

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, 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. Commissioners Maxham and Voogd were attending remotely.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the April 11, 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. Juliet Harrington, a Forest Park 5th grader, expressed her love for dogs and her interest in improving the Dog Park facilities. Ms. Harrington has been working with the Recreation Board researching equipment to add to the dog park and is holding a fundraiser to raise money to pay for these improvements. Information on how to donate can be found on Instagram at dogsofforestpark.

Ms. Sheila Henderson expressed her concerns about the status of the building at 1137-39 Hannah Avenue, street cleaning on the 1100 block of Hannah and the process for replacing trash cans.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted its March, 2022 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 \$784,646.55.

**R-42-22
RESOLUTION APPROVING
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$784,646.55
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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance waiving bidding and authorizing the acceptance of a proposal from Liquid Engineering Corporation for the specialized services required to inspect and remove sediment from two (2) village underground water reservoirs within the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-15-22
ORDINANCE APPROVING
UNDERGROUND WATER
STORAGE RESERVOIR
SERVICES
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 Ordinance authorizing a loan from Forest Park National Bank be adopted.

**O-16-22
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
LOAN FROM FOREST
PARK NATIONAL BANK
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-43-22
RESOLUTION AWARDING
CONTRACT FOR
ABANDONMENT OF
EMERGENCY WATER MAIN
CONNECTION
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving specifications, waiving bidding and authorizing award of the contract for abandonment of an emergency water main interconnection at Harlem and Harrison be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTED TO FILL ONE
POLICE LIEUTENANT, ONE
POLICE SERGEANT AND
ONE PROBATIONARY
POLICE OFFICER
POSITION**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Police Lieutenant Eligibility list, one candidate from its Police Sergeant Eligibility list, and one candidate from its Probationary Police Officer Eligibility list to fill vacancies.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**LIBRARY BANNER
REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the request from Forest Park Public Library to display banners publicizing their summer reading program.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**SHORTSTOP LOUNGE
ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE
APPLICATION
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the entertainment license application submitted by Shortstop Lounge, 7425 Madison Street.

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 entertainment license application submitted by Pioneer Tap, 7445 Randolph.

**PIONEER TAP
ENTERTAINMENT 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 reported that the 15th Street Sewer Separation Project bid opening is this Wednesday morning and IDOT is in the process of bidding the Jackson Street resurfacing project. There are 9 or 10 properties along the Jackson project that have lead water service lines that need to be replaced as well. The Ferdinand watermain work is on hold due to the availability of grant funds. Other infrastructure projects planned for this year are two alley replacements, repainting the North Water Tower and the Van Buren multi-use path.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Byrnes commented on the successful Wine Walk, congratulating the Chamber for their efforts.

Commissioner Maxham reminded residents who are starting to do garden work to check out our Tips and Steps they can take to eliminate sources of food, water and shelter for rodents. For those who still need help after completing the steps, the village has arrangements with Smithereen, to provide 3 visits to the residence at a cost to the homeowner of only \$150.00.

Commissioner Voogd expressed her appreciation to Juliet Harrington for her efforts to improve the village’s dog park. In addition, the commissioner noted that the Community Clean Up Day was moved to Saturday April 30th at 9:00 due to rain. Last, the village will be planting its Arbor Day Tree on Friday, April 29th at 9:00 at Garfield School and invited the public to attend and participate.

Mayor Hoskins recognized the efforts of Administrator Amidei, in connection with the village’s clean up day, the administrator contacted the CTA and asked them to participate. The CTA responded and had crews at the Blue Line Station cleaning, and power washing to spruce up the area. The Chamber’s wine walk was a huge success. Crowds were packed on Madison Street last Saturday.

The mayor thanked Ms. Dale from Field Stevenson for inviting him to speak to the class about being the mayor. The class will be visiting the mayor's office soon. The village is in the process of notifying businesses about their responsibility to clean up in front of their business. The mayor and staff met last week with a new law firm who will be responsible for village's defense.

Last, the clerk read a Mayor's Proclamation for Older American's Month and another for National Public Works Week.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded to adjourn into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2© to consider collective bargaining matters and the compensation of specific employees. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk