

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 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 Maxham that the minutes from the September 13, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$332,673.52.

**R-76-21  
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF  
\$332,673.52  
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving and ratifying the execution of Change Order No. 5 to the contract with KLF Enterprises, Inc. for the Altenheim Buildings Demolition Project be adopted.

**R-77-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 5  
FOR ALTENHEIM  
DEMOLITION PROJECT  
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 Byrnes that the Resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Forest park and Forest Park Public School District 91 for the purpose of the coordinated assignment of crossing guards be adopted.

**R-78-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
IGA WITH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 91 FOR  
CROSSING GUARD  
ASSIGNMENTS  
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 Maxham that the Ordinance amending Section 2-4-2 of Chapter 4 of Title 2 of the municipal code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was discussed that with the transfer of the pocket parks, the Board wanted to update their duties. Chair Amy Binns-Calvey was recognized.

**O-32-21  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
RECREATION BOARD  
DUTIES  
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution confirming the appointment of the members to the Forest Park Public Library Board of Trustees be adopted. It was discussed that this was a cleanup to bring the trustees terms in line with Illinois statutes.

**R-79-21  
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING  
TERMS OF LIBRARY  
BOARD TRUSTEES  
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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution for the levy of an additional Library Tax for Building and Maintenance be adopted.

**R-80-21  
RESOLUTION FOR  
ADDITIONAL LIBRARY  
BUILDING AND  
MAINTENANCE LEVY  
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 Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one 10,000 pound in-ground smart lift be adopted. It was discussed that this is to replace the vehicle lift at the village garage that is no longer operating. It was further discussed that the pricing was obtained through the state bid program.

**O-33-21  
ORDINANCE APPROVING  
PURCHASE OF VEHICLE  
LIFT FOR FLEET  
MAINTENANCE  
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to approve the request from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce to hold their 9<sup>th</sup> annual Casket Races and to display banners promoting the October 23<sup>rd</sup> event.

**CHAMBER REQUEST TO  
HOLD CASKET RACES  
AND DISPLAY BANNERS  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

There was a joint motion and second to approve the request from Sarah's Inn to display purple ribbons along Madison Street and Roosevelt Road to promote National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**SARAH'S INN REQUEST TO  
PROMOTE NATIONAL  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**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 to authorize the mayor's signature on an agreement with Apple Holler, associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENT WITH APPLE  
HOLLER  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Deputy Fire Chief Eligibility List, one candidate from its Fire Lieutenant Eligibility List and one candidate from its Probationary Firefighter Eligibility List to fill vacancies.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
DIRECTED TO PROMOTE  
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF, FIRE  
LIEUTENANT AND HIRE  
ONE PROBATIONARY  
FIREFIGHTER  
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to approve the Amusement Establishment License Application submitted by Kribi Coffee for indoor events scheduled through the year. It was discussed that no outdoor activities are to take place and the license will expire at the same time the current liquor license expires.

**KRIBI COFFEE  
AMUSEMENT  
ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** Commissioner Byrnes

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to approve the raffle license application submitted by OPRF Infant Welfare Society for their fundraiser to be held on December 21, 2021.

**INFANT WELFARE  
SOCIETY RAFFLE LICENSE  
APPLICATION  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the raffle license application submitted by Anthony Ambrose Scholarship Foundation for their fundraiser to be held on October 2, 2021.

**AMBROSE SCHOLARSHIP  
RAFFLE LICENSE  
APPLICATION  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Amidei expressed his gratitude appreciation to Honor Flight Chicago, the Public Works Department, Tanzla Davis-Rodriguez and all those who arranged the event honoring the 5 village residents who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes echoed the administrator's sentiments regarding the Honor Flight event as well as the welcome home ceremony held at Village Hall. The commissioner shared some of his experience and expressed his gratitude for the recognition and welcome home.

Commissioner Maxham reported that, in addition to the new White Crane restaurant on Harlem, Forest Park is expecting 3 more new restaurants to open in the near future. The Chipotle at Harlem and Madison is anticipated to open in the spring of 2022, and Mr. Beef & Pizza at 123 Harlem and Taco Bell at 161 Harlem are each planning to open by the end of this year. Next the commissioner reported that she, and Commissioner Voogd have begun discussions with the Altenheim Director and Board members, along with the village's planning consultant to discuss the future of the village-owned property, adding that there is a covenant in place for the quiet enjoyment of the residents and a lot of thought will go into what eventually happens with this land.

Commissioner Nero reported that the Public Works staff has starting their fall leaf pickup activities. Residents may rake leaves into the street and the village will pick them up nightly. The commissioner urged property owners to keep up with cleaning up the leaves as if they are left to accumulate, they can attract rodents.

Commissioner Voogd gave an update on the status of the Altenheim Demolition, which is wrapping up now. The final debt payment will be this November. The commissioner is working on a community strategy regarding the property and will be conducting public outreach for information sharing and input. There will be a dedicate page on the village's website to keep the public informed on the progress. The commissioner is hoping to meet with local groups in an effort to share information. Next the village's Tree City application has been approved at the state level and was forwarded to the Arbor Day Foundation. An application will be submitted for an additional Tree City Growth Award in the near future. The department is preparing for the upcoming snowfall season and are expecting the delivery of the new plow truck by December. Last, the commissioner stated that the Public Works department truly accomplishes a lot with the aging fleet and equipment on hand. The fleet management software system should be in place soon. The commissioner expressed her appreciation to Finance Director, Tish Olmsted and Fleet Manager, George Prescott for their hard work in getting this accomplished.

Mayor Hoskins happily reported that the village and the Police Department prevailed in a civil trial and were found not liable by a jury in this case regarding a scuffle in 2016. In addition, Acting Chief Gross advised that the department is just about ready for 100% rollout of the body cameras for all police officers, and have a solid policy in place. The village is planning to create a new E-Newsletter to inform all those who want to be in the know about the village. Sign-up is available on the village's website. The Community Center hosted a COVID-19 Booster Vaccination event and plans to hold more as well as free flu shot clinics for village residents. Recent events include the OK Classic, which was well attended and the Kiwanis Peanut Day. Last, two new Police Officers were sworn in last Friday and will be attending the Chicago Police Academy in the coming weeks.

## **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 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk