

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 13, 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the February 27, 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**

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 \$471,166.02.

**R-18-23  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$471,166.02  
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 Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 2023 Alley Improvements Project (900 Block Dunlop-Lathrop: 1100 Block Circle-Marengo) be adopted.

**R-19-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
SPECIFICATIONS AND  
BIDDING FOR 2023 ALLEY  
IMPROVEMENTS  
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 Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 2023 Watermain and Resurfacing Project (Wilcox Street and Ferdinand Avenue) be adopted.

**R-20-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
SPECIFICATIONS AND  
BIDDING FOR 2023  
WATERMAIN AND  
RESURFACING PROJECTS  
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 authorizing the Village of Forest Park to participate in the New National Opioid Settlements and authorizing the execution of related settlement agreements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart be adopted.

**R-21-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PARTICIPATION IN  
NATIONAL OPIOID  
SETTLEMENTS  
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 Juneteenth Committee to hold a Flag-Raising Ceremony.

**JUNETEENTH FLAG  
RAISING CEREMONY  
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 Heritage Chorale to display banners promoting their upcoming Concert Series.

**HERITAGE CHORALE  
BANNER REQUEST  
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to authorize and ratify the mayor’s signature on agreements with Dave and Buster’s, associated with Summer Clubhouse functions organized by the Community Center.

**RATIFY COMMUNITY  
CENTER AGREEMENTS  
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 appoint Jonah Harlan and John Cunningham to the Recreation Board.

**MR. JONAH HARLAN AND  
MR. JOHN CUNNINGHAM  
APPOINTED TO  
RECREATION BOARD**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Administrator Amidei was not in attendance. Public Works Director, Sal Stella, reported that the 2023 Alley Improvements and the 2023 Watermain and Resurfacing Projects bids will be done using online bidding. Online bidding saves time and money and the bids will be opened live using Zoom. The director further reported that due to the 2021 mandate, requiring the village to eliminate all lead water service lines, the village intends to apply for an \$8 million IEPA loan to be used over the next 5 years. There is hope that a portion of the loan will be forgivable and that other sources of funding will be sought. These other sources will come before the Village Council at some time in the future. The village will be holding an open house on March 20, 2023, at Village Hall to discuss the mandate and the plan to comply.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Burnes introduced the two new Recreation Board members.

Commissioner Maxham reported that Director Glinke is holding the first of a series of meetings with our zoning consultant in order to facilitate rewriting the Forest Park Zoning Code.

Commissioner Nero expressed his gratitude to all of the villages Departments and Department Heads who contributed and did a great job with setting up, cleaning up and participating in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Voogd echoed Commissioner Nero’s sentiments and further complimented Michelle Melin-Rogovin and Alexis Ellers, who organized and held a Women’s Day event and fundraiser on March 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful event. The commissioner expressed her gratitude to Michelle and Alexis for their efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk