

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 12, 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 March 20, 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, 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 20, 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, 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 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the March 27, 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, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the March 27, 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, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Nicola Hale expressed her concerns about the expansion of Farmington Foods and their history of non-compliance with noise and operational restrictions.

Mr. Thomas Kovac expressed his concerns about the expansion of Farmington Foods and urged the Village Council to reject the current proposal and rescind the PUD.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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 \$434,383.91.

**R-27-21
RESOLUTION FOR
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$434,383.91
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 Novak that the Ordinance authorizing the execution of an amendment to a Planned Unit Development agreement and granting a conditional use permit for Farmington Foods, in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: PC 2021-01: 7419, 7431, 7445 Franklin Street be adopted. Mr. Peter Friedman, attorney for the petitioner and Mr. Albert La Valle, representative of the petitioner commented on the negotiated restrictions, stating that they could agree to all but 3 of the 18 additional requirements.

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
AMENDMENT TO
FARMINGTON FOODS
PLANNED UNIT
DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT
CONTINUED TO
APRIL 26, 2021**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to continue the Ordinance to the next Village Council meeting on April 26, 2021, in order to allow the parties to come to a mutually agreeable conclusion.

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 appointing Salvatore Stella as the Director of Public Works for the Village of Forest Park, Illinois be adopted. Both Commissioners Nero and Voogd expressed their excitement at the appointment and their confidence in Sal’s abilities, passion and energy.

**R-28-21
RESOLUTION APPOINTING
SALVATORE STELLA AS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
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 to approve and authorize the execution of a COVID-19 Support Services Reimbursement Agreement by and between the Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security of the County of Cook and the Village of Forest Park for the reimbursement of eligible COVID-19 expenses be adopted.

**R-29-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
REIMBURSEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH COOK
COUNTY FOR COVID-19
VACCINATION SITE
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 Nero to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint three candidates from its current Probationary Police Officers Eligibility List to fill vacancies.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTED TO APPOINT
THREE PROBATIONARY
POLICE OFFICERS
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 to approve the request from Forest Park School District 91 to display banners promoting their third annual Kindness Week event.

**DISTRICT 91 BANNER
REQUEST FOR KINDNESS
WEEK EVENT
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 request from Joanne Despotos, of Hunger Walkathon West, to display banners promoting the CROP Hunger Walk be approved.

**CROP HUNGER WALK
BANNER REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 request from the Forest Park Public Library to use village property for programming be approved.

**FOREST PARK LIBRARY
REQUEST TO USE
VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR
PROGRAMMING
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:

Commissioners Byrnes and Voogd requested that they receive the agenda and supporting documents in a more timely manner. They expressed their dissatisfaction with receiving this meeting's documents at 10:30 p.m. on Friday.

Mayor Hoskins shared a thank you letter from a resident with the Commissioners. In addition, the mayor reported that the Altenheim Cafeteria building is scheduled to begin demolition on Wednesday. The Chapel building demolition is scheduled to begin on April 26th. Mayor Hoskins invited the other elected officials and the Department Heads to come to the Altenheim to commemorate the event by taking a photograph on April 26th. Burke Engineering will provide the photographer. Last, the mayor reported that the Police Department is using body cameras on a trial basis. He expressed his pleasure to see the cameras in use, adding that they will supplement the squad car dashboard cameras.

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 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk