

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 10, 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 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the minutes from the March 27, 2023, Special 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the minutes from the March 27, 2023, Closed Session 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 \$465,031.43.

**R-26-23  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$465,031.43  
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance amending the Forest Park Village Code regarding single-use foodware in places of eating be adopted.

**O-17-23  
ORDINANCE REGULATING  
SINGLE-USE FOODWARE  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** Commissioner Maxham

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving a Local Public Agency Joint Funding Agreement for Illinois Department of Transportation State-Let construction work regarding certain improvements to the Van Buren Street Parking Lot and Harrison Street be adopted.

**R-27-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
FUNDING AGREEMENT  
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO  
VAN BUREN PARKING LOT  
AND HARRISON STREET  
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 authorizing the award for the 2023 Alley Improvement Project contract to J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. be adopted.

**R-28-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
AWARD OF 2023 ALLEY  
PROJECT TO J. NARDULLI  
CONCRETE, INC.  
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 and authorizing the execution of a Professional Construction Engineering Services Proposal for the 2023 Alley Improvement Project by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**R-29-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL  
FOR 2023 ALLEY  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
FROM BURKE  
ENGINEERING  
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 authorizing the award for the 2023 Watermain Improvement Project Contract to Uno Construction Co., Inc. be adopted.

**R-30-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
AWARD OF 2023  
WATERMAIN PROJECT TO  
UNO CONSTRUCTION  
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 and authorizing the execution of a Professional Construction Engineering Services Proposal for the 2023 Watermain Improvements Project by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**R-31-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL  
FOR 2023 WATERMAIN  
PROJECT WITH BURKE  
ENGINEERING  
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 authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of a full-time Administration/Accounts Receivable Clerk be adopted.

**R-32-23  
RESOLUTION WAIVING  
IMRF HIRING FREEZE FOR  
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE  
CLERK POSITION  
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 authorize and ratify the Mayor’s signature on agreements with Blue Man Group, Briar Street Theatre, The Fireside Theatre and Bottle and Botega Lagrange, associated with functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENTS RATIFIED  
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 Nero to approve the request from the Forest Park Public Library to display banners promoting their Summer Reading Program.

**FOREST PARK LIBRARY  
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to approve the request from the Crop Walk Planning Team to display banners promoting the Crop Hunger Walk.

**CROP HUNGER WALK  
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:**

None

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes congratulated all of those newly elected or re-elected in the recent municipal election on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Maxham reported that the final Altenheim Committee recommendation report should be ready in the next week or two. The commissioner further announced the Community Fridge has opened and is going well. There is a sign up online for people to volunteer to help stock and maintain the refrigerator. The village is accepting applications for volunteers to serve on the Public Health Board. Last, the village is hosting a Mental Health Fair on May 6<sup>th</sup>, in collaboration with the Proviso Mental Health Commission. All are welcome.

Commissioner Voogd reported that there will be an Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Library at 9:00 a.m. and the Dog Park Grand Opening is being held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Last, the commissioner thanked the other elected officials for passing the plastic foodware ordinance.

Mayor Hoskins reported that this summer will be the third summer that the village hosted Shakespeare in the Park. The program will be held at the Altenheim, is free to the public, and will be the first and second weeks of August. The Forest Park Arts Alliance is holding a fundraiser on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Piacere Mio to support the program. The mayor further reported that the village's Youth Commission is being revamped over the next 6 months and is seeking volunteers to serve on the

commission, which supports youth and is tasked with creating options for youths in the village. Applications can be obtained through the mayor's office. Also, there is a renewed interest in reinstating the Diversity Commission, which was disbanded because of COVID-19 restrictions. Applications for this commission are also available through the mayor's office. Last, the mayor reported that there will be a Memorial Day Celebration on the last Monday in May. Details will be on the village's website.

### **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 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk