

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 8, 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the minutes from the October 25, 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:**

The Finance Department submitted its September, 2021 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 \$587,374.87.

**R-88-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$587,374.87  
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:**

There was a joint motion and second that the Resolution appointing Kenneth J. Gross as the Chief of Police for the Village of Forest Park, Illinois be adopted.

**R-89-21  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING  
KENNETH J. GROSS AS  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Travis Perry gave a presentation conducting the annual public meeting for the Village of Forest Park NPDES Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

**ANNUAL NPDES PHASE II  
MS4 PUBLIC MEETING  
INFORMATION**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and the County of Cook for 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program Year Agreement be adopted.

**R-90-21  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING CDBG  
SUBRECIPIENT  
AGREEMENT FOR 2021  
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 to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Engineering Services Proposal for Phase II design by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park for the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Separation Project be adopted.

**R-91-21  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
PROPOSAL WITH  
CHRISTOPHER BURKE  
ENGINEERING  
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 waiving the bidding process and authorizing the award of the contract for the emergency reconstruction of the Austin and Jackson water connection vault and related facilities be adopted. It was discussed that our vault is located in Oak Park and the ceiling and beams are deteriorated. Traffic is currently being diverted at an extra cost as well. The work will need to be completed before snow plowing is required on the streets.

**R-92-21  
RESOLUTION WAIVING  
BIDDING AND AWARDED  
WATER VAULT AND  
FACILITIES EMERGENCY  
REPAIRS  
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 to approve and authorize the execution of a Standard Form of Construction Management Contract by and between Burke, LLC and the Village of Forest Park for the emergency repairs to the Austin and Jackson Water Vault and related facilities for the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-93-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
CONSTRUCTION  
MANAGEMENT CONTRACT  
FOR WATER VAULT  
EMERGENCY REPAIRS  
WITH BURKE, LLC  
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 Nero that the Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Program Grant for FY2021 in the amount of \$110,805.40 and approving and authorizing execution of and accepting a bid from Motorola Solutions for the purchase of radios be adopted.

**R-94-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
GRANT AND ACCEPTING  
BID FOR FIREFIGHTERS'  
RADIOS  
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 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.

**O-39-21  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
NUMBER OF LIQUOR  
LICENSES  
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 non-commercial solicitation request from the Animal Care League be approved.

**ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE  
NON-COMMERCIAL  
SOLICITATION REQUEST  
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the 2022 Village of Forest Park Council Meeting Schedule as presented by Clerk Moritz.

**2022 VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MEETING SCHEDULE  
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 authorize the mayor’s signature on an agreement with Broadway in Chicago Group Sales, associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENT  
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce & Development’s request to display banners promoting their annual Holiday Walk, being held on December 3, 2021.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BANNER REQUEST  
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:**

None

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes reported that the American Legion is holding a COVID-19 vaccination event in coordination with the Illinois Department of Public Health, on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 2:00.

Commissioner Maxham reported that the village held a volunteer and community leadership networking event at the Community Center on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The commissioner thanked

both Karen Dylewski and Sal Stella for their help and also thanked all those who contributed, attended and helped out. The event was successful and the weather was beautiful.

Commissioner Nero thanked Travis Perry of CBBEL for their presentation this evening and Finance Director Olmsted for the Finance Report. In addition, the commissioner reminded residents about the Holiday Walk on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, where the community Menorah and Tree will be lighted. Last, Commissioner Nero promoted safety through awareness, pointing out that it is getting darker earlier in the day.

Commissioner Voogd expressed her gratitude to all those involved in Sunday's Community Volunteer Networking event, adding that it was a great success with a large turnout of volunteers, leaders and provided networking and an opportunity to create teamwork throughout the community.

Mayor Hoskins reported that the West Central Municipal Conference is holding their annual legislative breakfast on February 5<sup>th</sup> at Elm Crest in Elmwood Park. In addition, the mayor reported that Congress recently passed a fiscal infrastructure bill, which includes funding for Forest Park road improvements. Next, the mayor announced that he will be attending the annual Veteran's Day event at Adams and Thomas on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Refreshments will follow at the American Legion Hall at Circle and Adams. Last, in recognition of the Infrastructure Bill, Congressman Danny Davis will be holding a virtual Town Hall for Forest Park on November 20<sup>th</sup>, the time is to be determined.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved and Commissioner Maxham seconded to adjourn into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c), to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk