

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JULY 26, 2021**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, 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 Voogd that the minutes from the July 12, 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

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Minutes from the July 12, 2021 Closed Session 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

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Minutes from the July 16, 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, Maxham, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beatrix Budy submitted written public comment requesting that the village enforce village code section 5-2-4 – Offensive Nuisances, specifically at the Crystal Car Wash as the noise emitted there is in violation of said code.

Mr. Joseph Sullivan stated that it was his understanding that the Village Council was going to revisit the liquor serving hours for A1 license holders at this meeting and asked the elected officials to comment on what will happen and what the liquor license holders can expect on an ongoing basis and for the parade on September 18th.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted its June 2021 report and the Police Department submitted its May-June report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$1,045,922.59.

**R-59-21
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,045,922.59
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Appropriation Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2021, and ending April 30, 2022, be adopted.

**O-22-21
ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, 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 authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF Employees regarding the hiring of two (2) Public Works Department employees be adopted. It was discussed that the two hires are to fill vacancies due to retirements.

**R-60-21
RESOLUTION WAIVING
IMRF HIRING FREEZE
REGARDING TWO PUBLIC
WORKS EMPLOYEES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, 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 purchase of one fully equipped 2022 International HV 504 Heavy Duty Plow Truck with Buildout be adopted.

**O-23-21
ORDINANCE TO
PURCHASE NEW PUBLIC
WORKS HEAVY DUTY
PLOW TRUCK
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving the execution of a Stage Contract for Ribfest between American Mobile Staging, Inc. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was noted that Ribfest is on September 11th and there will be an event to honor the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

**R-61-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
RIBFEST STAGE
CONTRACT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-62-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SOUND AND LIGHTING
CONTRACT FOR RIBFEST
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution approving the execution of a Sound and Lighting Equipment contract for Ribfest between Sound Works Productions, Inc. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-63-21
RESOLUTION APPROVING
FINAL PAY REQUEST FOR
2020 CIRCLE AVENUE
SEWER SEPARATION
PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #6 (Final) for the 2020 Circle Avenue Sewer Separation Improvements Project to Swallow Construction Corp. be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #8
WITHDRAWN**

Agenda Item #8 was withdrawn for consideration at a later meeting.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENTS RATIFIED
BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on agreements with Pottawatomie Community Center and Bottle and Botega LaGrange, associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**HOUSING FORWARD
BANNER REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to approve the request from Housing Forward to display banners promoting their Compete to Defeat Homelessness event.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Administrator Amidei reported that a change order for the Altenheim project was scheduled to be on tonight’s agenda, however it was pulled because the contractor discovered an Underground Storage Tank near the chapel. The additional cost to remove the UST is approximately \$11,500. The village is approximately \$630,000.00 into the project at this point.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Byrnes reported that in response to the issues at the Car Wash, he is definitely looking at different ways to address the noise. He is working on potentially having the owner do something to block the noise and to shut down the vacuums along the alley at 6:00 p.m. The commissioner further stated that he is hoping the village can get something worked out for the bar hours before the next meeting.

Commissioner Maxham expressed her thanks to the other Commissioners and Mayor for putting their trust in her, adding that serving as Commissioner is an honor to her. The commissioner further vowed to do her very best in the role.

Commissioner Nero stated that he is looking forward to the parade on September 18th at 1:00 p.m. and echoed Commissioner Byrnes’ comments regarding resolving the liquor serving hours issue.

Commissioner Voogd thanked Mr. Sullivan for taking the time and sharing his thoughts and concerns. This is a tricky situation which the Commissioners are trying to navigate and are taking seriously. Hopefully there will be a solution considered at the next Village Council meeting on August 9.

Mayor Hoskins congratulated the Park District on the success of the recent No Gloves Softball Tournament, noting that Commissioner Byrnes has been volunteering for the last 28 years, and he and other elected officials helped out this year as well. The Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day Parade is being held on September 18, and is being coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce. September will be a big month for Forest Park as the Ribfest is September 11th, The village will do its best to have COVID-19 vaccines available to the public at these events. The mayor further commented about the temporary liquor serving hours, stating that Forest Park is at a crossroads, the issue is complicated and is a repeated strain on our Law Enforcement staff. This weekend the mayor spent time on Madison Street and found it to me much calmer than earlier this year. The police department is working on call count data as well.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded to adjourn into closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk