

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 24, 2022**

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 Byrnes that the minutes from the January 10, 2022, 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the minutes from the January 10, 2022, Closed Session 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 Police Department submitted its 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, 2021 report, the Finance Department submitted its November 30, 2021 report and the Fire Department submitted its December 2021 report. Commissioner Maxham commented that she was impressed with the Police Department report and thanked all of the departments who submitted reports.

**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 \$775,869.25.

**R-08-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$775,869.25  
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 Nero that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay the principal of and interest on the village’s 6,745,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (alternate revenue source), Series 2012, of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-04-22  
ORDINANCE ABATING THE  
TAX ON 2012 G.O. BONDS  
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 Ordinance authorizing the purchase of two fully equipped 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Vehicles with buildout be adopted.

**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 two (2) fully equipped 2024 International HV 607 Heavy Duty Plow trucks with buildout be adopted. It was discussed that these vehicles will replace trucks that are in very bad condition, and are part of the fleet management plan, being purchased, through the new equipment fund.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Village Engineer, James Amelio, presented the draft 2022 infrastructure plan, including projects being proposed through various funding structures, totaling \$4,710,164 for 2022. In addition, alternate projects totaling \$1,656,000 were also introduced for 2022, along with a few potential projects for fiscal year 2024. Capital improvements to the Community Center were also suggested. Staff was directed to begin assessing and gathering pricing for work at the Community Center. We are at the end of a 5-year plan and staff is beginning to work on a new 5-year plan.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Design Engineering Services Proposal by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park for the Ferdinand Avenue Watermain and Resurfacing Project be adopted.

**O-05-22  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
PURCHASE OF TWO  
POLICE VEHICLES  
APPROVED**

**O-06-22  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
PURCHASE OF TWO PLOW  
TRUCKS  
APPROVED**

**PRESENTATION OF DRAFT  
2022 INFRASTRUCTURE  
PLAN**

**R-09-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL  
FROM BURKE  
ENGINEERING FOR  
FERDINAND AVE.  
WATERMAIN 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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County and the Village of Forest Park in connection with the Low Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) be adopted.

**R-10-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
IGA WITH COOK COUNTY  
FOR LOW INCOME WATER  
ASSISTANCE  
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 to approve the request from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce & Development to display banners promoting their 26<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade, being held on March 5, 2022.

**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.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to approve the request from the Park District of Forest Park to solicit and collect donations in support of the Fourth of July Fireworks display at the Park.

**PARK DISTRICT REQUEST  
TO COLLECT DONATIONS  
FOR FOURTH OF JULY  
FIREWORKS  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**VOLUNTEERS APPOINTED  
TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND  
COMMISSIONS  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to appoint the following individuals to Boards and Commissions to fill vacancies:

- Tim Gillian – Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
- Jordan Kuehn – Safety and Traffic Commission
- Joe Landgrebe – Fire Pension Board
- Celes Leonard – Library Board
- K.C. Mutchler – Recreation Board
- Andrea Marello – Ethics Commission

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Administrator Amidei advised that the Council should expect a new policy regarding handling of replacement of lead water service lines for residential property, in connection with the new State law. This will affect the cost of any new watermain projects. The law has a 20-year deadline. The Council was also advised that the final rules on how to use ARPA funding just came out and they will need to decide how to use the village’s funding.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Nero stated that enforcement of snow routes are in effect over for up to 48 hours after a 2-inch snowfall. This is to allow village crews to properly clear the roadways.

Commissioner Voogd expressed her gratitude to those volunteers who were appointed to positions on the village’s boards and commissions.

**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 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk