

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 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 March 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the minutes from the March 8, 2021, Special 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

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the March 8, 2021, Closed Session 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

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the minutes from the March 9, 2021, Special 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

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the minutes from the March 9, 2021, Closed Session 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

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Julianne Bonwit expressed her gratitude to both the Village Council for recognizing Jill Wagner as an outstanding community member and to Jill Wagner for her remarkable contributions to the village.

Mr. Scott Dunnell thanked the Village Council for their continued support for the Kindness Week event and activities in District 91 and throughout the village for the third year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department and Police Department submitted their monthly reports.

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 \$674,572.22.

**R-22-21
RESOLUTION FOR
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$674,572.22
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 Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code relevant to the use of MFT funds for the Watermain and Resurfacing project on the 7700 block of Monroe and 400-600 blocks of Thomas be adopted.

**R-23-21
RESOLUTION FOR
IMPROVEMENT UNDER
THE 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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 2020 Watermain Replacement and

**R-24-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECS AND BIDS FOR
WATERMAIN AND
RESURFACING
APPROVED**

Resurfacing Program be adopted.

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 Resolution relating to a Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan of the Firefighters and Lieutenants of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

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 Resolution approving the transfer of the PEHP-Z to the IPPFA Post-Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan of the Firefighters and Lieutenants of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the week of April 26th as “Kindness Week” in Forest Park and Clerk Moritz read the Mayor’s Proclamation aloud.

Mayor Hoskins proclaimed the Village Council and the citizens of Forest Park recognize and celebrate Jill Wagner’s many accomplishments as a leader of Pack 109 and her dedication to Scouting and to the community and village. Clerk Moritz read the Mayor’s Proclamation aloud.

**R-25-21
RESOLUTION RELATED TO
RETIREMENT
HEALTHCARE FUNDING
PLAN FOR FIREFIGHTERS
AND LIEUTENANTS
APPROVED**

**R-26-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
TRANSFER OF PEHP-Z
FUNDS TO IPPFA POST-
RETIREMENT
HEALTHCARE FUNDING
PLAN
APPROVED**

**MAYOR’S PROCLAMATION
KINDNESS WEEK**

**MAYOR’S PROCLAMATION
HONORING JILL WAGNER**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Novak congratulated Jill Wagner on the recognition received this evening and pointed out the fact that there will be no Kindness Week labels due to COVID-19. Last, the Commissioner expressed his pride that Forest Park is doing its part and making a difference by partnering with the State and County in opening the mass vaccination site. Last, Commissioner Novak reminded residents that vehicle sticker season is upon us and the sticker must be purchased and displayed by April 1.

Commissioner Byrnes reported that the Park District is holding their traditional annual Easter Egg hunt on the soccer field this Saturday at 10:00. The commissioner further congratulated Jill Wagner on a tremendous job and noted that he considers Jill a good friend.

Commissioner Nero congratulated Jill and the Wagner family. In addition, the commissioner reminded residents that with the good weather, they need to remember to socialize safely and responsibly. Last, Commissioner Nero encouraged residents to contact IDOT to encourage them to clean up the excessive debris left from the melted snow mounds.

Commissioner Voogd reported that we are planning a community clean up event in the near future. Details will be announced soon. Those looking for information can email jvoogd@forestpark.net. The commissioner expressed her gratitude to District 91 for continuing with Project Kindness as it reminds and teaches us the importance of being kind. Finally, Commissioner Voogd congratulated Jill Wagner on the recognition she received tonight.

Mayor Hoskins reported that Police Chief Aftanas held an award ceremony last Monday, presenting merit awards to the afternoon shift that responded to the call on January 14th of an armed offender barricaded in an apartment building. In addition, Sergeant Defors and Officer Marti each received an Award of Valor for their efforts that day. Next Monday, March 29th, there will be a ceremony to present recognition to those officers who responded to an armed robbery at Thornton's. All are welcome to attend. Last, Mayor Hoskins reported that a mass vaccination site, run by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Cook County Department of Public Health will be opening this Friday in Forest Park. The site is expected to have the capacity to vaccinate up to 5,000 people per day. Forest Park firefighters will be on the scene during operations at all times. The village is happy to do its part in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. Hopefully all of the people coming to Forest Park for vaccines will be a benefit to the local businesses as well.

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 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk