

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 2020**

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. Mayor Hoskins announced that all members are attending remotely via video teleconference due to Governor Pritzker's Shelter-in-place order.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the April 27, 2020, 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

Mr. Luke Javor submitted public comment regarding his support for backyard chicken keeping in the village.

Ms. Amanda Ball submitted public comment regarding her support for raising backyard chickens, outlining her recommendations for requirements, and requested the village consider adopting an ordinance permitting backyard chickens.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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 \$198,249.68.

**R-31-20
RESOLUTION FOR THE
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$198,249.68
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:

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the CTA Blue Line Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project to Chicagoland Paving be adopted. It was discussed that in spite of the Village Council’s desire to include green initiatives in the specifications, the cost is prohibitive. This project was awarded a grant, bid out and the contract was awarded in 2014. After the award, the State of Illinois rescinded/postponed the grant. Village Administrator Gillian advised that we can install the pay by plate pay box, consistent with other village pay boxes, if we remove the cost to mark the space numbers in the lot. There was also discussion that there will be a concerted effort to add greenery and landscaping in the future in this and other village infrastructure projects.

**R-32-20
RESOLUTION AWARDING
CONTRACT FOR CTA BLUE
LINE PARKING LOT
PROJECT TO
CHICAGOLAND PAVING
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Ordinance imposing a Motor Fuel Tax pursuant to the Municipal Motor Fuel Tax Law be adopted. It was discussed that this Ordinance is an update to a measure passed previously, to correct a scrivener's error.

**O-21-20
ORDINANCE IMPOSING
MOTOR FUEL TAX
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the South Area (Circle Avenue) Sewer Separation Project be adopted. It was explained by Village Engineer, James Amelio, that this work will direct all storm water from the south end of Circle Avenue through the U.S. Postal Service property and into the Des Plaines River, instead of sending it through the combined sewer to MWRD for water treatment. This project is being largely funded by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD).

**R-33-20
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR SOUTH
AREA (CIRCLE AVENUE)
SEWER SEPARATION
PROJECT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution and acceptance of Temporary Construction and Permanent Utility Easement Agreements with the United States Postal Service be adopted. It was discussed that this resolution is necessary for the implementation of the South Area Sewer Separation Project.

**R-34-20
RESOLUTION APPROVING
TEMPORARY
CONSTRUCTION AND
PERMANENT UTILITY
EASEMENT AGREEMENTS
WITH U.S. POSTAL
SERVICE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-35-20
RESOLUTION APPROVING
IGA WITH MWRDGC FOR
SOUTH SEWER
SEPARATION PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the South Area (Circle Avenue) Sewer Separation Project be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Gillian advised that Proviso School District 209 wants to do a large project in the parking lot of Proviso Math and Science Academy, which will require zoning action. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there are issues for convening a Zoning hearing, which requires testimony and cross-examination, as well as community input. Staff is working to move forward with a plan to hold the hearing, while adhering to social distancing restrictions. The District would like to have the project done before the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Novak questioned whether any zoning action required by PMSA will come before the Village Council for consideration. The Commissioner further expressed his gratitude to Finance Director Letitia Olmsted for her hard work in providing projections for 2020 and 2021 for wages and benefits. Last, the Blue Angels are scheduled to fly along I-290 tomorrow between 11:45 and 12:00.

Commissioner Nero thanked staff for the quick turnaround and implementation of the village's Facebook page. In addition, the Commissioner thanked John Doss and the Public Works staff for maintaining the public areas in town, adding that it looks fabulous. Last, Commissioner Nero stated that there is a lot of construction going on, and reminded all that not only does the result of this work make Forest Park a better place to live and do business, but it also helps to relieve flooding.

Mayor Hoskins reported that the village's Facebook page is up and running, adding that he recorded an address to the village, which was posted. The mayor expressed his gratitude to the Police, Fire, Teamsters, Auto Mechanics' and AFSCME unions for their agreement to taking wage concessions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting revenue losses for the village. Mayor Hoskins further reported that, contrary to earlier reports that the Library staff did not have sufficient PPE, he has confirmed with Library Director, Pilar Shaker, that they do have plenty of face masks and gloves for their staff. Another event that is upcoming is a Pre-Kindergarten Teachers' parade to allow the teachers to connect with the children and families in their classes. The parade will be held on May 19, with a

rain date of May 20. Last, the mayor reported that the village distributed some face masks to small local businesses, in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk