at 4801 S. Harlem Ave.

Motion Denied.

10. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

Action requested: None, informational only.

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Administrator Dropka reported:

- Mentioned that he received a revised quote from Current Technologies for the additional cameras in village hall, and they will be on the next agenda.
- Announced that the signup for the Halloween House Decorating contest will begin on October 1st and mentioned that last year we had six households sign up for the competition and prizes were awarded to the top three houses.
- Reminded everyone to mark their calendars for our annual Veterans Day program that will take place by the flagpole at 11am on Monday, November 11th.

A) REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec reported:

- Work on Forest View Terminal Drive is still going on.
- Dead end of Wenonah Ave should be done in the next two weeks.
- Should complete the Wenonah Ave project is almost finished then they will go into Forest View Terminal Drive and take out the asphalt and redo the concrete as needed.
- Working on a few quotes on hydrants for our annual leak detection.

Police Chief Zarate reported:

- Mentioned that there were no major incidents and no calls for service during the Centennial Birthday party in the park. Everything was very secure.
- Construction on 45th street is now open

Trustee Grossi asked Chief Zarate what the status was regarding the police vehicles. Chief Zarate told the board that he found the vehicle and asked if he needed to wait until the next board meeting. The Trustees said that since it was already budgeted and approved, he could proceed with the purchase.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Announced that on October 24th and 25th, a couple of classes from Home School will be visiting the Fire House. They will do station tours and fire prevention training.
- Reported that his flyers are going out for the Fire Department Open House and Cinder's 1st birthday party that will be on October 27th, 11:00am to 3:00 pm. There will be station tours, fire prevention training, side by side station tours, and the Forest View Police Department will also set up a tent and tables outside in front of the Fire House with handouts. They will also be serving cake, food, and refreshments.

Trustee Nevarez arrived at 7:25 P.M.

B) REPORTS FROM CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Centennial Chairperson McGuffey reported:

- Announced that on Friday, September 27th, fifty-four (54) residents played bingo.
- Reported that on Saturday, September 28th, the event went very well. There were five hundred thirty-seven (537) people who attended our 100th year Birthday Party in the Park. Included in the total was another fifteen (15) residents who did not RSVP but attended the event and there were three hundred three (303) RSVP's that did not show.

- Trustee Liska drove the golf car and picked up and dropped off fifteen (15) residents and delivered food for two (2) residents who are home bound. Tents were set up for our Police Department, Fire Department, and also the vendors from Pace Bus Service, Stickney -Forest View Library and Walgreens. Stickney – Forest View Library set up a Laser Tag in the winding sidewalk area in the park which was a big hit, and Walgreens administered 61 vaccines at the event. Police Department assisted in checking ID’s for over 21 wrist bands. Lions Club volunteers distributed the Centennial giveaways and raffle tickets, and the Lions Club brought their grills and cook tops and helped with the cooking. Chicago Liquors helped with serving alcohol.
- We received donations from 16 sponsors which included a \$7,150.00 donation, toys, children’s microphones, misc. prizes, porta potties and hand washing station, golf cart, and coffee, creamer, and sugar.
- At the event we sold a total of \$ 2,160.00 in Centennial Beer Steins and donated thirty-two (32) cups for raffles, sold \$525.00 in Centennial T-shirts, Sweatshirts and Hooded Sweatshirts and donated seven (7) shirts for raffles.

Discussion ensued on how well the event went. Trustee Grossi and Clerk McGuffey thanked everyone for all their help. There were great comments from everyone in the meeting regarding the bands, Dave and Tom’s Bingo shirts, Midalia, Dawn and Amys decorating, the park district did a great job with the cake walk, the Face painter, Circus Boy were amazing, the children enjoyed the bounce houses, and musical chairs for children and adults was a big hit..

C.) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

No reports.

D.) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

No reports.

12. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No reports,

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:35 PM:

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
 Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

14. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska, Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec, Administrator Dropka, President Miller, Clerk McGuffey

15. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Agenda Item # 6 – Requesting the board consider releasing or not releasing the Closed Session Minutes from 12/12/23, 01/09/24, 02/13/24, 04/09/24, 05/14/24, 6/11/24, and 06/25/24 pursuant to Section 2.06 5 ILCS 120/(c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act that were approved in open session on July 23, 2024 .

Agenda Item # 7 – To consider individual employee personnel matter, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. (Discussion only).

Action Requested: None discussion only.

16. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 9:32 PM:

Agenda Item # 6 – Requesting the board consider releasing or not releasing the Closed Session Minutes from 12/12/23, 01/09/24, 02/13/24, 04/09/24, 05/14/24, 6/11/24, and 06/25/24 pursuant to Section 2.06 5 ILCS 120/(c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act that were approved in open session on July 23, 2024 .

Action Requested: Motion to release or not release the Closed Session Minutes 12/12/23, 01/09/24, 02/13/24, 04/09/24, 05/14/24, 6/11/24, and 06/25/24 as discussed.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

Agenda Item # 7 – To consider individual employee personnel matter, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. (Discussion only).

Action Requested: None discussion only.

17. ROLL CALL

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

18. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Nevarez

19. ROLL CALL:

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

20. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey

Village Clerk