

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
VILLAGE HALL – BOARD MEETING ROOM
September 14, 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, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Liska
Absent: Nevarez

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 24, 2021, be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CHECK REGISTER:

- A. To approve the check register from the payroll of the August 24, 2021, board meeting in the amount of \$ 89315.55.

Check # 3155 - 31559
Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the August 24,2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 46,424.67.

CHECK Manual Check # 31550-31552
CHECK # 31560-31592
Voided: None

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES:

- A. To approve the village payroll in the gross amount of \$ 89,315.55. This payroll covers the period from September 1-15 for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Officials payroll from September 1-15, 2021, and the part-time payroll from August 16-31, 2021.
- B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 102,692.80**
****Includes 3 manual checks.**
- C. Total Expenditures: \$ 192,008.35

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Liska

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

7. REPORTS OF REVENUE – as of August 31, 2021:

Cash Receipts:	\$	284,161.28
Sales Tax:	\$	48,383.45
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	29,129.18
Interest:	\$	71.83
Local Gas Tax:	\$	<u>16,452.65</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	378,198.39

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Letter from Mike Dropka, Village Administrator recommending not to renegotiate the Water Tower Lease with AT&T. The Village was contacted in 2015 by MD7 and at the time the board decided not to renegotiate the lease. The village was recently contacted again by MD7. After speaking with John Murphey, the Village Attorney, we recommend the board reject the offer at this time.

Action Requested: Motion to reject the offer to renegotiate the Water Tower Lease with AT&T at with this time.

To approve Agenda Item # 1

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 2 - Letter from Mike Dropka seeking input and discussion from the board about a Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

Discussion ensued with suggestions to award Gift Cards for First Place, Second Place and Third Place. The board also requested that we send out flyers along with including it in the Village of Forest View Newsletter.

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3 – Letter from Marcelo Perez, Interim Chief of Police seeking boards' approval to hire Part-Time Police Officer Norine Baltazar.

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

To approve Agenda Item # 3

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Liska

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

Agenda Item # 4 – Letter from Marcelo Perez, Interim Chief of Police seeking boards’ approval to hire Jessica Ramirez Sokolovic for the position of Part-Time Record Clerk/Radio Operator.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Jessica Ramirez Sokolovic as Part-Time Record Clerk/Radio Operator to the Forest View Police Department.

To approve Agenda Item # 4

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez (arrived 7:17pm), Liska
No: None
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from Alan Dudek, Deputy Fire Chief advising the board that Firefighter Jesus Pineda has resigned his position as a Firefighter/Paramedic.

Action Requested: None, information only

Agenda Item # 6 – Letter from Alan Dudek, Deputy Fire Chief requesting he board’s Action Requested: Motion to approve the donation of Survivair Airpacks to Cruz Ambar Guadalajara Fire/ENS Department in Mexico.

To approve Agenda Item # 6

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

Agenda Item # 7 - Letter from Alan Dudek, Deputy Fire Chief requesting approval to purchase a complete set of Genesis Rescue System Extrication Tools. The Genesis Rescue Extrication Tools are battery operated and lighter and will include 1-spreading tool, 1-cutting tool, 1-Hydraulic Ram and 6 batteries. Note: This is coming out of a budgeted expense for new equipment.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase of a complete set of Genesis Rescue System Extrication Tools in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00.

To approve Agenda Item # 7

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

8. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

- NF21-32 Jose Ojeda, 4601 S. Kenilworth Avenue, Repaint Eaves & Soffits.
- NF21-33 Janet Spears, 4620 S. Maple Avenue, Replace One Bay Window.
- NF21-34 Chris Spears, 4620 Maple Avenue, Re-Roof House & Garage.
- NF21-35 Felix & Deb Mata, 4616 S. Wisconsin Avenue, Replacing Fence.
- NF21-36 Elizabeth Marbes, 4523 Wisconsin Avenue, Re-Roof House.
- NF21-37 Mary Grzelawowski, 4520 Maple Avenue, Re-Roof House.
- NF21-38 Raymond N. Petter, 4508 Wenonah Avenue, Replace Storm Door.
- F21-43 Julio Laureano, 4623 Maple Avenue, Build Raised Shed.
- F21-44 Guadalupe Martinez, 4608 Grove Avenue, Build Fence to Close Gaps & Install a Gate.
- F21-45 Kinder Morgan, 4811 S. Harlem Avenue, Install Roofing.
- F21-46 Maria Del Rosario Castro, 4508 S. Grove Avenue, Build a Porch.
- F21-47 Kathleen Ehresman, 4601 S. Wisconsin Avenue, Build Open Gazebo on Existing Slab.

Discussion ensued between Trustee Nevarez and Superintendent O'Donohue on some construction that was done with one of the permits in the Village. Superintendent Public Works and Water Jack O'Donohue stated to the board that he was contacting the resident help her get the issue resolved.

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

- Superintendent Jack O' Donohue spoke on behalf of Village Administrator Michael Dropka:
 - Village Administrator Communicated with AT&T our plans on upgrading internet connections in our Village Hall, Public Works and Police and Fire Departments. The Board approved the upgrade to Comcast for 500Mbps dedicated fiber with 5 static IP addresses during the August 24th board meeting.
 - Village Administrator visited California Auto regarding a party that they requested to hold on August 29. Noticed that the business did not have a certificate of occupancy. He discussed with the business that that the Village has

a noise ordinance that they need to abide with and that the party needs to wrap up by 10:30pm. On the day of the party the Police were called and issued 7 tickets for double parking. The Fire Department was also notified and issued a certificate of Occupancy.

- Village Administrator corrected a statement that he had made during the last meeting regarding the building permit at Azteca.
- Reported that the Village has created a direct line of communication between the Village of Forest View and Santa Claus!! We are inviting all children in the village to write letters to Santa Claus and drop them off at the Village Hall anytime between November 15th and December 15th. The Village will get the letters up to Santa and Santa will provide the children with a response to their letters.
- Village received notice that Sprint/T Mobile telecommunications will be removing the antennas located on the top of our Water tower effective October 31.
- Ordered a NO Truck sign that will be posted on 46th street.
- Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be from 1:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Sunday October 31, 2021. The village newsletter will include red and green fliers for the residents to display if they want or do not want the children coming to trick or treat at their house
- The Oktoberfest Committee met on Friday September 10th to continue preparations for the Oktoberfest picnic that is scheduled for October 16th.

B.) Superintendent Water & Public Works Jack O'Donohue

- Street Sweeper is now in service.
- Discussion ensued regarding the Village Hall grounds beautification project. Bushes have been removed, stone and mulch have been spread on the southwest corner by the Fire house. Trustee David Liska offered his assistance with his knowledge of flowers and bushes making plans for Early spring.
- Fire Hydrant at LRS has been repaired and billed.

C.) Interim Chief of Police Marco Perez

- Police Officers are working very hard and doing a great job.
- Village is experiencing a lot of traffic since Stickney blocked several of their side streets.
- Officers are continuing to ticket drivers who are not stopping at the stop signs.
- Several tickets were issued for double parking
- Assisting with an investigation after a traffic arrest.
- Waiting for new Police Car to arrive at the end of next week.
- The Bus Company will be re-routing the busses on 46th Street between Home Ave and Wenonah Ave during the Oktoberfest picnic on Sunday October 16th when

D.) Report from Deputy Chief Fire Department Alan Dudek

- Will be attending a Hoarders House Fire Training.

E.) Report from Village Trustees

- A discussion ensued with Village Trustee David Liska regarding our 911 calling system not working and the number of unanswered calls.
- He suggested that we get our state representative involved with this issue and explain all the problems that we are having with 911 system not working.

F.) Report from the Village President

- Welcome new residents that attended the meeting.
- Shared that she had received a call from a resident who was upset because her out of town guests received parking tickets. Interim Chief of Police Marco Perez stated that residents should call the Police department and let them know that she has out of guests who will be parked in front of her house.
- Stated that she wants the Village Newsletter sent out by Friday September 17th so that the residents can start to register if they are attending Oktoberfest. A separate flyer will also be sent out to each resident's home.
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10. PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

- Discussion ensued after a resident in the meeting stated that when she googled the Village of Forest View the phone numbers were not correct. Trustee Sudkamp stated that the village does not currently have a website, but they are working on creating one.
- Village President Miller suggested that the Village purchase refrigerator magnets with a list of Village of Forest View phone numbers that we would distribute to our residents.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 7:56 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McGuffey
Village Clerk/Treasurer