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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
January 23, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Miller at 7:02 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, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska
Absent: Trustee Hubacek

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 9, 2024 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of January 31, 2024:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$ 108,938.29
Bills Payable	\$ 356,643.12
Check Register for 1/15/24	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$ 466,381.41

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

6. TREASURERS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023:

Revenues:	\$ 1,043,244.23
Expenses:	\$ 757,559.39
Exceeds Expenses	\$ 285,684.84

Action Requested:None, informational only.

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 01 - Letter from Village Administrator Dropka regarding the quote to renew the 3-year contract with Lauterbach & Amen to provide services related to developing the Annual Actuarial Reports for the Police and Fire Pensions for fiscal years ending April 30, 2024 through April 30, 2026.

Action Requested: Motion to renew the 3-year contract with Lauterbach & Amen to provide services related to developing the Annual Actuarial Reports for the Police and Fire Pensions for fiscal years ending April 30, 2024 through April 30, 2026.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

A trustee inquired how many number of fire service contracts the village has. Fire Chief Jone stated that Fed Ex and other businesses are being notified that Forest View will be conducting fire inspections.

Agenda Item # 02 - Letter from Public Works Superintendent Filec is seeking to implement a new Ordinance No. 24-01 creating the Village of Forest View Parkway Tree Care and Maintenance Policy and is requesting the Board’s approval.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-01 creating the Village of Forest View Parkway Tree Care and Maintenance Policy.

Discussed in the meeting that going forward ornamental plants/borders should not be displayed in the parkway. If work is conducted the Village will not be responsible for any loss to ornamental plants, borders, etc. in the parkway.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Liska

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

President Miller stated that Assistant Superintendent Miller or another Public Works Employee should attend the board meetings to represent Public works in the absence of Superintendent Filec.

Agenda Item # 03- Letter from Police Chief Zarate requesting the board approve the revised Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement with thirteen (13) area police departments.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the revised Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement with thirteen (13) area police departments.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees
No: None
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 04 - Letter from Fire Chief Jones seeking approval to purchase eight (8) sets of Firefighting PPE Gear in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.

Action Requested: Motion to approve to purchase eight (8) sets of Firefighting PPE Gear in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 05 - Letter from Fire Chief Jones requesting the Board to consider appointing Jerold Jones as a Part Time Firefighter.

Action Requested: Motion to approve appointing Jerold Jones as a Part Time Firefighter.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

8. VILLAGE HALL ART TRECKLER ROOM RENTAL REQUEST:

Agenda Item # 06 – The Forest View Park District and Lions Club are requesting to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, December 7, 2024 for a Holiday event to be held from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm for approximately 100 guests and are requesting to waive the fee.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Art Treckler Room on Saturday, December 7, 2024 for a Holiday event to the Forest View Park District and Lions Club and waive the fee.

Trustee Liska asked why the board is voting on room rental applications. After a brief discussion it was decided by all board members that board approval will not be necessary except if it's an employee who lives outside the village or if the request is asking to waive a fee.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Liska

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

9. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

F24-01 – Fred Fowler - 4535 Grove Ave, Installing 86 foot of interior drain tile connecting into new sump basin and installing one 14-foot underground sump discharge to exiting the NW foundation walls.

Action requested: No action, information only.

10. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

- Discussed that he and Fire Chief Jones met with GCP Technologies regarding their fire service contract from at least 2006 and are working on a new contract.

- Met with our village engineer concerning the landscaping around the village hall. He stated that we would like to beautify the grounds a bit, which includes the light project that we initially brought to the board in December 2022.
- After speaking with the engineer, we would like to install the lights first and then work on the landscape design to coincide with the installation of the lights. He reached out to a couple of other companies to compare costs and will have more details at a future board meeting and is hoping to get this project passed since we will have more information and have potentially found a grant to help pay for the project.
- Reported that he is still working on the Special Service Area tax to put in place for the businesses around Central and 47th Street and hope to have that for the board to approve at a February board meeting.
- We have been having routine Centennial Planning Committee meetings and things are progressing and should be able to presenting some upcoming events dates soon.

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief Zarate reported:

- Reported on the Police Department Activity report for the month of December 2023. They issued 44 Traffic State Citations, 22 Parking Tickets, 16 P Traffic (Ordinance) Tickets, 8 Accident (Crash) Reports, for a Total of 141 Service Calls. There were 7 arrests, 1 misdemeanors, and 0 Felonies.
- Monies generated by the Police Department-Paid Parking/Ordinance Tickets \$3,475.00, 2 Tow Seizures at \$1,500.00, Truck enforcement \$675.00 for a total combined of \$5,650.00.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Fire Chief Jones presented the new 12-week-old Dalmatian puppy at the board meeting. She is adapting well with the other Fire Department members. Her vest has been ordered and the Uniform company has offered to embroider her name free of charge.
- Reported on the Fire Department Activity report for the month of November 2023. They received a total of 54 calls that included 20 EMS calls, 26 Fire calls, 7 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 other Fire calls for invalid assists / stand by-fill ins. The Fire Department did 0 fire station tours, besides the Open House and completed 5188 hours of training.

B) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Grossi stated that he wanted to thank the Forest View Police Department. They did a great job keeping the residents informed and safe blocking 47th and Harlem during the protest last weekend on Harlem and I-55.
- Trustee Sudkamp inquired about speed bumps and when signs will be posted. Administrator Dropka stated that he is putting together something regarding speed bumps and that the signs have been ordered.

- Trustee Liska reported that Com Ed dropped of thirty-five (35) poles at the dead end that looks like a staging site. Administrator Dropka is checking on this.
- Trustee Sudkamp asked why the Salt Dome has not been completed. Administrator Dropka stated that it is being worked on and fines are being implemented and that currently there is a tarp covering the salt.
- Discussion ensued regarding Riccio equipment that is parked on village property.

C) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT: No Reports

12. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A resident stated that there are vehicles parked two-thirds on the parkway next to the driveway in the grass.

In the meeting Police Chief Zarate stated that residents should sign up for tip 411 (Police Matters Only) on the village website. The Police Officers view these calls in the squad cars as they are reported.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
 Second: Trustee Ramirez

19. ROLL CALL:

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

20. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey

Village Clerk