

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 25, 2019**

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins answered the Roll Call. Commissioner Nero was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the November 12, 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, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Betty Alzamora spoke as a citizen as well as a member of the village's Diversity Commission. Ms. Alzamora expressed her appreciation to Tim Gillian and the Public Works team for their efforts helping with the vandalism on the mural over the Circle Bridge, as well as to the Mayor for publicizing the message that No Human is Illegal. She expressed that the combined efforts show all citizens that the village cares.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police and Fire Departments submitted their September/October, 2019 reports.

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 \$633,140.41.

**R-76-19
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$633,140.41
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hoskins announced that New Business Item 1 will be withdrawn for this evening.

ITEM #1 WITHDRAWN

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance authorizing the disposal of surplus property (tasers) owned by the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-35-19
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
DISPOSAL OF TASERS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution determining the estimated property taxes to be levied by the Village of Forest Park for the 2019 tax year be adopted. Finance Director, Letitia Olmsted gave a brief overview.

**R-77-19
RESOLUTION
DETERMINING ESTIMATED
2019 PROPERTY TAX LEVY
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**R-78-19
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #3 FOR
BROWN TIF
IMPROVEMENTS
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #3 for the 2019 Brown Avenue TIF Improvements Project to Swallow Construction Corp. be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE
SOLICITATION REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the request from Animal Care League to conduct fundraising solicitation on December 3, 2019

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**MISERICORDIA
SOLICITATION REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the request from Misericordia Heart of Mercy to conduct their annual Jelly Belly Candy Days fundraising event on April 24 and 25, 2020.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Gillian reported that the crews worked over the weekend on the Brown Street TIF Improvements, completing the 1st course of asphalt. The final street surface will be laid in the spring. All areas will be leveled out and topsoil added and temporary striping will be completed this fall.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Novak wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and stated he is looking forward to kicking off the 2020 year.

Commissioner Byrnes gave kudos to the Fire Department for the hugely successful fundraiser they held at Twisted Cookie, where they raised over \$500 for the Forest Park Food Pantry. In addition, the commissioner expressed his gratitude to the Public Works crews, who have been working really hard to clean up leaves village-wide. Last, Commissioner Byrnes wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Voogd wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and expressed her gratitude to all those involved in the Recycling Forum. There was a great turnout and an informative presentation by John Clifford of Republic Services.

Mayor Hoskins reported that Forest Park School District 91 has a Citizen's Advisory Committee, which meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. They are requesting that one of the elected officials serve as a liaison to the committee, and the mayor invited the commissioners to do so. Next, the mayor stated that he was pleased to see the Fire Department participating in the District 209 Career Fair. Last, Mayor Hoskins notified those in attendance of the passing of long-time crossing guard, Karen Stuart.

Toy Drives benefitting Forest Park Residents are being held on December 7th at McGaffer's as well as on December 12th at the American Legion. In addition, the Police Department is holding their "Shop with a Cop" program on December 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk