

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
VILLAGE HALL – BOARD MEETING ROOM
September 28, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Miller at 7:01 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

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

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 14, 2021, be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CHECK REGISTER:

- A. To approve the check register from the payroll of the September 14, 2021, board meeting in the amount of \$ 89,315.55.

Check # 31598 - 31607
Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the September 14, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 102,692.80.

Check # 31608 - 31648
Manual Check # 31593, 31594, 31597
Voided Checks # 31595 – 31596

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Navarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp
No: None
Abstain: Trustee Hubacek
Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES:

- A. To approve the village payroll in the gross amount of \$ 96,851.64. This payroll covers the period from September 16 - 30 for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Officials payroll from September 1- September 30, 2021 and the part-time payroll from September 1 – September 15, 2021.
- B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 49,296.22**
****Includes 3 manual checks and 2 voided checks.**
- C. Total Expenditures: \$ 146,147.86

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Navarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Ramirez
No: None
Abstain: Trustee Hubacek
Motion Carried.

7. TREASURERS REPORT – as of September 30, 2021:

Description: An Excel spreadsheet was distributed at the board meeting.
The recap is as follows:

Total Revenue:	\$	325,279.39
Total Expenses	\$	<u>301,325.57</u>
Revenues Exceeds Expenses:	\$	23,953.82

Action Requested: None, information only

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 - Letter from Interim Chief of Police M. Perez requesting to purchase of one Dell Latitude 5420 Rugged Lap Top Computer at \$2,100.00 from Dell Technologies, for the new squad car # 138. This is the final price minus the tax exempt which the vendor has not deducted.

Action Requested: Motion to purchase new lap top for squad # 138 for the amount of \$2,100.00.

In the meeting Interim Chief of Police Perez stated this Dell Latitude 5420 Rugged Lap Top Computer was to replace the lap top that was in the old Squad # 133 not in the new Squad # 138.

To approve Agenda Item # 1

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Liska

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

No: None

Abstain: Trustee Hubacek

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 - Letter from Fire Chief Mark Jones is requesting to purchase four (4) twin size mattresses for the Fires Station from Mattress Firm.

Action Requested: Motion to purchase of four (4) twin size mattresses from Mattress Firm not to exceed \$4100.00.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the Mattresses. Board requested Fire Chief Jones obtain quotes from two other vendors.

To approve Agenda Item # 2

Tabled.

Agenda Item # 3 - Letter from Superintendent of Public Works & Water Jack O'Donohue requesting to hire Bluder's Tree Service to remove nine (9) parkway trees and to trim two (2) parkway trees for \$5,000.00.

Action Requested: Motion to hire Bluders Tree Service to remove nine (9) parkway trees and to trim two (2) parkway trees for \$5,000.00.

To approve Agenda Item # 3

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

No: None

Abstain: Trustee Hubacek

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 4 – Letter from Interim Chief of Police M. Perez is requesting to hire Part-Time Police Officer Salomon A. Guzman.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Salomon Guzman as a Part-Time Police Officer to the Forest View Police Department.

To approve Agenda Item # 4

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Sudkahmp, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska, Grossi

No: None

Abstain: Hubacek

Motion Carried.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

- NF21-39 Carlos Gomez, 4528 Maple Ave, remove old fence and replace with new 6-foot Cedar wood fence.
- NF21-40 Kathy Ehresman, 4601 Wisconsin Ave, tear off existing roof and install new roof, siding, gutters, soffits and downspouts.
- F21-48 Carlos Gomez, 4528 Maple Ave, cover dirt in yard with a concrete slab measuring 28 ft by 56 ft. Open rear of garage to install a 16 ft door.
- F21-49 Village of Forest View, 6726 W 51st Street, 3 Antennas to be removed, 3 Antennas to be added and 6 Antennas to be retained.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

Village Administrator Michael Dropka discussed the following:

- Discussed with the new Fire Chief Jones and our Police Chiefs issues that the Village has been having with the 911 service and has an ongoing conversation with the Justice Chief of Police.
- Sent an invitation to ETSB Director requesting he attend our October board meeting to explain how the 911 system works.
- Penny Push one (1) cent tax that went into effect August 1, 2021.
- Video Machine License 2022 renewal fees due before the end of the year.
- Meeting with Attorney John Murphy regarding Pension Board obligations.
- Consolidating ATT and Verizon bills.
- Spoke with Stickney Township Superintendant Viveritto regarding the Health Certificate of Oktoberfest.

- Restructuring the Police Pension Board.
- Oktoberfest committee final meeting is October 7th. As of this meeting we have only received RSVP's from fifteen families. Will be sending out reminders to everyone that there is a Sign-Up sheet for anyone who would like to volunteer to help at Oktoberfest on October 16, 2021.
- Applied for the Tourism Attractions Festival Grant program.
- Planning a ceremony to commemorate Veterans Day on November 11th in the Village.
- Discussing Police Union contracts.
- Reviewing Building Permit License fees and ordinances.

Superintendent Water & Public Works Jack O'Donohue discussed the following:

- Assisted resident with building permit issues that have been resolved.
- Responded to a FOIA request regarding all maintenance agreements that occurred in the last 10 years.
- Schedule for an EPA inspection on the Village sewer system

Interim Chief of Police Marco Perez discussed the following:

- New squad was delivered and went into rotation last Friday.
- Police Officers are aggressively writing tickets to drivers who are driving through stop signs in the village.
- Village is experiencing an increase in traffic since Stickney blocked several of their side streets.
- Ordered new Bullet Proof vests for department.
- Working on hiring more Part-Time officers.

Fire Chief Mark Jones discussed the following:

- Fire Department responded last Saturday night to a distress call on I-55. Fire department responded and provided assistance.
- His staff is doing a great job.
- Chief Jones met with the company that does our ambulance billing and discovered that the village was not set up to bill Medicaid patients. He noted that going forward the Village will notice an increase in the billing.

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11. Report from Village Trustees

- Discussion ensued between the Board and the Village Administrator regarding building permits.
- Discussion ensued between the Board and Village Administrator regarding Oktoberfest.

12. Report from the Village President

- President Miller wanted to thank the Forest View Fire Department and Police Departments for all their hard work and noted that they are doing a great job

13. PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

None

14. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:17 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McGuffey
Village Clerk/Treasurer