

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 27, 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 March 13, 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:

The Fire Department submitted its February, 2023, report and the Police Department submitted its January and February, 2023, 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 \$736,528.13.

**R-22-23
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$736,528.13
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving and publishing the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-23-23
RESOLUTION PUBLISHING
OFFICIAL ZONING MAP
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 Permeable Paver Maintenance (Joint Bid) Project (500 Block Beloit and Ferdinand – Adams to Jackson; 900 Block Marengo and Elgin – Lexington to Harvard) be adopted.

**R-24-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR 2023
PERMEABLE PAVER
MAINTENANCE 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 the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Mohr Community Center Park Improvements Project be adopted.

**R-25-23
RESOLUTION
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR COMMUNITY
CENTER PARK
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance waiving bidding and authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for Landscaping Maintenance by and between McAdam Landscaping and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-16-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
LANDSCAPING
MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL
WITH MCADAM
LANDSCAPING**

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 Nero 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.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTED TO HIRE ONE
PROBATIONARY POLICE
OFFICER
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 Voogd to authorize the Mayor's signature on agreements with Sundance, Lakeside Revival, and R-Gang, associated with Groov'n in the Grove functions organized by the Community Center.

**GROOV'N IN THE GROVE
ENTERTAINMENT
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Raffle License Application submitted by the Village of Forest Park Community Center for their Groov'n in the Grove events for 2023 be approved.

**GROOV'N IN THE GROVE
RAFFLE PERMIT
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 Byrnes to approve Betsey Ross Elementary School's request to close the 1300 block of Marengo on June 7, 2023, to hold an end of school year celebration event.

**BETSEY ROSS BLOCK
PARTY CLOSURE
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 Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on agreements with Shoreline Sightseeing, associated with community functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENT
RATIFIED 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 Nero to approve the request from Hephzibah Children's Association to display banners promoting their Kids Resale Event at St. John Lutheran Church on April 14-15, 2023.

**HEPHZIBAH CHILDREN'S
ASSOCIATION BANNER
REQUEST
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 requested consensus from the Village Council to continue with Bike Facility Improvements at the CTA station and along Harrison Street. This was previously approved and awarded an ITEP grant. The village will pay 10% of the cost. IDOT handles the bidding and award of contract for the project. The bid came in \$38,000 over the estimate, and the village will pay an extra \$3,800.00. There was no objection from the Village Council to proceed, in light of the additional cost.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Burnes thanked the Police and Fire Departments for submitting their reports.

Commissioner Maxham thanked the Police Department for holding the 10-week Citizen's Police Academy, which she recently completed. The commissioner commented that the program was amazing and enlightening. The commissioner further reported that Proviso Township has approved the budget for the May 6, 2023, Mental Health Fair, which will provide access to citizens to different mental health and other social services. Last, Commissioner Maxham announced that the village is accepting applications from citizens to participate in the Public Health Commission. Applications area available online or at Village Hall.

Commissioner Nero encouraged those property owners who have received notice of the water main replacement, to help by providing the photos and completing the access agreements for the village to replace the lead water service lines in their property. This is so the village can be in compliance with the newly instituted mandate to replace lead water service lines any time the water main is replaced. Water main projects are scheduled for this summer, in accordance with the Infrastructure Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Voogd expressed gratitude to the Police Department for holding the Citizen's Police Academy, adding that it was a great way to learn about how police approach and the situations that they face. Also, it was great to get to know the police department staff a little better. The commissioner encouraged residents to sign up if the department holds another session. Commissioner Voogd further announced that the village has qualified as Tree City USA for 2023, and thanked Director, Sal Stella, for all of his efforts supporting the application. Arbor Day is April 28th, and there will be a ceremony at the Library at 9:00 a.m. that day. The library is further holding a program for 2 weeks prior to that, involving residents. There will be a Grand Re-Opening of the Dog Park on April 29 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a community cleanup day on May 27th, in coordination with Public Works Week and the village's electronic recycling event. Last, the commissioner reported that the House passed a ban on polystyrene wear and the Village Council will likely be considering an Ordinance related to single use plasticware at one of the April meetings.

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 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk