

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 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 April 24, 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. Etta Worthington congratulated the newly elected officials, adding that she's looking forward to the next four years, with emphasis on green initiatives, equity, inclusion and diversity and more town halls.

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 \$594,959.60

**R-37-23
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$594,959.60
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Byrnes congratulated the newly elected officials and wished them his best.

Commissioner Maxham thanked outgoing Commissioner Byrnes for all he’s done for the village.

Commissioner Nero stated that Commissioner Byrnes not only served 8 years on the Village Council, he served on the police force and is a volunteer, a leader and a friend. He will be missed, however Commissioner Nero knows that Joe will still be involved in the events in town.

Commissioner Voogd thanked outgoing Commissioner Byrnes for bringing positive energy to the Council, along with his professionalism, kindness and friendship.

Mayor Hoskins commented that it’s nice to see the entire Byrnes family here, adding that Joe is a well-respected member of the community and thanked Commissioner Byrnes for his service.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE:

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero to adjourn Sine Die.

ADJOURNMENT OF SITTING VILLAGE COUNCIL

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

Mayor Hoskins advised that this concludes the business of this Village Council. Outgoing Commissioner Byrnes stepped down from the dais.

The honorable Judge Teresa Molina-Gonzalez administered the oaths of office to the newly elected Commissioners.

INAUGURATION AND SWEARING IN OF ELECTED MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

The honorable Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough administered the oath of office to the newly elected Mayor Hoskins.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hoskins called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to read the Proclamation of the Official Results of the General Election on April 4, 2023, declaring the following individuals as the persons duly elected Mayor and Commissioners of the Village of Forest Park:

Mayor:

Rory Hoskins

Commissioners:

Jessica Voogd
Maria A. Maxham
Ryan C. Nero
Michelle Melin-Rogovin

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins answered the Roll Call.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Ordinance designating Commissioner Maxham to be in charge and supervise the Department of Accounts and Finance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted. There was discussion about the tradition of appointing this department to the commissioner who received the most votes vs. looking at skill sets and experience vs. track record.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: Commissioners Melin-Rogovin and Voogd

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance designating Commissioner Nero to be in charge and supervise the Department of Public Health and Safety of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE
OFFICIAL RESULTS OF
THE CONSOLIDATED
GENERAL ELECTION OF
APRIL 4, 2023**

**O-20-23
ORDINANCE DESIGNATING
THE COMMISSIONER TO
BE IN CHARGE OF
ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE
APPROVED**

**O-21-23
ORDINANCE DESIGNATING
THE COMMISSIONER TO
BE IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC
HEALTH AND SAFETY
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Nero,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Ordinance designating Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to be in charge and supervise the Department of Streets and Public Improvements of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-22-23
ORDINANCE DESIGNATING
THE COMMISSIONER TO
BE IN CHARGE OF
STREETS AND PUBLIC
IMPROVEMENTS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Nero,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Ordinance designating Commissioner Voogd to be in charge and supervise the Department of Public Property of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-23-23
ORDINANCE DESIGNATING
THE COMMISSIONER TO
BE IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC
PROPERTY
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Nero,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was jointly and unanimously approved by the entire Village Council that the Resolution honoring Joseph Byrnes upon the conclusion of his Term from Elected Office in the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-38-23
RESOLUTION HONORING
COMMISSIONER JOSEPH
BYRNES UPON THE
CONCLUSION OF HIS
TERM
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Nero,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH FAIR AGREEMENT
RATIFIED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on an agreement with Antonia Ruppert associated with a Community Art Experience held at the Mental Health Expo on May 6, 2023.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**SPECIFICATIONS TO
REPAIR BRICK WALL AT
HANNAH PUMPING
STATION
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the specifications related to the solicitation of proposals from masonry contractors to repair the brick wall at the village's Pump Station located at Hannah Avenue and I-290.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

**BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTED TO FILL
VACANCIES IN POLICE
DEPARTMENT
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Police Sergeant Eligibility List and two candidates from its current Probationary Police Officer Eligibility List to fill vacancies.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Amidei reported that in addition to the official council business, there were proclamations recognizing National Police Week, National Public Works Week, National Tennis Month on tonight's agenda. In addition, the administrator recognized National Municipal Clerk's Week. The village has several full-time and part-time job openings including 2 firefighter/paramedic positions. The administrator reported that IDOT has suggested that Des Plaines Avenue paving may be completed this week and reminded residents to plan their local travel accordingly. Last, due to staffing shortages, the Village Clerk's office will be open to the public, starting on Monday, May 15th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The administrator encouraged residents to take advantage of online resources and the secure drop box outside Village Hall and thanked our customers for their patience and understanding.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham stated that it's an honor to be sitting here and thanked her family, her husband, Jason and her children Cassidy, Alex and Toby for supporting her through the election process. The commissioner also appreciates the support from the community, and Mayor Hoskins and expressed her gratitude to the village staff, department heads, and especially to the Department of Public Health and Safety Staff, Steve Glinke, Sandy Nutley and Scott Popelka.

Commissioner Nero stated that he is excited to get started and appreciates the different skills and perspectives of the elected officials, who will drive Forest Park forward.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin stated she is excited to be here and to start learning about Streets and working with the Village Council. The commissioner is looking forward to collaborating, and hopefully writing grants to help support the village. Last, the commissioner thanked the voters who supported her efforts.

Commissioner Voogd reported on the Arbor Day celebration held last week at the library, thanking all those from the Library and District 91 who helped plan the event. The commissioner also reported that the Dog Park Ribbon Cutting event was a success, thanking the Public Works crew and Juliet Harrington for the fundraising and improvements her efforts funded. The commissioner expressed that she's thrilled to be in Public Property and is looking forward to four more years. The commissioner thanked staff and retired Commissioner Byrnes for his collaboration efforts.

Mayor Hoskins recognized the other elected official officials attending tonight's meeting, including Cook County Clerk, Karen Yarbrough, Judge Chloe Peterson, Judge Teresa Molina-Gonzalez, District 91 President, Shannon Wood, District 91 Vice President Monique Cotton-Yancy, Park District Board Member, Kristen Lyons, District 91 Board Member, John Lyons, and former Village Commissioner Chris Harris.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk