

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 22, 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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the minutes from the June 8, 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the June 17, 2020, Special 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: Commissioner Novak

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Caitlin Hofert expressed her concerns about the condition of the village's buildings at Altenheim as it relates to safety and security of the nearby residents. In addition, Ms. Hofert requested the village take into consideration protective measures when demolishing these buildings.

Mr. Dan Riley expressed his concerns about rats infesting the Hideaway vacant building on Roosevelt Road, and requested the village tear it down or do something with it. In addition, Mr. Riley requested that the weeds growing along the village parking lot near Roosevelt and Marengo be addressed.

Mr. Steve Dudek questioned whether the village is complying with the Open Meetings Act because public comment is required to be submitted in writing, read by the clerk. In addition, Mr. Dudek requested that the village change the lighting in the parking lot behind Grove Lane to comply with village code. Last, Mr. Dudek requested that protective measures be implemented when demolishing the Altenheim buildings, and had questions about how the operation will proceed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd 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 \$381,297.52.

**R-39-20
RESOLUTION FOR THE
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$381,297.52
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 and ratifying approval for the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of electricity from AEP Energy, Inc., the lowest cost electricity provider, for the purposes of street lighting through the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative Bid Process be adopted. It was discussed that the village is interested in finding out how they can amend the contract to include 100% renewable energy. Administrator Gillian is currently working on obtaining that information and it was suggested that the issue be tabled until the cost of renewable energy could be established.

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING
ELECTRICITY PROVIDER
CONTRACT WITH AEP
ENERGY
TABLED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Novak to table the Resolution authorizing and ratifying approval for the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of electricity from AEP Energy, Inc.

**MOTION TO TABLE
RESOLUTION RATIFYING
ELECTRICITY CONTRACT
WITH AEP ENERGY, INC.
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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the award for the Circle Avenue Sewer Separation Project contract to Swallow Construction Corp. be adopted. It was noted that any action of sewer separation is for the good of Forest Park as a whole. In addition, this particular project is being largely funded through a grant from MWRD.

**R-40-20
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF
CIRCLE AVENUE SEWER
SEPARATION PROJECT TO
SWALLOW
CONSTRUCTION CORP.
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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution approving the project specifications, plans, drawings, and contract documents and authorizing the advertising of bids for the demolition of the Altenheim site buildings D, G, Cafeteria and Chapel project be adopted. It was discussed that all concerns

**R-41-20
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
ADVERTISING BIDS FOR
ALTENHEIM BUILDING
DEMOLITION
APPROVED**

voiced during public comment are addressed and included in the contract documents. In addition, Cook County and the State of Illinois will require demolition permits and will ensure that all public safety concerns, including lead and asbestos abatement, will be addressed and complied with by the contractor. All staging and contractor parking will be accommodated on site. The village is receiving a grant in the amount of \$750,000.00 for this project.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #1 for the Hannah Pump Station Emergency Generator Improvement Project to Genco Industries Inc. be adopted.

**R-42-20
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PAY
REQUEST #1 TO GENCO
INDUSTRIES FOR HANNAH
PUMP STATION
GENERATOR
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 Voogd that the Resolution of the Village of Forest Park to approve and authorize the acceptance and execution of a Plat of Easement for a public water main be adopted. Director Glinke explained that the water main in question was a “dead-end” main, and a cross connect was installed into Maywood’s grid was installed but never memorialized. This easement is clean up language and is provided to allow Forest Park access for maintenance and repairs.

**R-43-20
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AND AUTHORIZING THE
ACCEPTANCE OF A PLAT
OF EASEMENT FOR A
PUBLIC WATER MAIN
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**O-24-20
ORDINANCE GRANTING A
THIRD AMENDMENT TO
THE CONDITIONAL USE AT
8601 ROOSEVELT ROAD
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance granting and permitting a Third Amendment to the conditional use granted by Ordinance No. O-24-04, as amended, in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZBA 2020-01: 8601 Roosevelt Road be adopted. Director Glinke explained that this amendment will allow Proviso Math and Science Academy (PMSA) to provide physical education programming in the previously over-built parking lot. In addition, it will increase the permeable surface on the entire site by more than 50%. Efforts were herculean by landscaping, easement, and engineering consultants in order to coordinate the project and application, and design consideration was given and vetted in order to address proximity and rights of way of adjacent properties and Roosevelt Road. Buffers were provided in order to adjust to District 209's programming requests and staff strongly recommends approval. It was also discussed that all costs associated with this project are being paid by District 209.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the request from the Historical Society of Forest Park to display banners promoting their Annual Garden Walk. It was discussed that the Historical Society also invited the elected officials to attend and/or volunteer to help at the event.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BANNER REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 the following:

- The Finance Director sent notice that the annual Appropriation Ordinance will be on the agenda for the July 27, 2020 meeting. In addition, a public hearing will be held the same night at 6:45 p.m. before the Village Council meeting. The Appropriation is based loosely on the budget document.

- The budget discussion brought forth only one change to the proposed budget. The change was suggested by Commissioner Nero and was to add \$30,000.00 to the line for Flood Prevention Grants. Mayor Hoskins confirmed that there will be a second budget meeting, as stated in the June 17, 2020, budget meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Nero commented that it's great that the village is moving forward with the demolition of the Altenheim buildings and expressed his gratitude to the efforts of all staff, including the Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department for their help in assisting with the peaceful march over the last weekend, adding that he was happy to be a part of it.

Commissioner Voogd thanked the Department Heads, especially Tish Olmsted, for putting together the comprehensive budget binder. In addition, the Commissioner participated in the Forest Park Against Racism march, adding that it was a wonderful event that was coordinated not only by the village but the Park District and the Public Works, Police and Fire departments, and celebrated Juneteenth as well.

Mayor Hoskins stated that he is proud that the village is finally moving forward with the demolition of the Altenheim buildings, adding that a lot can be done with the land once that is complete, and giving a pat on the back to Commissioner Voogd, who went down to Springfield, before she was sworn in as Commissioner to ask for the money to fund this project. The mayor also commented about the two marches that have been held in Forest Park. He has received much good feedback from residents and neighboring villages. The march last Friday not only commemorated Juneteenth, but honored those citizens who have been killed as a result of racism in this country. The Mayor reported that the village is going to be moving to Phase 4 of Restore Illinois' plan this Friday. Gatherings of up to 50 people can be held and Restaurants can allow up to 10 people at each table. Social distancing, face covering and hand washing are still fundamentals. The mayor encouraged all residents and elected officials to continue to be vigilant with these efforts. Last, Mayor Hoskins announced that Cook County is taking applications for voting by mail. There will be a link on our website and if anyone has questions, they can call the mayor's office.

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 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk