

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JULY 10, 2023**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:48 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 Nero that the minutes from the June 26, 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

Mr. Scott Presslak, who served on the Altenheim Advisory Committee, provided insight in support of the committee's findings. Mr. Presslak stated that the committee did welcome the public to provide the committee with feedback, adding that he is proud of the final report of the committee.

Mr. Marty Tellalian, chair of the Altenheim Advisory Committee, speaking on behalf of himself, clarified some of the comments made by Gene Armstrong at his presentation on June 26, 2023, before the Village Council. Mr. Tellalian stated that he would like to correct what he characterized as misleading and erroneous comments made by Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Tellalian stated that not only was the Concerned Van Buren Citizens group contacted for input, they were allowed 15 minutes to give a presentation and Q&A to the committee, in addition to the many public comments provided by the group. Further, the plat plans that were included with the report were represented that they were supported by the AAC. Last, Mr. Tellalian encouraged all those interested to actually read the entire report.

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 \$462,776.25.

**R-58-23
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$462,776.25.
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:

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance amending subsection 1 of paragraph A of Section 1-8A-5 of Article A of Chapter 8 of Title 1 of the municipal code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was discussed that the purpose of this change is to allow on-line bidding, submission and opening of bids for major projects. It was further noted that smaller projects that don't use the online platform will continue to be advertised in the newspaper.

**O-30-23
ORDINANCE AMENDING
CODE FOR ADVERTISING
BIDS
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 authorizing the execution of Pay Request #4 for the 2023 Water Main Project to Uno Construction Co., Inc. be adopted.

**R-59-23
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PAY
REQUEST #4 FOR 2023
WATER MAIN 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the Salvation Army’s request to conduct their Red Kettle Campaign from November 1, 2023 through December 24, 2023.

**SALVATION ARMY
FUNDRAISING REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 to approve the Garage Galleries Committee’s request to display banners promoting their event on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

**GARAGE GALLERIES
COMMITTEE REQUEST TO
DISPLAY BANNERS
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:

No report.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham expressed her gratitude to Marty, Scott and David, from the Altenheim Advisory Committee for a job well done, and for the comments this evening.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that she was a reader at the Broadview Freedom School at the end of June, and congratulated the Park District on a great 4th of July event. Last, the commissioner encouraged all to attend the upcoming Historical Society’s Garden walk, where she will be volunteering.

Commissioner Voogd reported that she was just notified that Forest Park was awarded a Level 1 Accreditation by Arbnet Arboretum Accreditation Program, in partnership with Morton Arboretum. This award recognizes achieving particular standards. More information will be coming about this award soon.

Mayor Hoskins reported that the needed landscaping beautification has been completed at Village Hall and the landscaping looks so much better along Des Plaines Avenue. The mayor thanked the Public Works department and staff for completing this work.

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 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk