

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JULY 12, 2021**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins answered the Roll Call. Commissioner Novak was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the June 28, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Village Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Minutes from the July 2, 2021 Special meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beatrix Budy submitted written public comment suggesting that the village should keep records pertaining to the use of any Crystal Car Wash services by the village to avoid the impartiality or the appearance of impartiality when enforcing village code section 5-2-4 – Offensive Nuisances.

Ms. Catherine Hegarty submitted written public comment expressing her concern and frustration with the noise coming from Crystal Car Wash at Lexington and Harlem, requesting the village get involved in resolving the noise issue being experienced in the neighborhood.

Ms. Karen Richards stated that she believes she has new information regarding her son's death and wants something done. Ms. Richards gave what she described as samples of evidence from the scene and asked for them to be sent to the lab. Ms. Richards stated that she wants justice.

Ms. Monica Berns provided materials (articles) to the elected officials and clerk concerning the handling of car wash wastewater, the importance of sound suppression in dryers and how to lower the noise output from your car wash. Ms. Berns expressed her gratitude to the elected officials for coming out to see and hear her concerns about the Crystal Car Wash.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted its May, 2021 report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$509,844.47.

**R-54-21
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$509,844.47
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance authorizing and ratifying the execution of a Joint Purchasing Requisition for the purchase of one (1) 2021/2022 Ford Explorer Command Vehicle for the Village of Forest Park Fire Department be adopted.

**O-17-21
ORDINANCE RATIFYING
PURCHASE ORDER FOR
FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMAND VEHICLE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance authorizing and ratifying the execution of a Joint Purchasing Requisition for the purchase of one (1) 2021/2022 Ford Explorer Replacement Vehicle for the Village of Forest Park Public Works Department be adopted. It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to amend the ordinance to include the correct purchase order exhibit for reference.

**O-18-21
ORDINANCE RATIFYING
PURCHASE ORDER FOR
PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT VEHICLE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance amending sections 7-4-7 and 7-4-9 of the village code of the Village of Forest Park with respect to water and sewer rates and charges and late payment charges for delinquent water and sewer accounts be adopted. It was discussed that the water increases from the City of Chicago to the village are implemented each year on June 1st.

**O-19-21
ORDINANCE
IMPLEMENTING WATER
AND SEWER RATES AND
LATE PAYMENT CHARGES
FOR DELINQUENT WATER
AND SEWER ACCOUNTS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #1 for the 2020 Water Main Project (Thomas and Monroe) to Uno Construction Co., Inc. be adopted.

**R-55-21
RESOLUTION FOR PAY
REQUEST #1 FOR WATER
AND SEWER PROJECT ON
THOMAS AND MONROE TO
UNO CONSTRUCTION
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution approving the execution of a sound and lighting equipment contract for Ribfest between American Mobile Staging, Inc. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-56-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SOUND AND LIGHTING
EQUIPMENT CONTRACT
FOR RIBFEST
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the request from Forest Park Public Library, related to the use of the Village's Grove property on October 10, 2021, and Veterans Park during September and October to host Storytime events for the residents of Forest Park.

**LIBRARY REQUEST TO
USE VILLAGE PROPERTY
FOR STORYTIME EVENTS
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes 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 ordinances of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted. It was noted that this corrects a scrivener's error on Ordinance O-13-21.

**0-20-21
ORDINANCE CORRECTING
LIQUOR LICENSE FEE AND
NUMBER BY CLASS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the request from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce to display banners promoting their Madison Street Sidewalk Sale event on July 23-25, 2021.

**CHAMBER SIDEWALK
SALE BANNER REQUEST
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Administrator Amidei reported the following:

- Tomorrow the village is holding their annual Joint Review Board meetings for the 4 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts at 11:00. There will be an update on the activity and status of each TIF District presented.
- There was a kickoff working group meeting with the Library, the Park District, District 91 School District and the Community Center to coordinate focusing on community newsletters and coordinating a village-wide calendar. This will likely be a monthly meeting to strategize how we can work better together.
- Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chamber looked into the possibility of establishing Special Service Areas (SSA) along Madison Street and Harlem Avenue. This effort will be reinitiated in early August and will center on creating the SSA, which will be used for façade improvements, signs, advertising, streetscaping and other improvements in these business districts.
- In the spirit of promoting communication, the Administrator is looking closely at efforts that can be made to improve interactions with the public, via our website, newsletters, e-newsletters, which may save citizens trips to village hall and streamline processes, including stepping up e-services, expanding the use of our Facebook page and Constant Contact as well. These are some of the projects Administrator Amidei will be looking at in the short-term.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Byrnes reported that next weekend the Madison Street Sidewalk Sale, is happening as well as the National Ice Cream event at the Brown Cow, so Madison Street will be very busy. In addition, the Park District has the 16” Softball Tournament later this month.

Commissioner Nero remarked on the public comments received and stated that he appreciates the voice of the citizens as well as hearing what’s happening in Forest Park. The commissioner applauds those submitting public comment and assured them that their voices are heard and understood. The

Commissioner further pointed out that in response to citizen inquiries, the village's flood assistance application is available on the website under the resources tab. Next, Commissioner Nero commented that, since the liquor serving hours were moved back to midnight, he has not heard about anything negative occurring. Since the Altenheim demolition project is nearing completion, the next steps for this Council should be planning the future use of the property. Further positive projects happening in the village are the street and sewer upgrades – all positively affecting the citizens. Last, the commissioner commented on the upgrades to the Public Works fleet. The department is salvaging some of their old equipment and reinvesting in new vehicles and equipment to better serve the residents.

Mayor Hoskins reported that District 91 Superintendent, Elizabeth Alvarez, has officially started in her position and there will be a back-to-school event on August 17th from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Middle School. Next the Park District reached out to the mayor requesting that the elected officials volunteer for the No-Gloves Tournament coming up later this month. Those wishing to volunteer were encouraged to contact Jackie Iovinelli. There has been a lot of activity at 7301 Roosevelt building. Director Glinke has gotten the property fenced in and there may be demolition of the building in the coming weeks. The Forest Park Arts Alliance is resuming their "Stoop Concerts" events. The mayor also reported that he has received word that the mass vaccination center on Roosevelt is likely to close soon, so those wishing to receive vaccines there, should do so right away. Last, on a somber note, former District 91 student, Miles Thompson, was a victim of gun violence in the Austin area. Residents were encouraged to keep his family in their thoughts during this difficult time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded to adjourn into closed session to consider collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and pending litigation. The motion carried.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk