

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 22, 2023**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, 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 Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the May 8, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted its April, 2023, report and the Police Department submitted its March and April, 2023, report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$621,304.97.

**R-39-23
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$621,304.97
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Planner, Courtney Kashima of Muse Community Design presented the final Altenheim Advisory Committee Report as well as the recommended next steps regarding the village’s Van Buren Street Altenheim property. The report and recommendations can be found on the village’s website. There was discussion about hiring Chicago Consultant Studio to assist with the recommendations and positioning. There was further discussion about the need for more public engagement and outreach as well as searching for funding and grant sources.

**VILLAGE PLANNER
COURTNEY KASHIMA
PRESENTS ALTENHEIM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance amending Section 7-4-7 of the village code of the Village of Forest Park with respect to water and sewer rates and charges be adopted.

**O-24-23
ORDINANCE AMENDING
WATER RATES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution approving specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park Water Tower Paving Project be adopted.

**R-40-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING OF WATER
TOWER PAVING PROJECT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment between the Village of Forest Park and the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Maintenance and Energy Obligations and cost allocations of Traffic Control Devices be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-41-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AMENDMENT TO IDOT
AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #1 for the 2023 Water Main Project to Uno Construction Co., Inc. (Wilcox & Ferdinand) be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-42-23
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PAY
REQUEST #1 FOR WATER
MAIN PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving a building evaluation proposal for certain village-owned buildings from Shales, McNutt, LLC d/b/a SMC Construction Services be adopted. There was discussion about the age of the village’s facilities, the requirement for short-term and long-term needs, and the desire to fit the expense into the ARPA funds budget.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-43-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
BUILDING EVALUATION BY
SMC CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to authorize and ratify the mayor’s signature on an agreement with Drury Lane Theatre, associated with Community Center functions.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENT RATIFIED
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham reported that the Clerk’s Office walk-in hours have been reduced due to staffing shortages. There are online options for many business services as well as the 24-hour drop box available for residents.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that she attended her first Safety and Traffic Commission meeting, where they discussed several safety concerns. In addition, the commissioner attended the Arts Alliance Film Festival, a street naming ceremony and a Forest Park Theatre event. Last, the commissioner congratulated Forest Park Middle School student, Emme Whitebone, who is going to compete in the National Spelling Bee.

Commissioner Voogd reminded residents that this week is our electronic recycling and bulk pick up. Residents can dispose of large items by placing them in the parkway. The commissioner thanked all of the businesses who provided lunches and food for the Public Works Crew during Public Works Week. Also, the community clean up event is being held this Saturday at 9:00, volunteers will meet at the Roos Recreation Center. Last, the commissioner congratulated the Arts Alliance on the 48-hour film festival, adding that they did a great job and it was a really fun event.

Mayor Hoskins reported that there will be a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday at 1:00 at the Adams and Thomas Park. All are welcome to attend. Mayor Hoskins also attended a WCMC drive down to Springfield to meeting with our representatives and address our legislative needs. Last, the mayor announced that the village is expecting to have a cannabis infusion company move into Forest Park within the next month. The mayor also entered a Proclamation declaring May, 2023, as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk