

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 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 August 22, 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**

Mr. Bill Kalbac spoke in favor of the village adopting an ordinance requiring short-term rental operators to register and be licensed with the village.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

None

**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 \$532,324.74.

**R-77-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$532,324.74  
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 Byrnes that the Resolution authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of three (3) full-time AFSCME Police Department Records Clerk employees to fill vacancies be adopted.

**R-78-22  
RESOLUTION WAIVING  
IMRF HIRING FREEZE FOR  
3 POLICE DEPARTMENT  
AFSCME EMPLOYEES  
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 Resolution supporting Reproductive Rights be adopted.

**R-79-22  
RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING  
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS  
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 authorizing the award of the contract for the 2022 Alley Improvements Project be adopted.

**R-80-22  
RESOLUTION AWARDING  
2022 ALLEY  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-81-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
FOR 2022 ALLEY PROJECT  
APPROVED**

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 2022 Alley Improvement Project by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-82-22  
RESOLUTION AWARDING  
2022 SIDEWALK  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
CONTRACT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the 2022 Sidewalk Improvements Project be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-83-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
FOR 2022 SIDEWALK  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a professional engineering services proposal for construction engineering services for the 2022 Sidewalk Improvement Project by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-84-22  
RESOLUTION AWARDING  
VAN BUREN MULTI-USE  
PATH PROJECT  
CONTRACT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the Van Buren Multi-Use Path Improvements Project 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 Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a professional engineering services proposal for construction engineering services for the Van Buren Multi-Use Path Improvements Project by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**R-85-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
FOR VAN BUREN MULTI-  
USE PATH  
IMPROVEMENTS 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 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 Phase II Design 2023 Alley Improvement Project by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**R-86-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
FOR 2023 ALLEY  
IMPROVEMENT 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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing acceptance and execution of an Illinois Department of Transportation State and Community Highway Safety/National Priority Safety Program Grant Agreement be adopted.

**R-87-22  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING IDOT  
SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT  
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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance authorizing the purchase of two 5-Ton Packaged Rooftop Air Conditioning units be adopted.

**O-36-22  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
THE PURCHASE OF TWO 5-  
TON AIR CONDITIONING  
UNITS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Moritz read the Mayor’s Proclamation designating October 23 through October 31, 2022, as Red Ribbon Week, encouraging citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities.

**MAYOR’S PROCLAMATION  
RED RIBBON WEEK**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to authorize the mayor’s signature on agreements with Drury Lane Theatre and Paramount Theatre, associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENTS  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

There was a joint motion and second to approve the request from Sarah’s Inn to display purple ribbons along Madison Street and Roosevelt Road to promote National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**SARAH’S INN PURPLE  
RIBBON 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 Hephzibah Children's Association to display banners promoting their Kids Resale Event at St. John Lutheran Church on September 30 through October 1, 2022.

**HEPHZIBAH 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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to approve the request from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce to display banners promoting their Fall Wine Walk and Shop event being held on November 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 Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana to conduct their Fall product sales from September 23, 2022 through January 16, 2023.

**GIRL SCOUTS  
FUNDRAISING 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 Kiwanis Club of Forest Park to conduct their annual Peanut Days Fundraising event from September 15-18, 2022.

**KIWANIS FUNDRAISING  
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 Byrnes to approve the entertainment license application submitted by Scratch Kitchen, 7445 Madison Street

**SCRATCH KITCHEN  
ENTERTAINMENT 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 Nero to approve the entertainment license application submitted by Lathrop Café, 26 Lathrop Avenue.

**LATHROP CAFÉ  
ENTERTAINMENT 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 Byrnes to approve the entertainment license application submitted by Jimmy's Place, 7411 Madison Street.

**JIMMY'S PLACE  
ENTERTAINMENT 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 Byrnes to approve the entertainment license application submitted by Duffy's Tavern, 7513 Madison Street.

**DUFFY'S TAVERN  
ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE  
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 village will have a busy fall with the construction projects anticipated to be completed. Scheduling for the projects is not complete, but all affected properties will be notified. The pre-engineering is being done for 2023 projects in order to get them bid early in the spring, pending State funding for lead water service replacements. The administrator expressed his gratitude to Karen Dylewski and her staff for a job well-done with the recent Ribfest. The administrator further thanked all of the officials, volunteers, partners and sponsors of the event.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes stated that the Ribfest was a great event and thanked the volunteers, the Street Department, Karen Dylewski and the Community Center staff and all of the participants for their contributions.

Commissioner Maxham stated that the Ribfest was a fantastic event. The commissioner further reported that she has been working with some Forest Park residents who want to keep chickens in their yards. The group has done research with other communities who allow residents to keep chickens and has uncovered few, if any, problems. The commissioner expressed the benefits, such as fresh eggs, urban farming and self-sufficiency.

Commissioner Nero commented about the new procedures at the intersection of Jackson and Hannah, near Garfield School and thanked the parents and students for their time and patience.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the community clean up event was cancelled for the third time, due to rain. The event is now rescheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> and the group is meeting at the Community Center. The commissioner further thanked Karen Dylewski, her staff as well as the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for their hard work making the Ribfest a great, well-attended event. Last, the commissioner reported that the Altenheim steering committee met earlier today and conducted a site visit. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30.

Mayor Hoskins thanked Community Center Director, Karen Dylewski, her staff and the Public Works, Police and Fire departments as well as the volunteers who made the Ribfest a huge success. The mayor reported that in July, non-profit PLCCA contacted the village looking for placement for teenagers in their summer work program. Director Stella agreed to partner with PLCCA and took on ten of the teens to help out with the summer work in Public Works. The village received the services of the teens free of charge, but did hire a local resident to mentor and guide the teens. The program went well and the mayor is hoping to repeat the arrangement again next year. Mayor Hoskins reported that he attended a Transportation Industry dinner with top-level CTA, PACE, Metra and RTA officials, along with the mayors of both Oak Park and River Forest. The three mayors lobbied the Board Chair of the CTA to expedite the removal of the rusty water tower on the north end of town. Last, the mayor reported that Walmart held a grand re-opening event last Friday and they also finally joined the Chamber of Commerce.



## **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(c)(2) to consider collective bargaining matters. The motion carried.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk