

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23, 2023**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:25 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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the minutes from the January 9, 2023, 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

Ms. Kristen Lyons, 2022/2023 President of the Kiwanis Club of Forest Park spoke in support of the Proclamation being adopted tonight, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club. Ms. Lyons gave background on the history of Kiwanis and the Forest Park club. Last, Ms. Lyons thanked the Village Council for supporting the club.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police Department submitted its November/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 \$891,051.53.

**R-03-23
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$891,051.53
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:

Clerk Moritz read the Mayor’s proclamation celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Forest Park aloud.

**PROCLAMATION KIWANIS
CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay the principal of and interest on the village’s \$6,745,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (alternate revenue source), Series 2012, of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-03-23
ORDINANCE ABATING THE
TAX FOR 2022 ON SERIES
2012 GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS
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 authorizing the sale or disposition of surplus property (electronic equipment) of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-04-23
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
THE SALE OF SURPLUS
PROPERTY
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 approving Pay Request #1 (Final) for the Village of Forest Park Fire Department Roof Replacement Project from CSR Roofing Co. be adopted.

**R-04-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #1 FOR
FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF
TO CSR ROOFING CO.
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 and ratifying the execution of a Postage Equipment Maintenance Agreement with Pitney Bowes, Inc. be adopted.

**R-05-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PITNEY BOWES
MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENT
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 rescinding Resolution R-103-22 and authorizing approval of a Financial Advisor Letter Agreement by and between the Village of Forest Park and Ice Miller be adopted.

**R-06-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
FINANCIAL ADVISOR
LETTER AGREEMENT
WITH ICE MILLER
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 in support of Tax Increment Finance be adopted.

**R-07-23
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF TAX INCREMENT
FINANCING
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 to approve the request from the Forest Park Public Library to use the Picnic Grove on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 2-4 pm for a kids' outdoor science program.

**LIBRARY REQUEST TO
USE PICNIC GROVE
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to approve the request from the Forest Park Public Library to display banners promoting their Black History Month program series of events.

**LIBRARY REQUEST TO
DISPLAY BLACK HISTORY
MONTH SERIES BANNERS
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 request from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and Development to display banners promoting their St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 4, 2023, and their Spring Wine Walk on April 22, 2023.

**CHAMBER REQUEST TO
DISPLAY ST. PATRICK'S
PARADE AND SPRING
WINE WALK BANNERS
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 request from O'Sullivan's Public House to erect a tent for the St. Patrick's Parade day, Saturday, March 4, 2023.

**O'SULLIVAN'S PUBLIC
HOUSE REQUEST TO
ERECT TENT FOR ST.
PATRICK'S PARADE DAY
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 Annual NPDES Phase II MS4 presentation that was on this meeting's agenda will be presented at the next meeting on February 13th. Administrator Amide also reported that he expects to have the 2023 Infrastructure plan ready for the February 13th meeting as well.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham reported that the first Mental Health Fair is tentatively scheduled for May 6th. It will include local vendors for mental health and social services, and will be presented in partnership with Proviso Township Mental Health Commission.

Commissioner Nero reported on activities of the Safety and Traffic Commission, chaired by Jordan Kuehn. The following issues are being addressed:

- Madison Street Crosswalks – Yield to Pedestrian signs. There were issues with the batteries. All have been replaced and are in service with the exception of Beloit. The Beloit sign needs repairs and they are in the works.
- Madison and Elgin Crosswalk – Issue with eastbound traffic left turn traffic. Vehicles driving through the crosswalk in the westbound lanes trying to reach the turn lane for Harlem. Breakaway crosswalk signs will be installed in the crosswalk at Elgin to prevent wrong lane traffic. The signs are on order and will be installed as soon as they are received.
- Marengo Avenue behind Madison Commons – Blind spot. Signage and a mirror are recommended to be installed.
- Lathrop and Brown – Repaint yellow curbs. Complete

Commissioner Voogd commented about the ARPA discussion earlier today and expressed that she is encouraged about the upcoming projects. The commissioner communicated that Public Works has been playing catch up and is spending a lot of their resources on picking up trash along Madison Street. Business owners are encouraged to help keep the area in front of their business picked up as it is a condition of their business license. Last, the commissioner announced that a member of the Recreation Board has stepped down and there is another open spot on this board, adding that it will be increasingly difficult to convene a forum with fewer members.

Mayor Hoskins encouraged the elected officials to respond to the invitation to attend the West Central Municipal Conference Legislative Breakfast on February 4th. Mayors Adduci of River Forest, Scaman of Oak Park and Thompson of Broadview were honored in Washington DC for their efforts in forming The Cross-Community Climate Collaborative (C4) and were awarded a \$150,000 grant to assist in the group's efforts. The mayor offered his congratulations to all involved. Mayor Hoskins offered his appreciation to Chief Gross for the Police Department's efforts in running the Citizen's Police Academy. Last, Mayor Hoskins met with Cook County Sheriff, Tom Dart, to discuss mental health resources and addressing mental health issues in the public. Sheriff Dart introduced collaborating with communities and law enforcement to introduce tools the sheriff's office is using to reduce recidivism, which may help local law enforcement when dealing with repeat calls for the same citizens.

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 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk