

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
March 28, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Miller at 7:00 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 14, 2023, to be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Ramirez, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska
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	\$ 128,360.21
3.) Bills Payable	\$ 118,814.27
4.) Total Expenditures:	\$ 247,174.48

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

6. TREASURERS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023:

Revenues:	\$	413,094.88
Expenditures:	\$	<u>578,290.65</u>
Exceeds Expenses:	\$	-165,195.77

Action Requested: None, information only.

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Agenda #1 – President Miller to present Resolution No. R23-04 a resolution in recognition of William Hughes on his Retirement as a Long-Time Employee of the Village of Forest View.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R23-04, a resolution in recognition of William Hughes on his Retirement as a Long-Time Employee of the Village of Forest View.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda # 2 – Administrator Dropka to discuss the letter from John O’Connell, Special Counsel for the Village of Forest View. The letter lays out an understanding between FedEx and the Village that Fed Ex will reimburse the Village for costs incurred for the installation of the traffic signal project at 49th and Central Avenue. Mr. Connell will be present at the meeting to answer any questions.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the terms set forth in the letter.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda # 3 – Administrator Dropka to discuss the four proposals received regarding a Village website He is requesting the board authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a contract agreement with one of the vendors

- *Discussion ensued during the meeting. Village Administrator Dropka asked the Trustees if they had any comments or suggestions on the four proposals from City Social Marketing, Muniweb, Civic Plus, and Vicarious Multimedia. In conclusion, Dropka asked the Trustees which proposal they would agree on for the Village Website.*

Action Requested: Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a contract agreement with Muniweb.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

Agenda # 4 – *No item.*

8. APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Agenda # 5 - Resident Clair Pohanka is requesting the Board’s approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, April 8, 2023, for a birthday party to be held from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm for seventy guests.

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

Agenda # 6 - Resident Daniel Davila is requesting the Board’s approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, April 29, 2023, for a baptism/birthday party to be held from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm for fifty guests.

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

No: None
Motion Carried.

9. APPLICATIONS OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

Agenda # 7 - F23-08 - Kinder Morgan, 4811 S. Harlem Ave. Emergency repairs to the three-inch service line behind the main office.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Commercial Building Permit # F 23-07 to Kinder Morgan.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda # 8 - F23-08 Old Dominion (owned by Line Dominion Freight), 5500 W. 47th Street. Install 10' tall exterior, low voltage, 12V/DC battery powered security system, 3"-12" behind existing chain link perimeter fence which will remain per plan.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Commercial Building Permit # F 23-08 to Old Dominion (owned by Line Dominion Freight).

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Village Administrator Mike Dropka provided the following details:

- Discussed that Frank and he met with Novotny Engineering regarding the proposed salt shed at the Public Works property on Oak Park Ave and will be meeting with ConGlobal regarding the trucking containers that are over the boundary and located on the Village's land, and need to be moved onto the property that they are leasing from the Village. He is also working with Canadian National to find out the status of the railroad that runs through the Public Works land and into ConGlobal which appears to be a spur that is not functional and needs to know if this will impact our plans.

- Reported that he met with a business that has purchased vacant property at 4801 Central Ave across the street from Fed Ex on 48th and Central. He stated that this business approved him and is looking to voluntarily annex into the Village of Forest View. More details will be presented in the future.
- Chief Stelter and he continue to meet with Conduent regarding the ongoing red-light camera project, so it continues to progress at a proper timeline.
- Reported on the 47th and Central project regarding the village taking over the sanitary sewer system continues to be ongoing.
- Reported on the Wenonah Project which has been in limbo for some time. He stated the project will extend the sewers from 46th and Wenonah Ave to go under the railroad tracks and then turn west to connect with Harlem Avenue to alleviate flooding. The project was stalled for some time, but it looks like we are finally on the right track, and it looks like the work will begin in the Spring of 2024. The money for this is primarily coming from a \$2 million dollar grant from MWRD.
- Announced that the RSVPs are coming in for the State of the Village will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023, and anticipates that we will have a good crowd and asked everyone at the board meeting to spread the word to their neighbors to RSVP, so we have enough refreshments.

11. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec reported:

- Continues to collaborate with Tom Ebling from Open Lands on the tree planting project that is coming up in May and is finalizing a list of residents who were interested and will be sending out emails when they start organizing the community-based event for the tree planting that goes hand in hand with how the grant for the trees was worked out.
- Waiting to replace a part to arrive to repair a Fire Hydrant Head that had been hit on Forest View Terminal Drive.
- Looking forward to the State of the Village event.

Police Chief Stelter reported:

- Reported that one officer is back to work after recovering from foot surgery. Looking forward to presenting his Annual Police Report at the State of the Village and wanted to thank Officer Carrillo and Officer Margalus who did a great job putting it together.

Fire Chief Jones: No Reports.

12. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES

- Trustee Nevarez asked the Police Chief if he had considered hiring a replacement to fill an open position in the police department. The Chief stated that he will be posting the position on the Blue Line website. He mentioned that he is also scheduling a meeting with President Miller to discuss hiring a previous part-time employee who recently graduated from the Police department.

12. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

- Inquired if anyone knew why Public Works received a request to remove a pile of bushes from a resident's home on Wisconsin Ave. It was reported that the Village Hall received a call from a resident that bushes were placed at the curb. Public Works stated that the schedule for picking branches and lawn clippings starts on April 5th but since they were at the curb, they picked them up.

12. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Resident commented that she had food that she wanted to donate to the food pantry. President Miller stated that she wants to make sure that the cabinet was clean and secured to the wall upstairs in the Village Hall. She said that she has received calls from two residents who want to donate and is waiting to hear from the Lions Club who will be maintaining the Food pantry cabinet.
- Resident thanked the Police Department for having the Drug Take Back box that is located in the Village Hall at the front entry.

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 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk