

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

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 and he is present in the Village Hall due to Social Distancing regulations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the minutes from the January 25, 2021, 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 January 29, 2021, 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:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Cook County President, Toni Preckwinkle, was scheduled to speak to the members, however was experiencing technical issues and was not able to address the Village Council.

**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 \$402,582.56.

**R-13-21  
RESOLUTION FOR  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$402,582.56  
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:**

Village Engineer, James Amelio, presented the 2021 Infrastructure Plan, which is based upon the 5-year plan for calendar years 2018-2022. For the 3-year period from 2018-2020, the village completed \$10.7 million in projects. Projects planned for 2021 include the demolition of the Altenheim buildings, Van Buren Street Multi-use path, water main and street resurfacing of Monroe Street, Thomas Avenue, resurfacing of the village employee parking lot with permeable pavers, painting of the North and South water towers, and resurfacing of 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The estimated total project cost for 2021 is \$5,053,000, with funding coming from various village funds and \$1,197,500 in expected grant funding.

**2021 INFRASTRUCTURE  
PLAN PRESENTED BY  
VILLAGE ENGINEER,  
JAMES AMELIO**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance granting approval of a Conditional Use for drive-through facilities for a restaurant at 7201 W. Madison Street, in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZBA 2021-01: 7201 W. Madison Street be adopted. It was discussed that in addition to being an app-order system (no microphone), givebacks include a Forest Park village sign and landscaping improvements.

**O-03-21  
ORDINANCE GRANTING  
CONDITIONAL USE FOR  
DRIVE-THROUGH  
RESTAURANT AT 7201 W.  
MADISON STREET  
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 demolition of Altenheim site buildings D, G, Cafeteria, Chapel and Garage project to KLF Enterprises, Inc. be adopted. It was discussed that prevailing wages will be paid on the project, permits (including Cook County demolition permit) are the responsibility of the contractor and any asbestos abatement will occur before the demolition of the buildings. There is a pre-construction meeting schedule for Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

**R-14-21  
RESOLUTION AWARDED  
ALTENHEIM DEMOLITION  
CONTRACT TO KLF  
ENTERPRISES, 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 pledging its good faith and credit for permit work within the Illinois Department of Transportation Right-of-Ways be adopted.

**R-15-21  
RESOLUTION FOR PERMIT  
WORK WITHIN IDOT  
RIGHT-OF-WAY  
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 for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code be adopted.

**R-16-21  
RESOLUTION FOR  
MAINTENANCE UNDER  
ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE  
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the Rehabilitation Project of the South Water Tank in the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was discussed that both the inside and outside of the tank will be painted to protect against rust and preserve its longevity.

**R-17-21  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF  
CONTRACT FOR  
REHABILITATION OF  
SOUTH WATER TANK  
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the raffle permit requested by the Hephzibah Children’s Association.

**HEPHZIBAH CHILDREN’S  
ASSOCIATION RAFFLE  
PERMIT 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:**

None

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes thanked Jim Amelio and Steve Glinke for their help this evening and announced that he just received his second COVID-19 vaccination at Hines V.A.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the Public Works crews have been working around the clock for days cleaning up from the multiple snow events. The commissioner commended the workers on the great job done in spite of having a reduced staff and equipment that is past its useful life, adding that the department's first priority is to clean the streets.

Mayor Hoskins reported that he and Chief Aftanas participated in a regional forum on carjacking, hosted by Chicago Mayor Lightfoot and the Chicago Police Superintendent. The departments are working towards better information sharing, a secure site to exchange information, noting that many of the offenders are the same for those incidents in the city and suburbs. The city pledged to increase license plate reader use, notify the suburbs of arrests and to increase home monitoring of those on home confinement. Next the mayor participated in an Age Friendly Collaborative meeting with Oak Park, River Forest and Maywood identifying best practices for serving our older community. Last, the Illinois Department of Public Health is working on providing more COVID-19 resources and is working on a mobile testing unit, which could come to Forest Park.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk