

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 14, 2019**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the December 17, 2018, Tax Levy Public Hearing be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak  
and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Entler

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the December 17, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Village Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak  
and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Entler

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Kirk Bobst, Nurse Manager, Rush Mobile Stroke Program sent a letter thanking the village and its leadership for participating in the Rush University Medical Center's Mobile Stroke Unit program. It was noted that the MSU is now operating 24 hours, 7 days a week.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Police Department submitted its September/October, 2018 report.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix 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 \$880,958.08..

**R-01-19  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF  
\$880,958.08  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Christine Torres and Dan Curran of Crowe Horwath presented the April 30, 2018 financial audit results. Ms. Torres stated that the financial statements and the TIF funds received unmodified opinions. The unmodified opinion is the best opinion that can be received and indicates that there were no exceptions or unsubstantiated entries in the village’s financial statements, all estimates were tested reasonable, and no unusual transactions entered during the year. Ms. Torres further stated that it would be a good idea for the elected officials to read the Management’s discussion and analysis contained in the audit document. There were no questions from the Village Council.

**ANNUAL AUDIT  
PRESENTATION BY CROW  
HORWATH**

First grade teacher, Amy O’Connell, gave a presentation outlining District 91’s “Project Kindness.” This is an initiative conceptualized by Ms. O’Connell, and the objective is to help District 91 students understand the importance and effects of showing kindness to others throughout the community. The students will design kindness labels, which will be distributed to the local retailers, who will share the labels with their customers. First grade students. Luna Foster-Flores and Sam Bonwit spoke to the Council and requested that the Mayor proclaim the week of February 11<sup>th</sup> as Kindness Week in Forest Park. Mayor Calderone thanked Ms. O’Connell and Luna Foster-Flores and Sam Bonwit for their presentation and

**PROJECT KINDNESS  
PRESENTATION BY  
FOREST PARK SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 91**

acknowledged Mr. William Milnamow, Principal of Betsey Ross School, Mr. Ed Brophy, Assistant Superintendent of District 91, Mr. Scott Dunnell, Communications Director of District 91, as well as all those students and parents in attendance, supporting the initiative.

Mayor Calderone directed the clerk to read the Mayor's Proclamation declaring the week of February 11-15, 2019, Kindness Week in Forest Park. With unanimous consent of the Village Council, Mayor Calderone offered to present an official copy of the Proclamation to District 91.

**MAYORS PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 11-15, 2019  
KINDNESS WEEK**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Forest Park and AFSCME Local 3026 be adopted.

**R-02-19  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT  
WITH AFSCME LOCAL 3026  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #4 (Final) for the 2018 Water Main Project to UNO Construction Co., Inc. be adopted.

**R-03-19  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING FINAL  
PAYMENT TO UNO  
CONSTRUCTION FOR 2018  
WATER MAIN PROJECT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its Police Lieutenant Eligibility List and one candidate from its current Police Sergeant Eligibility List to fill vacancies.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
DIRECTED TO PROMOTE  
ONE POLICE LIEUTENANT  
AND ONE POLICE  
SERGEANT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**FOREST PARK ARTS  
ALLIANCE REQUEST TO  
SOLICIT DONATIONS WITH  
VEHICLE STICKER SALES  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to approve a request from the Forest Park Arts Alliance to solicit donations through vehicle sticker renewal process in support of a mural project to be painted on the west wall of the Circle Avenue bridge.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
REQUEST TO DISPLAY  
BANNERS  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to approve the request from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce to display banners promoting the Sidewalk Sale on January 19-21, the St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 2, and the Spring Wine Walk on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENTS RATIFIED  
AND APPROVED BY  
MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to authorize and ratify the Mayor’s signature on the following agreements associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center:

- The Fireside Theatre
- Amish Acres
- Mestas Musicals

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

No report.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes requested that the Town Hall regarding the Altenheim property/cultural park be scheduled for the end of February and that it include representatives from the National Park Service, the Prairie Path and other local agencies.. After discussion, it was determined that the National Park Service may not be able to participate due to the partial government shutdown. Commissioner Novak offered to volunteer to collaborate with the other stakeholders to agree on an agenda for the Town Hall meeting. Mayor Calderone agreed to circulate some dates to the stakeholders.

Mayor Calderone requested input/discussion about a request from Pet Emporium for the village to consider installing a 15 minute drop off/loading zone parking space on Madison Street near this business. There were no objections from the Commissioners and staff was directed to work with legal to bring this back to the Council for consideration.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk