

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 22, 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 Voogd that the minutes from the February 8, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Paul Price expressed his enthusiasm for being nominated to the Plan Commission, hoping the nomination is approved.

Mr. Thomas Kovac asked numerous questions about the Plan Commission appointments and the circumstances leading to the appointments.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Hoskins introduced Cook County President, Toni Preckwinkle, who updated the village on what's happening at the county level. The county passed a balanced budget, which included no new taxes, an equity fund, earmarked for transportation and \$20 million in violence prevention. In addition, the county is administering 500 COVID-19 vaccinations at the Triton site daily, in addition to the Tinley Park and South Suburban Community College sites. The president thanked the members for their hard work and stated that the county plans to continue to partner with the village and to provide funding for Invest in Cook and Community Development Block Grant funds.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted its January, 2021 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 \$588,784.80.

**R-18-21
RESOLUTION FOR
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$588,784.80
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 approving and authorizing the execution of a Time Stamp System & Support Agreement with Midwest Time Recorder, Inc. be adopted.

**O-04-21
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
TIME STAMP AGREEMENT
WITH MIDWEST TIME
RECORDER, 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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution of the Village of Forest Park to approve and authorize the execution and acceptance of a Construction License Agreement with 1540 Hannah, LLC be adopted.

**R-19-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
CONSTRUCTION LICENSE
AGREEMENT WITH 1540
HANNAH, 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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Novak to appoint Mr. Paul Price, Mr. Ryan Russ and Mr. Scott Whitebone to the Forest Park Plan Commission. It was discussed that these appointments are to fill expired terms.

PAUL PRICE, RYAN RUSS AND SCOTT WHITEBONE APPOINTED TO PLAN COMMISSION

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to table the motion concerning the Plan Commission appointments until the next Village Council meeting on March 8, 2021.

MOTION TO TABLE PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FAILS

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes and Nero

NAYES: Commissioners Novak and Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

ABSENT: None

The motion failed.

The clerk was instructed to take the roll call on the main motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Novak, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: Commissioners Byrnes and Nero

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Novak requested a progress report from the Village Administrator Search Sub-Committee.

Commissioner Nero thanked the residents who provided feedback and kind comments to the snow removal crews after the recent large snowfall event. The commissioner further commented that he, Commissioner Voogd and John Doss are working on gathering hard numbers to replace some of the

equipment that is either in disrepair or out of commission. Last, the demolition of the village-owned Altenheim buildings is scheduled to begin on March 1st and is hoped to be completed by June 15th.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the application for Tree City USA has been approved, thanks to the help from John Doss, Tim Gillian and village staff. The designation is something to be proud of and includes an official Arbor Day event. The 2020 event had to be scaled back due to COVID-19, however we did plant an oak tree at the Park District. The oak tree was donated by McAdam Landscaping. The commissioner added that we are planning an Arbor Day event for 2021. Those details will follow.

Mayor Hoskins gave an update on the Village Administrator sub-committee activities. The committee members have found it difficult to conduct discussions in a public forum, due mostly to the requirement to keep the candidates' names confidential. The committee has had two meetings that did not include a majority of a quorum of the Village Council and therefore did not require compliance with the Open Meetings Act and public involvement in the meeting. The deadline for receiving resumes was extended to 5:00 today and the committee decided that they did not require outside assistance with recruitment efforts. Initial interviews are expected to be conducted in early March.

Mayor Hoskins further reported that he participated in an Illinois Association of Park Districts meeting, which included Park District Director Jackie Iovanelli's report. Last, the mayor reported that today, the United States reached the milestone of 500,000 COVID-19 deaths and flags are being flown at half-mast in honor of the individuals. The mayor urged all to continue to be vigilant to prevent the spread of the virus.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk