

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 September 12, 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the September 12, 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**

Ms. Dianne Perkins expressed her dissatisfaction with a rental at the Park District of Forest Park. Ms. Perkins did not complete the speaker sign-in form and left after her comments.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Jordan Kuehn, Chair of the Safety and Traffic Commission gave an overview of the activities and recommendations of the commission over the last year. A copy of the presentation will be posted on the village's website for public review. It was mentioned that there are three open seats on this commission.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Fire Department submitted its August, 2022, report and the Police Department submitted its July/August, 2022, report. Commissioner Voogd pointed out the thank you note in the Police Department report, which stated that the police were able to de-escalate a situation by using professionalism and patience.

**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 \$398,107.15.

**R-88-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$398,107.15  
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance authorizing the approval of a Joint Purchasing Requisition for the purchase of three (3) 2023 base Ford Explorer Police Vehicles for the Village of Forest Park Police Department be adopted. It was discussed that the lead time on the delivery of these vehicles is several months. Staff was directed to explore other sources of funding to pay for these vehicles outside the ARPA funds, which have yet to be allocated.

**O-37-22  
PURCHASE OF THREE  
POLICE VEHICLES  
THROUGH JOINT  
PURCHASING  
REQUISITION  
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 for the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Separation Project to John Neri Construction Co., Inc. be adopted.

**R-89-22  
RESOLUTION AWARDING  
15<sup>TH</sup> 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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes 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 current Police Sergeant Eligibility List and one candidate from its current Probationary Police Officer Eligibility List to fill vacancies.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
DIRECTED TO APPOINT  
ONE POLICE LIEUTENANT,  
ONE POLICE SERGEANT  
AND ONE PROBATIONARY  
POLICE OFFICER  
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 Voogd to approve the 2023 Village of Forest Park Council Meeting Schedule as outlined by Clerk Moritz.

**2023 VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MEETING SCHEDULE  
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 authorize the Mayor's signature on agreements with Remington's and Maggiano's Little Italy 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to authorize and ratify the issuance of the Raffle License for the Anthony Ambrose Foundation's event on September 24, 2022.

**AMBROSE FOUNDATION  
RAFFLE LICENSE  
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero 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 Commissioners Voogd and Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the request from Forest Park Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) regarding the use of the Grove for a Night at the Cemetery event for District 91 Middle School students on Friday, October 14, 2022.

**FOREST PARK PTO  
REQUEST TO HOLD EVENT  
IN THE GROVE  
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 15<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Separation Project cost came in higher than when first bid in May. The project is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving. The village will continue to seek grant funding for capital projects. All properties affected by the two upcoming alley projects will be notified about details of the project and any situations affecting the residents.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes commented about the Public Safety meeting he attended this morning and complemented the Police and Fire administrative staff for doing a great job explaining the issues that our departments are dealing with.

Commissioner Maxham reported that a group of residents would like the village to allow backyard chickens in Forest Park. In response, there will be a townhall meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of Village Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and answer questions and receive public input and comments on the subject. The commissioner attended a Des Plaines River Trail feasibility Steering Committee meeting recently. The group is being led by the Active Transportation Alliance and Civiltech Engineering. There will be a link in the village newsletter for the public to provide feedback and comments. Last, Commissioner Maxham reported that the Arts Alliance is holding a Story Teller's Night event tomorrow night at Exit Strategy.

Commissioner Nero expressed his gratitude to Jordan Kuehn and the Safety and Traffic Commission members for their efforts and report. The commissioner further expressed his hope that the construction projects be completed before we get a snow event.

Commissioner Voogd echoed Commissioner Byrnes regarding the Public Safety Meeting and thanked Representative LaShawn Ford and his Chief of Staff for holding the candid and informative meeting. The commissioner further expressed gratitude to both Chiefs for lobbying for the resources the village needs at the meeting. Commissioner Voogd reported that she attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference recently and found it informative. Last, the Recreation Board's Community Clean Up Day was held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and there was a great turnout of wonderful volunteers. The commissioner thanked the Recreation Board members, Connie Brown of Brown Cow for their donation as well as Karen Dylewski, the Community Center staff and Public Works Director Sal Stella. The next community clean up event is tentatively scheduled for May, 2023.

Mayor Hoskins attended the unveiling of the Oak Park River Forest Community Voices report last week and reported that there will be a similar presentation of the same report here in Forest Park at a date to be determined. The mayor commented on the success of the recent Community Clean Up Day, headed by the Recreation Board. Last, Mayor Hoskins stated how nice it was for St. Bernardine Church to recognize and celebrate our first responders at a mass last 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(c)(2) to consider collective bargaining matters. The motion carried.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk