

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 24, 2023**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 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 April 10, 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 March, 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 \$958,493.85.

**R-33-23  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$958,493.85  
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 Maxham that the Ordinance amending section 5-1-11 of Chapter 1 of Title 5 of the municipal code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted. There was discussion about the Dog Park revenues not covering the costs, and staff recommendation to charge \$20 for residents and \$60 for non-residents per year.

**O-18-23  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
ANNUAL FEES FOR DOG  
PARK PERMITS  
APPROVED AS AMENDED**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to amend the proposed ordinance by amending section 1(a)(1) as follows: Replace \$15.00 with \$20.00 and strike the sentence “Beginning on May 1, 2024; Twenty (\$20.00) dollars for the first dog; five dollars (\$5.00) for each additional dog.”, and amending section 1(a)(2) as follows: Replace \$55.00 with \$60.00 and strike the sentence “Beginning on May 1, 20234,; Sixty dollars (\$60.00) dollars for the first dog; ten dollars (\$10.00) for each additional dog.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** Commissioner Maxham

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

The clerk was instructed to call the roll call on the original motion as amended:

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** Commissioner Maxham

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving a Side Letter Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and AFSCME Council 31 for and on behalf of Local 3026 be adopted.

**R-34-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT  
WITH AFSCME  
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 Byrnes that the Resolution authorizing the award for the Community Center Playground Improvement Project contract to Playgroundsafte, LLC be adopted. There was discussion about the cost (\$218,000.00) being over the \$150,000.00 allocated from ARPA funds and potential sources of funds to pay the increased cost. It was discussed that another ARPA budget meeting will be scheduled to decide and amend the plan to spend the funding, and cover the increased cost of this project.

**R-35-23  
RESOLUTION AWARDED  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
PLAYGROUND PROJECT  
TO PLAYGROUNDSAFE  
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 authorizing the purchase of playground equipment for the Community Center in the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-19-23  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
PURCHASE OF  
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT  
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 Community Center Playground Improvements Project by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**R-36-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL  
FOR COMMUNITY CENTER  
PLAYGROUND PROJECT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

The administrator requested direction from the Council regarding the commitment to provide \$40,000.00 per year for three years to the Chamber of Commerce, to fund marketing activities. It was suggested that the village wait until the supplemental ARPA budget discussion before dispersing funds to the Chamber of Commerce.

**DISCUSSION ON WHETHER TO FUND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$40,000/YEAR FOR THREE YEARS**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the request from the Forest Park Public Library to use the Picnic Grove on Monday, June 26, 2023, and Friday, August 11, 2023, for various library programming.

**LIBRARY REQUEST TO US 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to appoint the following individuals to the Board of Health, with terms expiring 4/30/28:

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF HEALTH APPROVED BY MOTION**

- Mishawn Purnell-O’Neal
- Leah Shapiro
- Susan Buss
- Karen Considine
- Lindsey Baish-Flynn

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Amidei acknowledged all of the planning and coordination of work involved with the shut down of Des Plaines Avenue in order to tap the water main for Wilcox before IDOT completes the repaving of Des Plaines.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes expressed his appreciation to the residents, department heads and employees of the village at the close of his 8-year term as Commissioner.

Commissioner Maxham reported that 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. The Altenheim Steering Committee will present their recommendation for the future of the site. Last, the commissioner thanked Commissioner Byrnes for serving as a Village Commissioner.

Commissioner Nero asked drivers to slow down, and be more careful during IDOT's roadwork on Des Plaines to protect the road workers and thanked Commissioner Byrnes for his leadership, guidance and friendship.

Commissioner Voogd reported that she attended the IML lobby day in Springfield and attended a hearing about bringing the LGDF share to the local municipalities back to the 2011 level of 10%. Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 28, at 9:00 with the planting of a tree at the Library. Also, the Dog Park Grand Opening is being held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Last, the commissioner thanked all of the volunteers and Commissioner Byrnes for his service to the village.

Mayor Hoskins reported that 3/5ths of the Council was in Springfield last week pressing for changes to the LGDF distribution. The mayor is also lobbying, along with the CTA, to obtain \$2,000,000 for the CTA to help with expenses related to unhoused persons along the blue and green lines. The Fire Department was helpful in providing statistics and justifying the costs for the request for reimbursement. The Regional Enterprise Zone is exploring and considering expanding into Forest Park. Last, Mayor Hoskins thanked Commissioner Joe Byrnes for his service to the village and his friendship and guidance.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk