

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 23, 2020**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Novak, Byrnes, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins answered the Roll Call. Mayor Hoskins announced that all members are attending remotely via video teleconference and he is present in the Council Chambers due to Social Distancing regulations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the minutes from the November 9, 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, Voogd  
and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mark Boroughf expressed his view that the Commissioner of Accounts and Finance has not recently given a commissioner's report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Police Department submitted its September/October report and the Fire Department submitted its October report.

**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 \$743,218.35.

**R-79-20  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$743,218.35  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution determining the estimated property taxes to be levied by the Village of Forest Park for the 2020 tax year be adopted.

**R-80-20  
RESOLUTION ESTIMATING  
2020 PROPERTY TAX LEVY  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the Resolution approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and Teamsters Local Union No. 705 be adopted.

**R-81-20  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT  
WITH TEAMSTERS UNION  
LOCAL 705  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**R-82-20  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
2021 PACE PARATRANSIT  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution approving a 2021 Paratransit Service Provider Agreement between Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (PACE) and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**R-83-20  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
FINAL PAY REQUEST FOR  
CTA BLUE LINE PARKING  
TO CHICAGOLAND PAVING  
CONTRACTORS, INC.  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution approving Pay Request #2 (Final) for the 2020 CTA Blue Line Parking Lot Improvements Project from Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
DIRECTED TO APPOINT 1  
FIRE CAPTAIN, 1 FIRE  
LIEUTENANT AND 1  
FIREFIGHTER  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Fire Captain Eligibility list, one candidate from its current Fire Lieutenant Eligibility list and one candidate from its current Probationary Firefighter Eligibility list.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Administrator Gillian reported the following:

- He was notified that the Invest in Cook grant was awarded to the village to pay half of the Van Buren sidewalk project. The project will total about \$500,000 in work and will stretch from Madison street to the CTA Blue Line, along Van Buren Street.

- The village and Local 705 bargaining teams did a great job and it's a good sign when both groups can make an agreement where they are all satisfied.
- Mr. Gillian thanked Swallow Construction and Brad Bahn of Burke Engineering on the conclusion of the Circle Sewer Separation Project. The project was not scheduled to be completed until Spring of 2021 and thanks to their hard work and coordination, the job is essentially finished. The street striping may be done on Wednesday and the entire job was accomplished with minimal complaints.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Novak wished his neighbor and longtime Forest Park Resident, May Bill, a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on November 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Commissioner wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Byrnes congratulated the staff at the Community Center on a job well done today. The staff packaged up and provided 110 turkeys and trimmings to needy Forest Park families today. The Commissioner also wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Voogd expressed her gratitude to the village staff, Department Heads, Attorney, Mayor and Fellow Commissioners and wished a happy and safe Thanksgiving to all.

Mayor Hoskins reported that he is happy to be back working at Village Hall and stated it is nice to be here tonight with the Village Council and to be COVID-free. The virus is nothing to take lightly. The mayor further thank all for their well wishes and thanked his generous neighbors for all they offered during his illness. With 84,000 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19, the mayor encouraged everyone to wear masks, and continue to be extra careful to try to slow the spread of the virus. In addition, the village has reached out to the liquor license holders to communicate the village's expectations and the state's current restrictions on their operations. Last, the mayor stated that he is thankful for the support of the village staff and Village Administrator Gillian.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk