

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins answered the Roll Call. It was noted that Commissioner Voogd is attending the meeting remotely, in accordance with village code.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the October 28, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Village Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Michelle Fitz-Henry spoke in support of the Forest Park Complete Count Committee, a group of Forest Park residents committed to helping raise awareness and reach out to encourage a robust response to the United States Census survey in 2020. Ms. Fitz-Henry encouraged other engaged residents to join the committee.

Mr. Daniel Epstein, candidate for the Illinois Supreme Court, spoke about the powers and opportunities of the Illinois Supreme Court and criminal justice reform.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Department of Public Health and Safety submitted its third quarter 2019 report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The Commissioner of Accounts and Finance has reviewed the bills as applicable to each department and found the aggregate amounts to be correct and recommends payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$1,246,058.56.

**R-71-19
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,246,058.56
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hoskins administered the official oath of office to newly promoted Police Sergeant John Reilly.

**JOHN REILLY PROMOTED
TO POLICE SERGEANT**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance amending Section 3-3-5, entitled "License Classifications," and Section 3-3-6, entitled "License Fee and Number," of Chapter 3, entitled "Liquor Control," of the village code of ordinances of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-34-19
ORDINANCE AMENDING
LIQUOR CODE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Environmental Health Inspection Services be adopted.

**R-72-19
RESOLUTION APPROVING
HEALTH INSPECTION
AGREEMENT WITH COOK
COUNTY
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-73-19
RESOLUTION APPROVING
IGA WITH CHICAGO
TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR
POLICE DETAIL
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Chicago Transit Authority and the Village of Forest park for special transit police detail services be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-74-19
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PAY
REQUEST #2 FOR BROWN
AVENUE TIF
IMPROVEMENTS
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner both Commissioners Novak and Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #2 for the 2019 Brown Avenue TIF Improvements Project to Swallow Construction Corp. be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-75-19
RESOLUTION APPROVING
RELEASE AND
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution approving the execution of a Release and Settlement Agreement be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTED TO APPOINT
THREE PROBATIONARY
POLICE OFFICERS
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Nero to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint three candidates from its current Probationary Police Officer Eligibility List to fill vacancies.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to appoint Ms. Amy Binns-Calvey and Mr. Robert Dorneker to the Recreation Board to fill vacancies.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to approve the request from the West Cook YMCA to display banners promoting their annual Christmas Tree sales.

**WEST COOK YMCA
BANNER REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYS: Commissioner Novak

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Novak reported that The Fire Department and is having a fundraiser for the Forest Park Food Pantry at Twisted Cookie on Saturday, November 16th. In addition, there is a staff meeting tomorrow at 3:00, to discuss Ribfest.

Commissioner Byrnes echoed Commissioner Novak and encouraged all to attend the Food Pantry fundraiser or to donate canned goods or non-perishable foods as the Thanksgiving Baskets will be prepared and delivered right after that.

Commissioner Nero reported that on October 30th, over 30 trees fell in Forest Park due to the high winds. Leaf pickup is ongoing as well. The commissioner performed a site walk through at the Public Works facility and made recommendations for improvements as a result. The Brown Avenue road paving will be completed just as soon as weather permits. All of the sewer lines were repaired by the water main contractor. The Department of Health and Safety's report mentioned that Smithereen has stepped up their rodent program from twice monthly to every week. Last, there is a ZBA meeting scheduled to consider cannabis zoning.

Commissioner Voogd reminded everyone that she is hosting a forum to discuss recycling and changes in the industry on November 17th at 3:00 at the Community Center. A representative from Republic Services will be on hand.

Mayor Hoskins reported that the Veteran's Day observance, held by the VFW at the Adams and Thomas tot lot was a great event. Further, The Living Word Church is holding a Veteran's Resource Fair Friday from 11:00 to 3:00. The fair will provide clothing to Veterans and those reentering society from the penal system. Last, the mayor reported that the Village's Toy Drive will be held on December 12th and McGaffer's is holding their Toy Drive on December 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Novak moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk