

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 2023**

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

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the May 22, 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
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joseph Sullivan, owner of Duffy's Tavern requested the expansion of operating hours until 2:00 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, in addition to the request to allow the service of alcoholic beverages without food on the sidewalk.

Mr. Mark Boroughf requested that the Village Council table the installation of an additional flag pole at Village Hall due to the cost.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

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 \$590,998.02.

**R-44-23
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$590,998.02
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance fixing the salaries for the Officials and Employees of the Village of Forest Park from and after May 1, 2023, be adopted.

**O-25-33
ANNUAL SALARY
ORDINANCE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving addendum No. 1 to the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the amended Village of Forest Park water tower and Belvidere Avenue paving projects be adopted.

**R-45-23
RESOLUTION AMENDING
SPECIFICATIONS TO
PAVING PROJECTS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution authorizing the award for the Water Tower Paving Project contract to Chicagoland Paving, Inc. be adopted.

**R-46-23
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF
WATER TOWER PAVING
PROJECT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #2 for the 2023 Water Main Project to Uno Construction Co., Inc. be adopted.

**R-47-23
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PAY
REQUEST #2 FOR WATER
MAIN PROJECT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a professional design engineering services proposal for the Community Center and Village Hall parking lots resurfacing project by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**R-48-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING FOR
PARKING LOTS PROJECT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution adopting the village's outdoor flag policy be adopted.

**R-49-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
FLAG POLICY
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to direct the Public Works Department to install an additional flag pole adjacent to the existing flag pole at Village Hall

**MOTION TO DIRECT
PUBLIC WORKS TO
INSTALL ADDITIONAL
FLAG POLE AT VILLAGE
HALL
FAILS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: Commissioners Maxham and Nero

ABSENT: None

The motion failed.

It was jointly moved by Commissioners Maxham and Melin-Rogovin to approve the request from the Park District of Forest Park to close Harrison Street on July 4, 2023, to accommodate their Fireworks Display.

**PARK DISTRICT REQUEST
TO CLOSE HARRISON
STREET FOR FIREWORKS
DISPLAY
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the raffle license application submitted by the Community Center for split-the-pot raffles at Groovn' in the Grove events this summer

**COMMUNITY CENTER
RAFFLE LICENSE
APPLICATION
APPROVED MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to authorize and ratify the mayor's signature on agreements with Chicago Botanic Garden and Paramount Theatre Group for functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENTS
RATIFIED AND APPROVED
BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Voogd

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Amidei announced that the village is looking at replacing the water meters in town with smart meters, which are capable of detecting leaks and reminded property owners to do an annual water leak self-audit. The administrator advised that different types of waste should not be co-mingled, such as trash with yard waster or recycling. In the past, Republic Services has been taking co-mingled waste with the trash truck. Going forward, the can will receive a sticker and will not be picked up. Last, the village has received notice that they are going to receive a \$2 million loan forgiveness from the Illinois EPA, targeted for lead water service line replacements.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham expressed her gratitude to Fire Chief Chiappetta for bringing her to the Cicero Burn Tower, where the commissioner suited up and participated in fire training.

Commissioner Nero reported that home sales in Forest Park are strong and it would be good to keep it that way. The commissioner encouraged property owners to keep their property maintained and in order to avoid promoting the rodent population.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that she attended the following:

- WCMC Training for newly elected officials
- Equality/Pride Brunch, where she met Illinois' Lieutenant
- District 91 PTO Year-end event at Let's Play Work
- Special Olympics Torch Run supporting police and firefighters raising funds for Illinois Special Olympics
- Memorial Day observances at Woodlawn Cemetery and Forest Park Park District.
- Juneteenth Family Pool Party
- Standing for Ryan Fundraiser with Forest Park Firefighters
- Meetings with the Public Works Director, Residents of the Grove and the Forest Park Marketing Committee
- The kickoff for the Library's summer reading program.

Mayor Hoskins congratulated the elected officials for perfect attendance at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Park, thanking the American Legion for hosting the event. The mayor further reported that he attended the graduation of the Leadership Lab of Oak Park and River Forest. He thanked Firefighters Local 2753 for holding the Stand with Ryan fundraiser at Shanahan's this week. The Green Town Conference, in conjunction with the C-4 collaborative, and all of the elected officials should have received a calendar invitation. Last the mayor was contacted by a delegation from Albania about holding an exhibition soccer match here in Forest Park, where the prefect (mayor) of Vlore, Albania was playing in the match. He visited village hall, where he received different gifts from Forest Park, and presented the mayor with a plaque of the Albanian Independence statue and suggested the village explore a sister city relationship with the town of Vlore, Albania.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved and Commissioner Maxham seconded to adjourn into closed session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to consider probable or imminent litigation, compensation of specific employees and collective bargaining matters. The motion carried.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk