

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 19, 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 Nero that the minutes from the November 28, 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**

Frank Marasco spoke in support of salary adjustments for AFSCME employees of the village.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Finance Department and Fire Department submitted their monthly reports.

**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 \$1,998,830.16.

**R-112-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$1,998,830.16  
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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023 be adopted. be adopted.

**O-44-22  
ANNUAL TAX LEVY  
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 Resolution directing the County Clerk to calculate separate limiting rates for the Tax Levy of the Village of Forest Park, Illinois for the 2022 Tax Levy Year be adopted.

**R-113-22  
RESOLUTION DIRECTING  
COUNTY TO CALCULATE  
SEPARATE LIMITING  
RATES FOR TAX LEVY  
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 specifying the funds to be reduced by the County Clerk in the event that the Village annual tax levy exceeds a statutory tax limitation be adopted.

**O-45-22  
ORDINANCE SPECIFYING  
FUNDS TO BE REDUCED  
FROM LEVY DUE TO TAX  
LIMITATION  
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 amending section 5-8 of Chapter 8 of Title 2 of the municipal code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was noted that this affects the structure of the commission.

**O-46-22  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CODE RE:  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONTROL COMMISSION  
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 confirming the appointment of the members to the Forest Park Environmental Control Commission be adopted.

**R-114-22  
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING  
APPOINTMENT OF  
MEMBERS TO  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONTROL COMMISSION  
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 approving an animal boarding services for impounded animals' agreement with the Animal Care League be adopted.

**R-115-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ANIMAL BOARDING  
SERVICES AGREEMENT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-116-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
2023 PACE AGREEMENT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution approving a 2023 Paratransit Service Provider Agreement between Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (PACE) and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-117-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PAYMENT FOR 2022 ALLEY  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving Pay Request #1 (FINAL) for the 2022 Alley Improvements Project from J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-118-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PAYMENT FOR NORTH  
WATER TOWER  
REHABILITATION WORK  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #1 for the rehabilitation of the 500,000-gallon hydropillar high water tank at 7435 Franklin Street project to Tecorp, Inc. be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
DIRECTED TO HIRE ONE  
PROBATIONARY POLICE  
OFFICER  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Probationary Police Officer Eligibility List to fill a vacancy.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**WINDMILLS RAFFLE  
LICENSE  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the raffle license application submitted by the Oak Park Windmills for their fundraiser to be held at the Windmills facility in Forest Park on February 5, 2023.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Amidei extended his gratitude to the team of staff, officials, and community members and stated he's looking forward to 2023. The administrator warned residents to plan ahead for the storm expected later this week. The village is looking into replacing the water meters at each address, which will include technology capable of alerting property owners of excessive water consumption, among other things. Last, the administrator wished all Happy Holidays.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes expressed his gratitude to the Finance and Fire Departments for their comprehensive reports and wished all Happy and Safe Holidays.

Commissioner Maxham reported that the Community Center is partnering with the Illinois Department of Public Health and conducting a winter coat and gear drive. New or used coats, hats, gloves and winter gear can be dropped off at the Community Center for distribution to those in need. Information about the drive will be available on the village's website. In addition, The Altenheim Steering Committee met on December 5 and heard presentations from several stakeholders. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2023. Last, the commissioner wished all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Nero assured residents that the village is well-prepared for the expected storm this week. The commissioner extended his gratitude to Public Works Director, Sal Stella for his ongoing efforts and for the legwork done on the water meter replacement project. The commissioner wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Voogd gave an overview of activities and accomplishments over the last year, including equipment purchases through the new fleet replacement fund, being named Tree City USA for another year, fundraising for equipment at the Dog Park, Recreation Board Community Cleanup days, participation in the regional C-4 Partnership, introduction of single-use food ware ordinance, and the creation of the Altenheim Steering Committee. The commissioner expressed her gratitude to staff and wished all a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Hoskins recognized village employees and issued service awards to the following employees:

25 Years – Sharon O’Shea and Anthony Villasenor

20 Years – Mark Maylath

15 Years – Dan Miller, Margie Wilkinson and Humberto Soto

10 Years – Matt Dowdle

5 Years – Wendy Keohane, Joel Zavala and Laura O’Donnell

The mayor further echoed commissioners in their expressions of gratitude to the Staff and Volunteers. Mayor Hoskins thanked all those who generously donated toys to the Toy Drive, which will be distributed to children who would otherwise not receive Christmas gifts. Last, more filming is scheduled to be occurring on Madison Street in early January.

### **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 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk