

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 23, 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. Commissioners Byrnes, Nero and Voogd attended remotely due to Governor Pritzker's Shelter-in-place order.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the minutes from the March 9, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Village Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Finance and Police Departments submitted their monthly report.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Nero 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 \$375,024.96.

**R-17-20  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF  
\$375,024.96  
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 Novak and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Lease Termination Agreement and General Release between Clear Wireless LLC and the Village of Forest Park be adopted

**O-14-20  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
LEASE TERMINATION  
AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR  
WIRELESS LLC  
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 approving and authorizing the execution of a Purchase Order for the acquisition of a monitor/defibrillator for the Village of Forest Park Fire Department be adopted.

**O-15-20  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE  
PURCHASE ORDER FOR  
MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR  
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 Nero that the Resolution authorizing hiring a full-time PACE Dial-A-Ride Bus Driver be approved.

**R-18-20  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING HIRING  
PACE BUS DRIVER  
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 Nero that the Resolution approving a superseding Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Village of Forest Park for enhanced Medicaid Ambulance Rates be adopted.

**R-19-20  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
IGA WITH ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY  
SERVICES  
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 Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Metro Paramedic Services, Inc. to provide Paramedic Services to the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-20-20  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PARAMEDIC SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH METRO  
PARAMEDIC SERVICES  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

There were no objections to the Mayor's request for a joint motion for the Mayor's Proclamation to celebrate Women's History Month. The Clerk read the Proclamation aloud. Mayor Hoskins noted that the expected ceremony had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order.

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION  
CELEBRATING WOMEN'S  
HISTORY MONTH**

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Nero to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on an agreement with American Computer & Communications.

**TELE-TICKET LITE  
SOFTWARE AGREEMENT  
RATIFIED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda items 8 and 10 were withdrawn and not considered.

**ITEMS WITHDRAWN**

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Ordinance establishing Temporary Executive Powers pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6 and Chapter 10 of Title 2 of the Code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-16-20  
ORDINANCE  
ESTABLISHING  
TEMPORARY EXECUTIVE  
POWERS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Gillian reported that the Village is going through unprecedented times and commented that the people here are the people you would want to go through this COVID-19 Pandemic with. They are putting forth unbelievable efforts. Mr. Gillian further requested that residents be patient. We are trying to meet all of their needs on a daily basis. Please check our website for daily updates and information.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Novak echoed Administrator Gillian, expressed his special thanks to the first responders and asked all residents to be safe and stay well.

Commissioner Byrnes congratulated Administrator Gillian for doing such a fine job leading our group and wished all residents to stay safe.

Commissioner Nero stated that we are going through uncertain times, which require patience from the public. The level of communication and high requirements from staff and Elected Officials has been well received and the Commissioner stated that he couldn't be prouder of the work being done and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Voogd expressed similar sentiments toward staff and expressed a huge thank you to staff for a commendable job they are doing in dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The commissioner further thanked the Forest Park residents for taking the situation seriously and staying home and encouraged them to exercise caution. Commissioner Voogd further reported that the playgrounds are closed until further notice.

Mayor Hoskins echoed the Commissioners, thanking the Department Heads and the Village Administrator for their contributions and for spending more time at Village Hall even though it is closed to the public. Staff continues to work with diligence during this difficult time.

Mayor Hoskins reported the following related to the local government's response to the COVID-19 situation:

- Municipal employees are not subject to the governor's Shelter-In-Place order.
- Village Hall lobby is closed to protect the employees
- All Village Boards and Commission meetings are suspended until further notice
- The village is not enforcing the overnight parking ban
- Local court is suspended and all cases have been continued automatically.
- The Community Center staff is working with Senior Citizen residents and assisting them with their individual needs
- Restaurants with liquor licenses will be allowed to sell packaged alcohol for consumption off-premise along with the sale of carry out food.
- The Forest Park Mall has offered space to be used by Emergency Responders for staging or storage.
- Local churches have all complied with ceasing in-person services.
- The County has provided the village with a sizeable amount of personal protective equipment for use by first responders
- Staff is in close communication with neighboring villages in order to stay ready to respond.
- Volunteers are standing by in case there is a need to help staff.

In addition, the mayor urged residents to practice the proper social distancing and check on the elderly as COVID can adhere to surfaces for several days.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk