

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 28, 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. It was noted that Commissioner Nero was attending remotely, in compliance with section 1-4-4-H, of the village code of the Village of Forest Park.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the November 14, 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

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police Department submitted its September/October, 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 \$1,175,025.19

**R-106-22
RESOLUTION APPROVING
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,175,025.19
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 Resolution authorizing the sale or
disposition of surplus property (2 police vehicles) of the Village
of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-42-22
ORDINANCE TO DISPOSE
OF SURPLUS POLICE
VEHICLES
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 amending section 4-
2-5, entitled "Charges," of Chapter 2, entitled "Garbage,
Refuse and Waste," of Title 4, entitled "Health and Sanitation,"
of the code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-43-22
ORDINANCE AMENDING
GARBAGE, REFUSE AND
WASTE FEES
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 determining the
Estimated Property Taxes to be levied by the Village of Forest
Park for the 2022 Tax Year be adopted.

**R-107-22
RESOLUTION
DETERMINING THE
ESTIMATED PROPERTY
TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR
2022 TAX YEAR
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 one (1) AFSCME Police Department Information Management Records Clerk be adopted.

**R-108-22
RESOLUTION WAIVING
IMRF HIRING FREEZE RE:
POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS CLERK
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 Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the CompleteLink 2.0 rate and discount schedule for phone services by and between AT&T and the Village of Forest Park, Illinois be adopted.

**R-109-22
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PHONE SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH AT&T
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 Resolution approving Pay Request #1 (Final) for the 2022 Sidewalk Improvements Project from J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. be adopted.

**R-110-22
RESOLUTION APPROVING
FINAL PAYMENT FOR 2022
SIDEWALK
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving pay request #5 (Final) for the Altenheim Demolition Project to KLF Enterprises be adopted.

**R-111-22
RESOLUTION APPROVING
FINAL PAYMENT FOR
ALTENHEIM DEMOLITION
PROJECT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**TOY DRIVE RAFFLE
LICENSE
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Raffle License Application submitted by the Village of Forest Park Community Center for their December 7, 2022, Toy Drive Fundraising event be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Byrnes reported that the Holiday Walk on Madison is this Friday. The commissioner thanked the Fire Department for going to the North Pole to transport Mr. and Mrs. Claus to Forest Park.

Commissioner Maxham reported that she has been appointed as liaison to the Citizen's Advisory Board and she attended her first meeting on November 16th and she is looking forward to participating on the board. Last, the commissioner reminded us that next Monday is an Altnheim Advisory Committee meeting, and advised that there will be several presentations at this meeting. The public is invited to attend.

Commissioner Voogd thanked the Public Works director and staff for the preparation for the Holiday Walk on Friday. The commissioner reported that Allison and Juliette Harrison stopped by the Public Works garage to check out the new Dog Agility Toys, which were purchased through their fundraising efforts. The toys are slated to be installed in the Spring. The Recreation Board is planning their 2023 Arbor Day Event, their Spring Cleanup and the Dog Park Grand Reopening in the Spring. There are still some vacancies on this board. Anyone interested in volunteering can find the forms on the village's website. Last, the commissioner reported that Cook County Commissioner, Toni Preckwinkle, has announced that Forest Park is going to be one of the awardees of \$5.5 million in funding for Electric Vehicle Charging stations. We are currently looking at locations in Forest Park for the future installation.

Mayor Hoskins reported that Police Chief Gross is starting another Citizen's Police Academy in 2023. The Academy will be held starting in January on Thursdays from January 12th through March 16th. This is a great opportunity for citizens to learn about law enforcement in Forest Park. The mayor thanked the chief for offering this opportunity to the village residents. The mayor also noted that long-time Neighborhood Watch members recently catered food for Police Department employees, which was greatly appreciated. The Mayor's Annual Toy Drive is being held on December 7th at Shanahan's. The mayor thanked the Community Center staff and all of the volunteers who are working on this event. Residents are encouraged to make donations of toys for children or gift cards

for teenagers of local families who are in need. For the first time, the village has made online donations possible as well. Information is available on the village's website. Further, the Progress Center for Independent Living is holding an open house this Friday evening, in conjunction with the Holiday Walk. Residents are encouraged to drop in to learn about all the programs offered at the Center. The Progress Center serves the public with special abilities and is located at 7521 Madison and is an active and valuable public resource. Last week, Cast Water Safety held their grand opening. They teach water safety flip and float skills for infants and young children preventing drowning, which is the #2 cause of death for children below age 4. Their services are available to local families and are promoted through the Forest Park Schools and Community Center. Finally, the mayor reported that he received correspondence from the CTA, responding to our request to remove the rusty water tower on their property. The CTA has committed to separate the water tower removal from the larger trainyard project they are planning. This is a positive development towards the years-long efforts of the village and surrounding communities encouraging the CTA to remove this eyesore.

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 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk