

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9, 2023**

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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the minutes from the December 19, 2022, Tax Levy Public Hearing 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 December 19, 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 Fire Department submitted its December, 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 \$596,113.06.

**R-01-23
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$596,113.06
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 Voogd that the Ordinance amending section 6-5-10, of Chapter 5 of Title 6 of the municipal code of the municipal code of the Village of Forest Park regarding permit parking in lot 6, be adopted.

**O-01-23
ORDINANCE AMENDING
HOURS OF PERMIT
PARKING IN LOT 6
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 Maxham that the Ordinance amending section 3-3-6, entitled "License Fee and Number" of Chapter 3, entitled "Liquor Control" of Title 3, entitled "Business and License Regulations" of the Village Code of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-02-23
ORDINANCE AMENDING
NUMBER AND TYPE OF
LIQUOR 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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving a successor collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Forest Park and the Forest Park Firefighters Association Local 2753, International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO, CLC be adopted. Administrator Amidei added that this contract will be a big change for the department as the village will be hiring a total of 6 new firefighter/paramedics to staff the ambulance and the village will no longer have contract paramedics.

**R-02-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SUCCESSOR 4-YEAR
AGREEMENT WITH
FIREFIGHTER’S UNION
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 to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint three candidates from its current Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility list to fill newly created positions.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTED TO HIRE THREE
NEW FIREFIGHTERS TO
FILL NEWLY CREATED
POSITIONS
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 Maxham to appoint the following individuals to the respective commissions:

**APPOINTMENTS TO
VARIOUS BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS
APPROVED BY MOTION**

- Burhan Syed - Safety and Traffic Commission
- Andrew DePriest – Safety and Traffic Commission
- William Ho – Environmental Control Commission
- Sarah Moloney – Planning and Zoning Commission

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 to approve the request from the Harlem
German Chorus to hold a German Fest in the Picnic Grove on
June 23, 2023 and June 24, 2023.

**HARLEM MANNER-UND
DAMENCHOR REQUEST
TO HOLD GERMAN FEST
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 he is meeting with Commissioner Nero and Director Stella to outline 2023 infrastructure improvement plans, including the Wilcox water main replacement. The administrator added that IDOT is planning to resurface both Desplaines Avenue and Roosevelt Road this spring.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham reported that she has been discussing the need for mental health services with the Community Center, the Department of Health and Safety as well as the mayor’s office. The Proviso Board of Health has many services that residents can use to their advantage. Staff is working on improving our relationship with PDH and providing a comprehensive list of available services, which will be distributed and published on the village’s website. In addition, a Mental Health Resources Fair is being planned for the Spring. More information will follow soon.

Commissioner Nero wished everyone a Happy New Year and promised to talk more about the projects that the village will be working on at the next meeting. The commissioner mentioned that we got a lot done in 2022 and expressed his gratitude to staff for a job well done. In addition, there have been many equipment purchases, allowing staff to be more productive and efficient in their work. Last, the commissioner reminded residents that there are still available spots in the upcoming Citizen’s Police Academy, which starts this Thursday.

Commissioner Voogd reported that a second random outreach was sent out today, seeking input on a possible single-use plastic ordinance. Survey responses are requested by February 10th. The commissioner will report back after the survey deadline as to the results.

Mayor Hoskins read a letter addressed to thank those police officers who recently helped a person who was accidentally locked out of her car in the bitter cold. There was a carjacking at Dunkin Donuts on the north side of town on Christmas. The mayor noted that once the north water tower painting is completed, more cameras will be added to the area. Mayor Hoskins further reported that not only did we swear in 5 police officers in December, we promoted Dan Pater to Police Lieutenant and Joe Schick to Police Sergeant and congratulated all who were hired and promoted. The mayor stated that he signed up for the Citizen's Police Academy as well. Last, the mayor reported that he received communication from the village's attorney announcing that the Circuit Court ruled in the village's favor on the original liquor license revocation of Forest Park Tap Room, agreeing that the penalty fit the violation of the liquor code. Today was the last day that the Tap Room could appeal and there was no appeal filed.

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 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk