

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 24, 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 participated remotely.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the May 10, 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 May 10, 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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the May 12, 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals provided public comment in opposition to the temporary change in hours of sale and delivery of alcoholic liquor to end at 11:00 p.m.

- William Coghlan, Kitchen Manager at McGaffers
- Karen Johnson
- Martin Sorice
- Tony Kaldis
- Brandon Wilkes, Manager at Pioneer
- Jack Dengel, Bartender at Doc Ryan’s
- Joseph Sullivan, Owner Duffy’s Tavern
- Chris Buckley
- Danielle Condon
- Anna Roth
- Robert Kurz
- Kenya Richardson
- Chris Borroff, Bartender at Blueberry
- Vanessa Panfil

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Fire Department submitted its April report.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Nero 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 \$540,874.24.

**R-41-21  
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF  
\$540,874.24  
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposition of surplus property of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-10-21  
ORDINANCE FOR  
DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE  
ELECTRONICS  
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 approving and ratifying the execution of Change Order No. 2 to the contract with KLF Enterprises, Inc. for the Altenheim buildings demolition project be adopted.

**R-42-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
CHANGE ORDER FOR  
ALTENHEIM DEMOLITION  
PROJECT  
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 approving a Forest Park National Bank & Trust Co. Desktop Deposit Service Agreement be adopted.

**R-43-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
DESKTOP DEPOSIT  
AGREEMENT  
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 changes in contract specifications related to the painting of the Village Logo upon the Village's South Water Tower be approved.

**CONTRACT CHANGES FOR  
VILLAGE LOGO ON SOUTH  
WATER TOWER  
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 Byrnes that the Forest Park Juneteenth Planning Committee's request to display banners and to host a flag-raising ceremony at Village Hall be approved.

**JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE  
REQUEST FOR BANNERS  
AND FLAG-RAISING  
CEREMONY  
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:**

Administrator, Moses Amidei, introduced himself and expressed his excitement to be a part of the Forest Park Community as well as the region. The Administrator further stated that, over his first two weeks here, he has been impressed with the passion and pride that people take in Forest Park and that he is looking forward to serving the community. Mr. Amidei further reported that he has an open-door policy and encourages contact and communication with the public, the community and the business community.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Novak expressed his gratitude to all of the people who came out and provided input to the Village Council regarding the liquor hours of sale.

Commissioner Byrnes echoed Commission Novak, adding that the elected officials want to be a part of the solution and that he hopes there can be a quick resolution to the issue.

Commissioner Nero stated that he realizes that it's not easy to give public comment and that the passion of the speakers came through to him. He thanked those who came out to provide comments and added that the issue is not being taken lightly. The commissioner encouraged those with ideas to be sure to communicate them to Moses Amidei. Next, the commissioner announced that the Des Plaines Avenue bridge over I-290 will be closing from June 3-7<sup>th</sup>. Last, Commissioner Nero gave a

shout-out to the Public Works crews for the major success of last week's electronic recycling and major trash hauling event.

Commissioner Voogd expressed her appreciation to all those who provided public comment and assured the public that their comments will not be taken lightly. The commissioner truly hopes that the village will come up with solutions to the issues. Next Commissioner Voogd stated that last week was a great week in the Public Works Department. We recycled 28 skids of electronics, including 50 large televisions and a 20-yard dumpster of bulk items. Last, the commissioner expressed her gratitude to the volunteers who came out to help on Saturday for the Community Clean Up event.

Mayor Hoskins echoed the comments made by the Commissioners and added that the village's actions are not meant to be punitive. The village wants to work with all of the stakeholders and has formed a committee to facilitate that and added that the changes in the liquor serving hours do not necessarily have to continue through Labor Day.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk