

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW  
February 25, 2025**

**BOARD MEETING:**

**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**

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: Nevarez (running late)

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 11, 2025 to be approved as read:  
Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

**5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES**

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of February 28, 2025:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$ 104,837.41
Bills Payable	\$ <u>217,281.53</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$ 322,088.94

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek

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

**6. TREASURERS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025:**

Revenues:	\$ 472,655.00
Expenses:	<u>\$ 1,235,540.60</u>
Exceeds Expenses:	\$ (762,885.60)*

Action Requested: None, information only.

*\*Clerk McGuffey stated that the Village paid a large expense to Lyons Pinner for \$367,896.33 for the Fed Ex Project and reimbursement is due from Fed Ex soon. Fire Protection Fund includes (2) bills from Metro Paramedics and the Tax-Exempt Leasing payment.*

Action Requested: None, information only.

**7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

Agenda Item # 1 – President Miller is requesting the board approve Proclamation No. 25-01 rededicating and honoring all Forest View Residents who have served in the United States Military.

*President Miller invited resident John Marbes to discuss the basis for this rededication of the proclamation. He stated that the original 1924 charter noted the uniqueness of Forest View in that: It was founded and originally governed exclusively by ex-servicemen. In 1974, Village President George Fargo expanded the recognition to include WWI, WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans. This Proclamation (2025) covers military service to country, including during peacetime - and not tied to any specific war.*

Action Requested: Motion to approve Proclamation No. 25-01 rededicating and honoring all Forest View Residents who have served in the United States Military.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Liska  
Yes: Trustee Ramirez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez (arrived at 7:05pm)  
No: NA  
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 – Letter from President Miller requesting the board to approve re-appointing Jesus Carrillo Jr. as Forest View Pension Trustee with the Forest View Police Pension Fund for an unexpired term ending May 11, 2027.

Action Requested: Motion to re-appoint Jesus Carrillo Jr. as Forest View Pension Trustee with the Forest View Police Pension Fund for an unexpired term ending May 11, 2027.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Liska

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

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

Agenda Item # 3 - Letter from Interim Village Administrator DuRocher regarding a business license application from Amanda Stankus, owner of Bulldog Creations and Designs, LLC to operate an online based home office business at 4616 Maple Ave.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a business license application to Amanda Stankus, owner of Bulldog Creations and Designs, LLC. for an online based home office.

Motion: Trustee Liska  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

**9. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT:**

Agenda Item # 4 – F25-02 Carl Ivanelli / Combined Warehouse at 5000 S. Central Ave. Doyle Signs, Inc will removed and scrap the existing “Laboraties” sign replace with (1) “Combined Warehouse Logo” sign that is 5’10 high overall x 43’ 8-3/4” wide.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Commercial Building Permit No. F2502 to Carl Ivanelli / Combined Warehouse to have Doyle signs install the new sign.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

**10. APPLICATION FOR ART TRECKLER ROOM RENTAL:**

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from President Miller requesting the board approve the Lions Club to rent the Art Treckler Room for 35 to 40 guests on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a meeting and to waive the rental fees.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Lions Club to rent the Art Treckler Room for 35 to 40 guests on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and waive the rental fees.

Motion: Trustee Grossi  
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

## **11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

### **A) REPORTS FROM THE INTERIM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR DUROCHER:**

- Interim Village Administrator discussed the following information items in packet:
  - Provided a draft ordinance regarding regulations of Hemp Products for Consumption. The ordinance pertains to the sale of products commonly known as Delta 8/Delta 9 and Kratom. He stated that this draft ordinance applies to the sale of this product and the possession of it by minors under 21 years of age and discussed with the board if they wished for him to proceed with the draft . In conclusion he will prepare the ordinance for the next board meeting.
  - Reported that Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, the State of Illinois is preparing to repeal the statewide taxes on groceries which will mean a loss of revenue of \$5,347 (per the Illinois Policy Institute) to the Village. The Illinois Municipal League has prepared a model ordinance to allow municipalities to retain their portion for the tax. He discussed with the board that it does not seem like a lot of money but if a large grocery store come to the Village, it could mean a great deal of money and asked the board for their thoughts to save this revenue and impose the grocery tax. After a brief discussion with the board, he will bring it to the next board meeting.
  - Discussed that the Village’s annual video gaming revenues are \$319,334. Of this amount, \$186,313 (58.3%) comes from the BP Station on Central which is the highest grossing video gaming location in the State of Illinois. He went on to mention that the parcel generates over \$1,000,000 annually to the Village in terms of property taxes, gaming revenues, sales taxes, and home rule fuel taxes.
  - Reported he received complaint from an individual regarding a used car that was purchased at the Ten 28 Dealership. After reviewing the dealerships online reviews, he sent a letter to the dealership advising them that continued complaints or failure to address issues may result in further action, including but not limited to penalties, fines, or additional scrutiny from the local regulatory bodies.
  - Informed the board that the village received two emails from residents thanking Public Works for their efforts over the last week or so.

### **B) REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Miller reported:

- Reported on a small waterline break on 45<sup>th</sup> and Oak Park Ave after finding ice over the curb line.
- Replaced a B-Box that would not shut off the water service to a house with frozen pipes.
- Reported that a few homes on different blocks reported a brief low water pressure but could not find any problems.
- Waiting for new quotes for the sound system.

Police Chief Zarate reported:

- Reported that the new officers are being trained and preparing for summer events.
- Reported that he will give John and the board the Counties Report regarding 4801 Harlem Ave

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Reported on the Fire Department Activity report for the month of January 2025. They received a total of 70 calls that included 20 EMS calls, 32 Fire calls, 15 motor vehicle accidents, and 3 Fire other calls for invalid assists / stand by-fill ins. The Fire Department did 0 fire station tours and completed 510 hours of training.
- Reported that they are now covering the Fire, EMS Protection services at Combined Warehouse and they are working with us to change over the Knox box .

### **C) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

- Trustee Liska asked if the Penny Push tax was still in the works. Interim Administrator DuRocher said that it is still pending.

### **D) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

- Discuss information items in packet:
- Reported that Senior Citizens who are unable to pay their real estate taxes can reach out to the local county collectors office to obtain an application. The application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> and copies of this notice are available in English and Spanish on our website and also in the Village Hall on the table.

### **12. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Marge Hubacek, resident on 45<sup>th</sup> and Wenonah voiced her displeasure regarding the barricade at 45<sup>th</sup> and Harlem Ave and stated that she did not see anything address in previous minutes about purchasing or putting up this barricade. She stated that there is a lot more traffic since this barricade . She stated another issue was the speed bumps that were installed only on one side and the cars drove around them. She said that she is concerned for the

parents having to get their children school. She suggested the Police Chief, Mayor and Board trustees revisit this issue, put some thought into it and discuss how to fix this. In conclusion she stated, "Remember to put the residents of Forest View first." President Miller stated that the barricades were help with the safety issues at Home School. She stated that there would be a lot more traffic on 45<sup>th</sup> Street if we opened it at Harlem. Chief Zarate stated that part of the issue is that Stickney put up several barricades that are causing more traffic in our village. He said the other issue is that there are several locations where the children are picked up by buses bus stops on 45<sup>th</sup> street for other towns.

- James Devito, resident on 46<sup>th</sup> and Maple gave his appreciation to Public Works for keeping the streets and sidewalk clear.
- Village Clerk mentioned to the board that at a previous meeting she gave each board member an event list and asked them to look it over and if they have any ideas to let her know. She stated that we need this information to put together our annual budget.

**13. MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Liska

**14. ROLL CALL:**

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

**15 ADJOURNMENT:**

To adjourn at 7:31 P.M.  
Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey

Village Clerk