

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING JUNE 24, 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the June 10, 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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Julieta Aguilera expressed her gratitude to the village for the opportunity to display the mini traveling exhibit of Forest Park in the Administration building, as well as the Village Council's leadership on the issue of waste reduction. Ms. Aguilera further urged the attendees to pay attention to the data on waste and to try to do something about it.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Peter Herdeg sent a letter to the village thanking them for the opportunity to hold German Fest in the picnic grove and for all their support and hard work in preparing for the event as well as for providing services during the event.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

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 \$508,330.28.

**R-39-19
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$508,330.28
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that Resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Forest Park and the State of Illinois, acting by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation, concerning improvements to be constructed by the State, generally at the intersection of Illinois Route 71 (First Avenue) and Roosevelt Road be adopted. It was discussed that the agreement allows for the addition of a sidewalk leading to the bus stop as well as a new emergency vehicle preemption system.

**R-40-19
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AGREEMENT WITH IDOT
FOR WORK AT FIRST AND
ROOSEVELT ROAD
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 Novak and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution honoring Ms. Frances Jean Lee, who is turning age 89 on June 30th be adopted. The clerk read the resolution aloud and Mayor Hoskins presented Ms. Lee with an official copy of the Resolution.

**R-41-19
RESOLUTION HONORING
MS. FRANCES JEAN LEE
ON HER 89TH BIRTHDAY
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 Novak and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to appoint Ms. Kate Webster to the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

**MS. KATE WEBSTER
APPOINTED TO BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 was withdrawn as it does not require Council action.

ITEM #4 WITHDRAWN

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Gillian reported the following:

- The project at First Avenue and Roosevelt Road includes adding a sidewalk on Roosevelt to the existing bus stop (PMSA Request) as well as a new emergency vehicle preemption system.
- This Saturday we are hosting a low-cost pet vaccine clinic at the Fire Department from 9:00 to noon. Services will also include microchips for dogs and village pet tags will also be available.
- The U.S. EPA requires us to distribute the annual water quality report to all bill-paying customers. This year we are providing the report electronically. Any resident who would like a paper copy of the report can call the clerk’s office at 708-366-2323 to have the report mailed.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Novak commented on all the great events that were held recently, including the Fire Department blood drive, the German Fest, Block Parties, and the Juneteenth celebration. Mr. Novak further reported that the deadline for adopting the annual Appropriation Ordinance is July 22nd. The Village Council needs to hold budget workshops prior to adopting the Appropriation. Tentative dates for the workshops are July 1st and 15th.

Commissioner Byrnes echoed Commissioner Novak on the well-attended events over the weekend, and stated that he appreciates the contributions and work from the village Department Heads.

Commissioner Nero commented that the many events in the village really do a great job of bringing people together . In addition, Mr. Nero reported that he has had 9 issues brought to his attention in the last 30-40 days. All issues were resolved promptly, and many within a 24-hour period. Commissioner Nero expressed his appreciation to Tim Gillian and John Doss for all their help with the issues.

Commissioner Voogd Echoed Commissioner Novak on the wonderful events over the last weekend, and expressed her appreciation to the Public Works staff for preparations completed for the 5k and Pride event. In addition, Ms. Voogd thanked Tim Gillian for all his assistance with answering her many questions related to village business.

Mayor Hoskins expressed his gratitude to all the staff and volunteers who helped with the Pride event as well as the 5K, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and reported that the Eleventh Annual Juneteenth Pool Party was a great success. Mayor Hoskins further reported that the village has executed the State of Illinois Debt Recovery program with the assistance of our collection firm and debts in excess of \$2 million have been submitted. Last, Mayor Hoskins commended the Police Department and commented that our well-trained Officers handled a disturbance at the Pride event quietly and peacefully.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Novak moved and Commissioner Nero seconded to adjourn to closed session to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk