

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 11, 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 December 14, 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 Novak and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the December 14, 2020, Tax Levy Public Hearing be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Byrnes

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Theresa Marousek, Mr. Ralph DiFebo, Ms. Rose Krogh, Ms. Kathryn Heavey, and Ms. MaryJo Buffo asked the Village Council to consider postponing the construction of the path along Van Buren until the plan for the rest of the land is confirmed. Ms. Lieke van Heumen, on behalf of the 7771 Van Buren Townhome Association supported the construction of the Van Buren path. Mr. Chris

Harris suggested the Village Council pass a resolution calling for a referendum regarding preserving the Altenheim land as green space.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department submitted its November 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 \$1,647,519.16.

**R-01-21
RESOLUTION FOR
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,647,519.16
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 Ordinance amending Section 4-2-5, entitled "Charges," of Chapter 2, entitled "Garbage, Refuse and Waste," of Title 4, entitled "Health and Sanitation," of the code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was discussed that since the contract expires at the end of 2022, it would make more sense to change the Ordinance to only include that time frame.

**O-01-21
ORDINANCE SETTING
GARBAGE REFUSE AND
WASTE CHARGES FOR
2021 AND 2022
APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**AMENDMENT TO
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to amend the proposed ordinance by striking "Effective January 1, 2023 \$32.73 \$20.70" from Section 1-A.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Novak
The motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to call the roll on the main motion, as amended.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: Commissioner Novak

ABSENT: None
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and the County of Cook, by and through the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways for the engineering, construction and maintenance costs for a multi-use path along Van Buren Street from Madison Street to the CTA Blue Line Transit Center be adopted. It was discussed that the Village Council already approved the grant application and the plans and specifications for the project. The total project cost is estimated at \$495,000 and the village's share would be half. In addition to improving public safety, this project could make the property more valuable.

**R-02-21
RESOLUTION FOR IGA
WITH COOK COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR
VAN BUREN WALKING
PATH
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: Commissioner Novak

ABSENT: None
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #6 (Final) for the 2019 Brown Avenue TIF Improvements project to Swallow Construction Corp. be adopted.

**R-03-21
RESOLUTION FOR
EXECUTION OF PAY
REQUEST #6 FOR BROWN
TIF IMPROVEMENTS
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 approving and authorizing the execution of an annual Service Agreement for Water Storage Tanks by and between Corrpro, an Aegion Company, and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-04-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
WATER TANK SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH
CORRPRO
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 approving and authorizing the execution of Pay Request #5 (Final) for the 2019 Water Main Project to Uno Construction Co., Inc. be adopted.

**R-05-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #5 FOR
2019 WATER MAIN
PROJECT
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 to approve the process for selecting the successor Village Administrator.

**PROCESS FOR SELECTING
SUCCESSOR VILLAGE
ADMINISTRATOR
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: Commissioner Novak

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Firefighter Eligibility List to fill a vacancy.

**BFPC DIRECTED TO
APPOINT ONE
PROBATIONARY
FIREFIGHTER TO FILL A
VACANCY**

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 request from the Forest Park Public Library to display two banners promoting their events celebrating Black History Month.

**LIBRARY 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 that due to a large number of contractors attending the Altenheim building demolition pre-bid meeting, the bid opening will be delayed 2 weeks. It is expected that this number of contractors should produce very competitive pricing for the project.

In addition, expansion of the License Plate Reader's capabilities is being explored and monthly parking permits will soon be for sale online, as opposed to only in-person sales. It is expected that the online sales may begin as soon as February.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Novak stated that tonight's public comments were good and added that he will check with the other Commissioners to see if they want to adopt a Resolution for a referendum question.

Commissioner Byrnes congratulated newly sworn Deputy Fire Chief, Tim Conrad and Fire Lieutenant Mike Kinder on their promotions. In addition, expressed his sadness at the sudden loss of Firefighter John Van Petten.

Commissioner Nero expressed his sadness at the passing of John Van Petten, adding that he will be missed. The commissioner also stated that he would like to think that this Village Council will be able to work together for the betterment of Forest Park by being flexibly and engaged in getting the right Village Administrator.

Commissioner Voogd stated that she's looking forward to more public meetings regarding the Altenheim property, ensuring that the Village Council communicates with the public on this subject.

Mayor Hoskins reported that he has received multiple inquiries about COVID-19 vaccines. The village plays no direct role in the distribution of the vaccines at this point. The State of Illinois is handling the distribution. The mayor further reported that all of our Firefighters and most of our Police Officers have been vaccinated. More information can be obtained from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

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 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk