

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 14 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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the minutes from the January 24, 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Hannah Boudreau submitted comments urging the Village Council to allocate more police officers to patrol Forest Park Tap Room, due to problems and behavior of patrons. Ms. Boudreau further commented that this business has a profoundly negative effect on the lives of the people living nearby.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

None

**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 \$1,528,440.64.

**R-11-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$1,528,440.64  
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Park District of Forest Park and the Village of Forest Park to provide for the collection and expenditure of donations for fireworks display during the Park District’s 2022 Fourth of July Festival be adopted.

**R-12-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
IGA WITH PARK DISTRICT  
FOR FIREWORKS  
DONATIONS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissoiner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code be adopted.

**R-13-22  
RESOLUTION FOR  
MAINTENANCE UNDER  
ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE  
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 authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of a full-time Utility Billing Clerk be adopted.

**R-14-22  
RESOLUTION WAIVING  
IMRF HIRING FREEZE  
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 authorizing preliminary and final approval of a Plat of Resubdivision Approval entitled "CEJ Resubdivision" re PC 2022-01: 7201 W. Madison be adopted.

**R-15-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PLAT OF RESUBDIVISION  
RE: 7201 W. MADISON  
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 authorizing preliminary and final approval of a Plat of Consolidation approval entitled "Forest Park-River Forest Land, LLC Consolidation" re: PC 2022-02: 7652 W. Madison be adopted.

**R-16-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PLAT OF CONSOLIDATION  
RE: 7652 W. MADISON  
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 approving the execution of Side Letter Agreements to the Village of Forest Park's current collective bargaining agreements be adopted.

**R-17-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
SIDE LETTER  
AGREEMENTS  
RE: HEALTH INSURANCE  
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 Raffle License Application submitted by the American Legion for their March 4, 2022, event be approved.

**AMERICAN LEGION  
RAFFLE LICENSE  
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 Voogd that the Ordinance waiving bidding and authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for sound and lighting equipment between Sound Works Productions, Inc. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-07-22  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
SOUND AND LIGHTING  
CONTRACT FOR RIBFEST  
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 to authorize the mayor’s signature on an agreement with Fireside Theatre associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENT WITH  
FIRESIDE THEATRE  
RATIFIED 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 Voogd that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a proposal for professional engineering services for a Lead Water Service Replacement Project Planning Report by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**R-18-22  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING LEAD  
WATER SERVICE  
PLANNING AGREEMENT  
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 Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the 510 Des Plaines Green Parking Lot project to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. be adopted. There was discussion about whether there was justification for the village to spend \$178,400 to install permeable pavers in a lot that is currently not in need of repairs.

**RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD  
OF CONTRACT FOR 510  
DES PLAINES GREEN  
PARKING LOT PROJECT  
TABLED**

After an in-depth discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero to table the issue until the March 14, 2022, meeting.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Amidei presented an updated 2022 Infrastructure Improvement Plan, which included two additional alleys because the VIP Funds were freed up. There was also discussion about the requirement for the village to replace any lead water service lines to all properties in the village within 20 years.

**2022 UPDATED  
INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN  
PRESENTED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the request from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce to display banners promoting their annual Wine Walk and Shop event, being held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, be approved.

**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:**

Administrator Amidei reported that he is working on a draft Public Right-of-Way ADA Transit Plan, which is needed for any Federal funding on roadwork. A full analysis will be conducted whenever a project is completed. Public feedback will be solicited before the policy is finalized. In addition, the administrator is developing a Green Infrastructure Policy draft for future use. Last, there is a potential grant opportunity to conduct a tree inventory of the entire village. The ordinance is expected to be on the February 28, 2022, agenda.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes reported that the Clerk’s Office is mailing out vehicle sticker renewal notices next week and encouraged residents to buy online, through the mail or to use the secure drop box outside Village Hall as counter hours have been reduced due to staffing shortages.

Commissioner Maxham reminded all those in attendance that the Health and Safety Department is holding the last Zoning Board of Appeals meeting next Tuesday. Going forward, it is expected that the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals will be combined.

Commissioner Nero stated that he believes it is important for the village to prioritize projects going forward and to get the precedent right. In addition, the commissioner reported that Safety and Traffic Commission is starting to meet again next week.

Commissioner Voogd reported that she is working on a Buildings Needs Assessment, outlining and prioritizing repairs that are needed in all village facilities, and will then develop short and long-term plans to make the repairs. The commissioner stated that this should help in reducing costs when making decisions and will be helpful for the budgeting process.

Mayor Hoskins reported that it is possible that we may have a cannabis dispensary applying for a business license soon. In addition, the Police Department is looking into using drones as another tool, adding that we have two licensed drone operators on staff in the department.

**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 consider collective bargaining matters. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk