

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

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Hoskins introduced Bradford Townsend, who gave a presentation on the various forms of government and explained the process should the Village Council decide to place a referendum on the ballot regarding changing Forest Park's form of government.

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 \$298,263.72.

**R-20-21
RESOLUTION FOR
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$298,263.72
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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance amending Chapter 10, entitled "Taxicabs, Taximeters, and Drivers," of the Village Code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was discussed that the changes are being made at the request of Blue Cab, in order to help them compete better with rideshare companies like Uber and Lyft.

**O-05-21
ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 10, REGARDING
TAXICABS, TAXIMETERS
AND DRIVERS
APPROVED**

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 Nero that the Ordinance amending Section 5-1-11 of Chapter 1 of Title 5 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was discussed that the Recreation Board requested these changes in order to install a lock on the Dog Park to prevent non-registered users and to ensure that all dogs who are registered have their proper inoculations.

**O-06-21
ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 1, REGARDING
THE FOREST PARK DOG
PARK
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 Novak that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) 2021 Program Year Capital Improvement/Demolition and Economic Development Project Application be adopted.

**R-21-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
CDBG 2021 PROGRAM
YEAR APPLICATION
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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Novak to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Police Sergeant Eligibility list to fill a vacancy.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTED TO APPOINT
ONE POLICE SERGEANT
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 Novak reported that it is that time of year for residents to renew their vehicle stickers. The renewals are due by April 1st.

Commissioner Voogd wished all a Happy International Women’s Day.

Mayor Hoskins reported that there were some unruly crowds on Madison Street this past Saturday. It seems that patrons were celebrating St. Patrick's Day early. The mayor reminded everyone that COVID protocols are still in place and the village will be enforcing the 50% occupancy mandate. Last, there is a donation center set up in Broadview to provide relief to those in Mississippi who have no water due to recent weather events. If anyone wants to drop off donations at the Village Hall, they will be transported to Broadview for the people of Mississippi.

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 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk