

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 10, 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the April 26, 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. Art Sundry submitted petitions containing signatures from individuals urging the Village Council to revoke the liquor license of Forest Park Tap Room.

Mr. Mark Denny requested the village address the disturbances, code violations and offensive nuisance violations at the Crystal Car Wash at 901 Harlem Avenue. Mr. Denny cited several village codes that he believes are being violated and submitted several letters of support from surrounding neighbors.

Ms. Lynda Guillu expressed her concerns about the excessive noise and disturbances related to Forest Park Tap Room and requested that the village control the chronic issues.

Mr. Erich Krumrei, Owner of Play it Again Sports at 7443 Madison Street announced that the store is now officially open and expressed his gratitude for all the help received, as well as his eagerness to be a part of the community.

**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 \$397,929.59.

**R-37-21  
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF  
\$397,929.59  
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 Novak and seconded by Commissioner Nero to recess into closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and to consider and deliberate salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

**RECESS INTO CLOSED  
SESSION AT 7:16 P.M.**

**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 Village Council reconvene to open session.

**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 authorizing the waiver of the Hiring Freeze for IMRF Employees regarding the hiring of a Village Administrator be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 was withdrawn.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the Resolution appointing a Village Administrator and approving and authorizing the execution of a Village Administrator Employment Agreement for 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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 14<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing CDBG Project be adopted.

**OPEN SESSION  
RECONVENED AT 8:16 P.M.**

**R-38-21  
RESOLUTION WAIVING  
IMRF HIRING FREEZE FOR  
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR  
APPROVED**

**AGENDA ITEM  
WITHDRAWN**

**R-39-21  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING  
MOSES AMIDEI AS  
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR  
APPROVED**

**R-40-21  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING BIDDING OF  
14<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
RESURFACING PROJECT  
APPROVED**

**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:**

All of the elected officials congratulated Moses Amidei on his appointment to Village Administrator and welcomed him to the Forest Park team.

Commissioner Byrnes expressed his appreciation to the Forest Park Police Officers and the Department on the handling of disturbances on Madison Street under extremely difficult circumstances.

Commissioner Nero expressed his hope that the village will be able to curtail the recent disturbances being experienced on Madison Street.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the village will be holding an electronic recycling event the week of May 22 through May 27<sup>th</sup>. Details can be found on the village’s website and Facebook page. Also, there will a volunteer Community Cleanup day on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, in coordination with the Park District.

Mayor Hoskins reported that the Village Council is holding an in-person Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to consider mitigations to address the issues in the Central Business District. The public is welcome to attend.

**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 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk