

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
April 11, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Absent: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 28, 2023, to be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Liska

Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of March 31, 2023:

1.) Payroll – Full-time / Part-Time / Officials	\$ 115,782.26
3.) Bills Payable	\$ 146,502.75
4.) Total Expenditures:	\$ 262,285.01

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

- *Discussion ensued. Trustees stated that the catering expenses that were budgeted for the State of the Village meeting were too high and that since the meeting starts at 6:30 pm we should only provide coffee and pastries.*

6. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF March 21, 2023:

Cash Receipts:	\$	830,712.85
Sales Tax:	\$	43,840.14
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	39,633.61
Local Gas Tax:	\$	39,820.08
Interest:	\$	<u>13,348.36</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	967,355.04

Action Requested: None, information only.

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 - Letter from Administrator Dropka requesting the Board approve a proposal from Selden Fox to conduct the audit of the Village of Forest Views accounts for \$ 24,000, Police Pension Fund for \$4,000 and the Fire Pension Fund for \$3,000 for a total amount of \$31,000.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the proposal from Selden Fox to conduct the audit of the Village of Forest Views accounts for \$ 24,000, Police Pension Fund for \$4,000, and the Fire Pension Fund for \$3,000 for a total amount of \$31,000.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item # 2- Letter from Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec requesting the Board approve an agreement with Hancock Engineering services for the 46th Street repaving design in the amount of \$41,000.

Action Requested: Motion to approve an agreement with Hancock Engineering services for the 46th Street repaving design in the amount of \$41,000.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 3 - Letter from Mark Jones, Fire Chief requesting approval to appoint Jerold Jones as a Part-Time Firefighter.

Agenda Item # 4 - Letter from Mark Jones, Fire Chief requesting approval to appoint Brittany Copano as a Part-Time Firefighter.

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from Mark Jones, Fire Chief requesting approval to appoint Theresa Ritchie as a Part-Time Firefighter.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Jerold Jones, Brittany Copano, and Theresa Ritchie as Part-Time Firefighters.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

➤ *During the meeting, Trustee Grossi asked if the board could approve all three Agendas Items # 3, # 4, and # 5 motions at once. The Board approved all three Agendas at once.*

8. APPLICATIONS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

NF 23-04 – Edith E. Adams 4624 S. Grove Ave. Replace a few garage shingles damaged from the storm with spare shingles.

NF23-07 – Hector Lopez, 4532 Wisconsin Ave. Replace the 12' wide gate only and install two new posts.

Action Requested: None, informational only.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Village Administrator Mike Dropka provided the following details:

- Reported that 75 people attended the State of the Village meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2023. He commented that he heard good reviews of the event and will continue to have this annual event as it promotes good communication with the residents.
- Reported that Public Works delivered the Easter Eggs early Easter morning to all village residents.
- He mentioned that he and the Superintendent of Water and Public Works met with Novotny Engineering regarding the property on Oak Park Avenue for the salt storage shed. He stated that ConGlobal moved the trucking containers that were over the boundary and located on the Village land that they are not leasing from the Village. They also met with Canadian National to find out the status of the railroad spur that runs through the Public Works land and into ConGlobal and are hopeful to get an answer on the railroad spur lines soon.
- Chef Stelter and he continue to meet with Conduent to make sure the red-light camera project continues on a proper timeline.
- Reported that he began meeting with Muniweb to get the website project started and is making good progress.
- Reported that the contract with Groot will be expiring soon and will be meeting with them soon. And will be meeting with them to discuss our options. He stated that Groot has been performing sufficiently.
- Reported that at our next meeting, he will provide something for discussion and board action concerning the sanitary and storm sewer system on 47th and Central. He stated that as reported previously our businesses would like to expand their operation but have not been allowed to do so because of MWRD permitting issues. The businesses are looking for relief from the village, so that they may be able to further develop their land. He stated that this has taken a long time and effort over the last year and now we are close to needing board consensus to continue moving forward with this project as we don't want to burn bridges with other agencies and of course our business. He concluded by stating that the businesses south of the expressway are extremely important to the village's pocketbook.
 - *Trustee Liska suggested that Administrator Dropka also contact ComEd.*
- Stated that budget time is coming up since the fiscal year ends at the end of this month. He will be drafting a memo to everyone laying out the proposed timeline for us to develop the budget for next year. He will be looking for feedback on the proposed timeline and meeting dates in case anyone is planning vacations.
- He discussed that last year there was a discussion regarding having the Village-wide garage two-day sale on the same days as Stickney's. He reached out to Mayor Walik in Stickney to find out what days they were scheduling their garage sale. He asked the board if they wanted to have our garage sales on the same day as Stickney. The Board agreed on scheduling our garage sale on a different weekend and they suggested that they be on Saturday or Sunday.

11. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec reported:

- Reported that public works were out spreading dirt and grass seed in the parkways where there were dig-outs from trees from the previous year.

- Reported that they are slated to pump out the tunnel at Apex on Monday, April 17th, and are working with the EPA, MWRD, and Apex Oil.

Police Chief Stelter reported:

- Reported that tomorrow and Thursday he was going to Northfield block to do Active Shooter training.
 - Several Trustees thanked the Chief for sending his department updates.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Thanked the board for approving the new hires for his department.
- Mentioned that he has one other applicant whose background just came in and will bring it to the board at the next meeting.

12. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Hubacek requested that there be an Ordinance stating that the Board must approve all hires. Trustee Grossi stated that in the past the board always approved. Administrator Dropka stated that he would review the Ordinance and present it at a future board meeting.
- Trustee Hubacek requested a change to the Expenditure limits. All Board trustees agreed on changing the expenditure approval limits from \$10,000 to \$1,500.00. Administrator Dropka will put together another ordinance at a future meeting.
- Trustee Sudkamp asked about a pickup truck that was parked on Wenonah for several weeks. Administrator Dropka stated that the resident is an over-the-road driver and that his brother came to replace the battery. The truck was moved.
- Trustee Sudkamp and several trustees requested that the three-minute limit posted on the agenda be removed.
- Trustee Grossi states that he has concerns regarding residents who have nurses who come to their house and would like the police to put together a process where if a resident has different nurses or family members who come to the house to assist the resident that the Police could issue at least two parking passes that would also include the address on the card and timeframe and would not be used for overnight parking.
- Trustee Ramirez stated that a resident on the 46th and Maple Ave block has issues with the lights that are coming from the Gas Station. She stated that one evening she was in the resident's kitchen and these bright lights were glaring into the resident's home. She said that the resident has complained about this previously. Administrator Dropka stated that he would talk with Building Commissioner Brniak to see if they can dim the lights.
- Trustee Nevarez stated that there is a home on 46th and Clinton across from the park that has sidewalk issues.
- Trustee Nevarez stated that there is a house on 45th and Clinton that has had the front door boarded up for a few weeks.

Trustee Liska stated that he had a safety meeting on Oak Park Ave and that a resident was asking if we will be televising our meetings. Administrator Dropka stated that once the

website is up in August or September, we can consider televising the meetings. Trustee Nevarez suggested that we do Zoom calls so that they can watch the meetings live.

12. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

- President Miller stated that the Village has several old trophies in the Village Hall and was asking the board for suggestions on what to do with them. They are old, sponsored baseball trophies and several from the Police Department. One suggestion was to put some of them in the case outside the Art Treckler room.
- President Miller commented that there were several residents who are very behind in their water bills. She states that Lucy sends out letters to the residents and some of them come in and pay a portion of their bill, but they are never paid in full. She stated that she does not want to turn the water off due to hygiene reasons.
 - Trustee Ramirez stated that we should follow the ordinance. She is requesting that at the next meeting, she wants to know their balance, details on the resident, who pays, whether they are paying anything, do they try to make attempts to pay, what are their payments and what is the amount of their next bill.
 - Superintendent Filec stated that the resident is given the first, and second warnings and then the third warning is posted on their door.
 - Administrator Dropka stated that the Village instituted the CEDA Program last year where the resident needs to qualify for the benefits. He stated there are only two residents who are on CEDA.
 - Trustee Grossi asked if residents are attempting to use less water, not filling their pools, or watering their grass. He stated that if they do not pay their bills, we should put a lien on their property as we did in the past.

12. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Resident on 45th and Wisconsin states that the neighbor who lives next door is parking their car on his parkway causing deep holes in his grass. Administrator Dropka will have Josh look at this.
- A resident on 45th and Wisconsin Ave states that they have so many cars parked in the driveway and blocking the sidewalks and that they park side by side with their tires in the grass.
- A resident and representative of the Park District wanted to thank Officers Mulica, Collins, and Perez for their participation in the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. She said that stated that she had posted several pictures on Facebook and that all the pictures with the officers had the most likes.
- A resident commended the garbage service in the village and stated that all the workers are very polite and nice and that they go above and beyond to assist the Village.
- Resident commented that in the past the Village Wide Garage Sales were on Fridays and Saturdays and that they did not have as many people come out on Sundays.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

14. ROLL CALL

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

To adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk