

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 23, 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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the minutes from the May 9, 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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the May 9, 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

Dr. Beatrix Budy submitted public comment via email concerning Crystal Car Wash, the noise from the existing vacuums and the potential for an expansion to add 17 more vacuums. There was concern about additional noise and car traffic at maximum capacity.

Ms. Monica Berns provided the elected officials with a document containing data about certain equipment and noise limits. Ms. Berns went on to communicate her frustration with the village's lack of meaningful feedback concerning the noise level experienced at her home from the Crystal Car

Wash, the off-street parking requirements, and state noise law. Last, Ms. Berns requested that the owner of the car wash meet with the concerned citizens at Village Hall.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted its April, 2022, report and the Police Department submitted its March and April, 2022, report.

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 \$633,724.31.

**R-50-22
RESOLUTION APPROVING
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$633,724.31
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the 510 Des Plaines Green Parking Lot project to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. was considered. This resolution was initially motioned by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham at a previous meeting, and held over until today for a roll call. There was discussion about the pros and cons of the project. The clerk was instructed to take the roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING
GREEN PARKING LOT
PROJECT
FAILED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes and Voogd

NAYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero and Mayor Hoskins

ABSENT: None

The motion failed

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposition of surplus property of the Village of Forest Park (Computer Equipment) be adopted.

**0-21-22
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
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 Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one Zero-Turn SRT XD 61" finish mower be adopted.

**0-22-22
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
PURCHASE OF LAWN
MOWER
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 authorizing the purchase of one 15 Ton Packaged Rooftop air conditioning unit be adopted.

**0-23-22
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
PURCHASE OF ROOFTOP
AIR CONDITIONING UNIT
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 2022 Jeep Wrangler Sport replacement vehicle for the Public Works Department be adopted.

**0-24-22
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
PURCHASE OF 2022 JEEP
WRANGLER
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 and full-time Pace Dial A Ride Driver be adopted.

**R-51-22
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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Engineering Services Proposal for construction engineering services for the 15th Street Sewer Separation Project by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**R-52-22
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING
AGREEMENT FOR 15TH
STREET SEWER
SEPARATION 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the entertainment license application submitted by Shortstop Lounge, 7425 Madison Street. It was discussed that a license is not required if the bartender is playing music from a laptop during their shift. Possibly the Village Council could delegate to the Village Administrator to review the applications when they come in.

**SHORT STOP LOUNGE
ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE
APPLICATION
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: Commissioner Voogd

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to approve the entertainment license application submitted by American Legion, 500 Circle Avenue.

**AMERICAN LEGION
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.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the entertainment license application submitted by Doc Ryan’s, 7432 Madison Street.

**DOC RYAN’S
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.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the request from the Forest Park Juneteenth Committee to display banners publicizing their various Juneteenth activities.

**FOREST PARK
JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE
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 Nero to approve the request from the Park District of Forest Park to close Harrison Street during the Fourth of July Fireworks Display.

**PARK DISTRICT REQUEST
TO CLOSE HARRISON
STREET DURING
FIREWORKS DISPLAY
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 the following:

- The village sends out its weekly E-Newsletter each Friday.
- Public input for the ADA Transition Plan will close in early June. The Village Council will then consider the plan.
- The tree inventory is completed, showing the village is dominated by maple trees. There will be an updated tree ordinance before the Village Council in June

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Byrnes reported that there will be a Memorial Day Service at the Park District at 2:00 on Memorial Day, and encouraged residents to remember Veterans and those who served in the armed forces.

Commissioner Maxham reported that the first meeting of the new Planning and Zoning Commission took place. The commissioner thanked all those involved in the transition and the board members.

Commissioner Nero reported that the Safety and Traffic Committee is meeting and thanked Director Stella and Officers Riley and Blackwell for working with the committee and for providing data and information. The committee will present solutions to the Village Council for action.

Commissioner Voogd reported about the Public Works Week activities, including staff training, electronics recycling and bulk pickup. There were 21 pallets of electronics recycled and seven 20-yard dumpsters of bulk waste collected. The Altenheim Steering Committee members have been selected and the village is now ready to plan for the use of the land. The Altenheim page on the village's website has been updated. Last, there have been many generous donations for improvements to the village's dog park. The commissioner thanked all those involved and who donated.

Mayor Hoskins reported that he attended a meeting of the Cross-Community Climate Collaborative (C4) group, that was formed between Broadview, River Forest and Oak Park. The group's purpose is to drive GHG emissions reductions, equity and sustainability in the area. If Forest Park decides to join, there will be a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding forwarded to Village Attorney Peppers for review. There will be a signing ceremony at Triton College on June 1st at 10:00 a.m. The mayor invited all residents to attend the Memorial Day Celebration at the Park and the Memorial Day Parade in River Forest. There will be a Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony on June 6th at Village Hall. The Juneteenth Family Pool Party is scheduled on June 18th at the Aquatic Center. In addition, there is a possibility that there will be a Juneteenth Parade on June 18th, thanks to donations from Walgreens and Walmart. Betsy Ross School is holding a end of school year block party on June 3rd. There will be a Pride event on June 23rd in Constitution Court from 5-8:00 p.m. Last, the Park District is holding a firework display the evening of July 4th.

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 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk