

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 14, 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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the minutes from the May 24, 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. Mark Denny spoke about the noise at Crystal Car wash, referring to it as a violation of the village's noise ordinances and submitted a petition with twenty-six signatures.

There were multiple technical issues interrupting the live meeting so the Zoom meeting had to be discontinued mid-meeting.

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.

- Chris Fleming
- Colin Jackson
- Chris Buckley
- Anna Leseth
- April Reed
- Jonathon Cannon
- Lynn Sorice
- Ted Williams
- Martin Sorice
- Matthew Sorice
- Joseph Sullivan

Ms. Kathryn Heavy spoke as a resident of the Grove community and a member of Concerned Van Buren Citizens Committee. There are 200 residences in the area of the Altenheim. Residents are grateful that the buildings are coming down. Ms. Heavy urged Elected Officials to work with the stakeholders regarding the future use of the land. The Committee would like to share their ideas.

Mr. Dan Riley requested action on the village's part regarding the run-down building at Adams and Harlem, the Union Hall at Roosevelt and Marengo, and the presences of rats at the old Hideaway also at Roosevelt and Harlem. Last Mr. Riley requested the village take care of tall weeds in the alley in the rear of 1134 Circle and alongside the telephone poles in the alley.

Ms. Brook Sievers commented (via email) about the disruptions to the neighborhood, litter and noise from the Pioneer Tap, noting that the issues have stopped since the bar hours were rolled back. The result is an improved quality of life for the residents in the area.

Mr. Christopher Harris congratulated (via email) John Doss on his retirement, wishing him good luck in the future.

Note – Mr. Anthony Crawford requested to speak in support of extending the bar/restaurant hours during public comment and the clerk mistakenly skipped his request. Apologies to Mr. Crawford.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Police Department submitted its March/April report.

**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 \$590,865.33.

**R-44-21  
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF  
\$590,865.33  
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:**

The Resolution honoring Public Works Director, John L. Doss upon his retirement from the Village of Forest Park was jointly motioned and seconded by the entire Village Council.

**R-45-21  
RESOLUTION HONORING  
RETIRING PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR JOHN DOSS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously. Each Elected Official said words of congratulation, appreciation and best wishes to John. Director Doss received a copy of the Resolution and thanked his co-workers, elected officials, Department Heads, assistant, Katie Murphy and his family.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of Intergovernmental Master agreements between the Village of Forest Park and the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Maintenance Obligations and cost allocation of Traffic Control Devices be adopted.

**R-46-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
MASTER AGREEMENTS  
WITH IDOT FOR  
MAINTENANCE AND  
TRAFFIC CONTROL  
DEVICES  
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 that the Ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium, until September 6, 2021, on the acceptance and processing of applications and the issuance of amusement licenses to holders of Class A1 Liquor Licenses pursuant to Title 3, Chapter, 3 Section 3-3-12 of the village code of ordinance be adopted. The motion died for a lack of a second.

**ORDINANCE IMPOSING  
TEMPORARY  
MORATORIUM ON  
AMUSEMENT LICENSES  
FAILS DUE TO LACK OF  
SECOND**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance amending section 3-3-6, entitled "License Fee and Number," of Chapter 3, entitled "Liquor Control" of Title 3, entitled "Business and License Regulations" of the village code of ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-11-21  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
LIQUOR CODE TO  
AUTOMATICALLY REDUCE  
AVAILABLE LICENSES  
WHEN AN  
ESTABLISHMENT CEASES  
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 Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposition of Surplus Property of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-12-21  
ORDINANCE TO DISPOSE  
OF SURPLUS PUBLIC  
WORKS VEHICLES AND  
PROPERTY  
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 authorizing the execution of Pay Request #1 for the Rehabilitation of the South Water Tank at 1580 South Hannah project to Tecorp, Inc. be adopted.

**R-47-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PAY REQUEST #1 FOR  
SOUTH WATER TANK  
REHAB 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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #4 (Final) for the Hannah Pump Station Emergency Generator Improvement Project to Genco Industries, Inc. be adopted.

**R-48-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
FINAL PAY REQUEST FOR  
HANNAH PUMP STATION  
GENERATOR  
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 to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire  
and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its  
current Probationary Firefighter Eligibility List to fill a vacancy.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
DIRECTED TO APPOINT  
ONE PROBATIONARY  
FIREFIGHTER  
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 Voogd to approve the Forest Park Chamber of  
Commerce’s request to host the Annual Sidewalk Sale, adding  
a Mini “Taste of Forest Park” on Madison Street July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
through July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SIDEWALK SALE AND  
TASTE OF FOREST PARK  
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 to approve the request from the Historical  
Society of Forest Park to display banners promoting their  
fourth annual Garden Walk, to be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BANNER REQUEST  
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:**

Commissioner Novak congratulated and thanked John Doss for his many years of service to the village.

Commissioner Byrnes seconded Commissioner Novak's sentiments to John Doss.

Commissioner Voogd expressed her gratitude to Administrator Amidei for the explanatory agenda memos provided and her disappointment that Mr. DiFebo's presentation was not heard. The commissioner hopes to hear it soon as well as to participate in Town Hall meetings to discuss the use of the Altenheim land in the near future.

Mayor Hoskins reported that with the great progress happening at the Altenheim, the village plans to meet with the different stakeholder groups as well as with the Altenheim administration. The mayor then addressed all of the people who submitted public comment, assuring them that the elected officials do hear their comments. The liquor serving hours amendment was not intended to be punitive, but to protect the street and ensure that regulations are uniformly enforced. Since the temporary hours were adopted, the street has been incredibly calm and has a different feel. Last, Mayor Hoskins explained that the Ordinance that was not taken up tonight, regarding a moratorium on entertainment licenses was intended to help the village get control of the situation.

**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 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk