

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 24, 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 October 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the October 11, 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**

None.

**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 \$501,488.21.

**R-93-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$502,488.21  
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 Maxham that the Ordinance amending section 3-3-12 of the Village of Forest Park Liquor Code pertaining to entertainment licenses be adopted.

**O-38-22  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
LIQUOR CODE RE:  
ENTERTAINMENT  
LICENSES  
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 sale or disposition of surplus property of the Village of Forest Park (mobile traffic monitoring device) be adopted.

**O-39-22  
DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS  
PROPERTY ORDINANCE  
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 fixing the salaries for the officials and employees of the Village of Forest Park from and after May 1, 2022, be adopted.

**O-40-22  
ANNUAL SALARY  
ORDINANCE  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Voogd  
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving a calendar year 2023 agreement with Edward-Elmhurst Occupational Health Services for a Substance Abuse Random Management Program in the Village of Forest Park, Illinois be adopted.

**R-94-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
RANDOM DRUG TESTING  
AGREEMENT WITH  
EDWARD-ELMHURST  
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 providing for the levy of an additional Library tax for building and maintenance be adopted.

**R-95-22  
RESOLUTION FOR LEVY  
OF ADDITIONAL LIBRARY  
BUILDING AND  
MAINTENANCE TAX  
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 Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Forest Park and the Forest Park Patrol Officers and Sergeants represented by the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council be adopted.

**R-96-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
SUCCESSOR CBA WITH  
POLICE PATROL  
OFFICERS AND  
SERGEANTS  
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 Byrnes that the Resolution approving a holiday décor installation and removal proposal from McAdam Landscaping, Inc. be adopted.

**R-97-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
HOLIDAY DÉCOR  
INSTALLATION PROPOSAL  
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 Byrnes that the Resolution approving and authorizing the acceptance of quotes for the acquisition of holiday banners for the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-98-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ACQUISITION OF HOLIDAY  
BANNERS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioners Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Raffle License Application submitted by the American Legion for their November 17, 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.

Items J and K were removed from the agenda and referred to the Village Administrator for approval.

**ITEMS J AND K  
REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the request from St. Luke/St. Bernardine Parish to display banners promoting their Game Day Event on November 20, 2022

**ST. LUKE/ST. BERNARDINE  
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 Commissioner Maxham and Director Glinke hosted an open house regarding chickens. The administrator is grateful for their efforts and the amount of public engagement that resulted, adding that there will be upcoming infrastructure requiring public engagement as well. The administrator expressed his gratitude to all those who contributed to the casket races last weekend.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes congratulated the Chamber and all village entities and departments who participated and contributed to the success of the Casket Races, adding that it was a well-attended event.

Commissioner Maxham expressed her excitement about the results of the Chicken Town Hall. About 50 people were in attendance. There will be a Frequently Asked Questions document posted on the village's website and an opportunity for the public to provide input on the subject. The commissioner also reported that Director Glinke held an informational meeting regarding rats this week. The director gave tips on prevention and property maintenance measures as well as information on how to identify and get rid of rat colonies. Last, the commissioner thanked the Chamber for holding the casket races, which were a lot of fun.

Commissioner Nero commented on what a great event the Casket Races and the Trick-or-Treat on Madison Street was. There was a great turnout and the neighborhood was electrified. The commissioner reminded residents that brush pickup is on Monday and Friday until the first snowfall and leaf pickup is ongoing until the end of November. Leaves can be raked to the curb for nightly pickup. Please refrain from including grass clippings or other waste that can be disposed of in the alley.

Commissioner Voogd commented that the Casket Races were so much fun and the caskets were very creative. The commissioner thanked the Chamber and all who participated for this successful event. Commissioner Voogd stated that the Recreation Board submitted resumes and the chair's recommendations for new members of the board and is looking forward to the mayor's final appointments. The Diversity and Environmental Control Commissions have been paused since the start of COVID restrictions and will be requiring new members. Anyone wishing to volunteer should apply to the mayor's office. Last, the commissioner discussed adopting a policy addressing the distribution of single-use plastic food ware in town. The policy would be on an opt-in basis and would require the distribution of such items only upon customer request or on self-serve stations. In an effort to engage the business community, a communication and survey was sent to the food businesses for discussion and feedback. The feedback is expected by November 15, after which a final ordinance will be presented for consideration by the Village Council.

Mayor Hoskins invited the public to attend a tree planting ceremony, commemorating the Morton Arboretum's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The dedication is sponsored by Burke Engineering and the public is welcome to attend this Thursday at noon at the Altenheim. Chief Gross reported that the Police Department has been awarded a grant and will be receiving up to \$375,000 to fund the hiring of 3 new officers. Kudos to Chief Gross and the Police Department for securing this grant funding. Last, the mayor expressed his pleasure that the salary ordinance was adopted tonight. The Council has been working to eliminate the huge discrepancy between the compensation of the male and female department heads. This last ordinance finally achieved the results the Council has been working toward. The mayor stated that women deserve equal pay for equal work.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk