

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
January 27, 2026**

BOARD MEETING:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Liska at 7:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Liska 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: Trustee Grossi, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez
Absent: Trustee Hubacek, Sudkamp

4. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 13, 2026 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Nitka
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Nitka, Nevarez, Castanuela, Grossi
No: None

Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of January 31, 2026:

1) Payroll- FT / PT / Officials	\$ 108,920.03
2) Bills Payable	\$ 227,869.19
Total Expenditures:	\$ 336,789.22

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
 Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Nevarez, Nitka, Castaneula
 No: None

Motion Carried.

7. TREASURERS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025:

1) Revenues:	\$ 914,008.85
2) Expenses:	\$ 676,173.61

Action Requested: None, informational only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – The Stickney Forest View Lions Club along with the Forest View Park District will be holding their 2nd Annual Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness in the park on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Clerk McGuffey is requesting the board consider approve sponsoring this event with a \$50.00 donation to the Stickney Forest View Lions Clubs. All funds raised will go to the Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Lions of Illinois Foundations to continue bringing awareness to Diabetes and empower Lions Clubs with Diabetes Grants

In the meeting it was discussed that the board wants to donate \$1,000.00 as was done the previous year.

Action Requested: Motion to approve sponsoring this event with a \$1,000.00 donation to the Stickney Forest View Lions Clubs for their Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness event.

Motion: Trustee Castaneula
 Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Castaneula, Nevarez, Nitka, Grossi
 No: NA

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 – Village Clerk is requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 26-02 authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus personal property owned by the Village and is seeking the board’s approval to authorize Police Sergeant Kulaga to sell one Asber 10 Burner 60” Gas Range with Double Oven Base, Model # AER-2-B10-60, Serial # 8102608275 that was

purchased April 14, 2025 for \$3,780.00. It will be placed on a governmental auction site and sold to the highest bidder.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-02 authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus personal property owned by the Village and authorizing Sergeant Kulaga to sell the stove.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Castaneula

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Castanuela, Nitka, Grossi
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3 – Village Clerk is requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 26-03 authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus personal property owned by the Village. We are requesting to dispose of the following items that are in the village office storage closet that are no longer needed.

- (1) Martin Yale Industries Auto Folder (2013), Model 1501X, Serial # 39555.01169.K20
- (1) IBM Electric Typewriter Wheel Writer 10, Model 678310, Series 2

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-03 authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus personal property owned by the Village.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

Yes: Trustees Castaneula, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 4- Chief Ritz is requesting authorization from the board to hire candidate Hector Chavez as a Part-time Police Officer on the Forest View Police Department.

Action Requested: Motion to approve hiring Hector Chavez as a Part-time Police Officer on the Forest View Police Department.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

Yes: Trustees Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 5- Chief Ritz is requesting authorization from the board to hire candidate Liliana Lucero Rizo a Part-time Police Officer on the Forest View Police Department.

Action Requested: Motion to approve hiring Liliana Lucero Rizo as a Part-time Police Officer on the Forest View Police Department.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

Yes: Trustees Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi
No: NA
Motion Carried.

9. APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

Agenda Item #6 - F26-01 –Lake Shore Recycling (LRS) 6201 Canal Bank Drive, Fire Sprinkler pipe replacement.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a commercial building permit # F26-01 to LRS for a Fire Sprinkler Pipe replacement.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Castanuela

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 7 - F26-02 – Crosswest Beech Forest View LLC. 5504 W. 47th Street. Installing new doors and sidelight on main entry door.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a commercial building permit # F26-02 to Crosswest Beech Forest View, LLC. installing new doors and sidelight on main entry.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Castanuela

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez
No: NA
Motion Carried.

10. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

NF26-01 Kathy Ehresman, 4601 Wisconsin Ave, Continue building per plans. The engineer completed new drawings to correct deficiencies and stamped them by architect.

Action Requested: None, information only.

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Administrator Wiak:

Was not present at board meeting.

12. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works Superintendent Tanner:

- Reported that the new CodeRed sign up form has been completed and will be delivered to all residents along with the E-Bikes & E Scooters Ordinance Reminder Flyer.
- Reported that he sent the templates to the press to create the garbage ordinance violation stickers and will implement once received.
- Reported that the main hallway painting has been started and will be completed this week.
- Board room lights that were out was just a tripped breaker.
- Repaired air hose in the fire department.
- Reported on a street light issue was not a simple fix, they need to call Julie to dig and repair a shorted/damaged wire.
- Received first round of 2026 Lead/Copper sample bottles from the new lab we are using . The first round has to be samples between January through June and the second round in July through December.

Police Chief Ritz :

- Reported on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Report for December 2025.
- Incidents Generated - Total Calls for Service – 1,469. Calls to Non-Emergency Calls 0, and Calls to 911 – 2, Generated by Officers – 143, Accident Crash Reports – 12, State Citations – 29, Ordinance Citations – 161, Cannabis Citation- 3, Vehicle Stickers - 0, Warning Citations - 17, Arrests -8, Misdemeanors – 10 and Felonies – 0.
- Reported on the Police Departments ANNUAL Statistical Report for 2025.
- Incidents Generated - Total Calls for Service – 15,094. Calls to Non-Emergency Calls 0, and Calls to 911 – 29, Generated by Officers – 1,910, Accident Crash Reports – 162, State Citations – 1021, Ordinance Citations – 161, Cannabis Citation - 154, Vehicle Stickers - 0, Warning Citations - 578, Arrests - 190, Misdemeanors – 15, and Felonies – 4.
- Reported on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Report for January 2026.
- Incidents Generated - Total Calls for Service – 895. Calls to Non-Emergency Calls 0, and Calls to 911 – 2, Generated by Officers – 103, Accident Crash Reports – 7, State Citations – 28, Ordinance Citations – 92, Cannabis Citation- 2, Vehicle Stickers - 0, Warning Citations - 13, Arrests - 7, Misdemeanors – 0, and Felonies – 2.

- Reported that he would be attending training for two days.

Fire Chief Jones :

- Reported on the Fire Department Activity report for the month of December 2025.
- They received a total of 57 calls, including 18 EMS calls, 26 Fire calls, 12 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 Fire other calls for invalid assists / standby-fill ins. The Fire Department did 0 fire station tours and completed 435 hours of training.

13.. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- No reports

14. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

- No reports

15. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Liska announce that he was making a motion for the board to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter and stated that when we convene to open session there will be no vote or report.

16. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:36 PM.

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Nitka

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Nitka, Nevarez, Castanuela

No: None

Motion Carried.

17. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustee Jim Nitka, Midalia Nevarez, Maria Castaneula, President David Liska, Trustee Mike Grossi, Attorney John Murphey, Clerk Laura McGuffey

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

President Liska to discuss an employee personnel matter, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1) and 5 ILCS 120/(c) (3) of the Open Meetings Act. (Discussion only).

Action requested: None, information only.

18. MOTION TO GO INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:15 PM.

Motion: Trustee Castaneula

Second: Trustee Nitka

Yes: Trustees Castaneula, Nitka, Grossi, Nevarez
No: NA

19. ROLL CALL

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

20. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk