

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JULY 24, 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 Nero that the minutes from the July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

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 Nero that the minutes from the July 10, 2023, Special Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rick Corley thanked the Village of Forest Park for their support of the Forest Park Theatre's performance this summer. The group is performing Measure for Measure on August 4-6 and August 11-13 at the village's picnic grove.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police Department submitted its May/June report and the Fire Department submitted its June 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 \$814,283.69.

**R-60-23
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$814,283.69
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 Appropriation Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, be adopted.

**O-31-23
ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE
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 Nero that the Resolution directing receipt and expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted. Administrator Amidei stated that this gives staff a guide and parameters for the funds, which can be amended in the future. The funds are required to be spent by 2026.

**R-61-23
RESOLUTION DIRECTING
RECEIPT AND
EXPENDITURE OF
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
ACT (ARPA) FUNDS
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 Maxham that the Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposition of surplus property (vending machines) of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-32-23
ORDINANCE FOR
DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS
PROPERTY
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 Maxham that the Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a lease and maintenance agreement with Gordon Flesch Company for a Police Department printer/copier be adopted.

**O-33-23
ORDINANCE APPROVING
COPIER AGREEMENT WITH
GORDON FLESCH CO.
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 Nero that the Ordinance waiving bid and authorizing the acceptance of an Aviglion Alta Surveillance System proposal from Griffon Systems, Inc. for the purchase and installation of surveillance cameras at various locations within the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-34-23
ORDINANCE APPROVING
PURCHASE AND
INSTALLATION OF
SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS
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 Voogd that the Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a purchase and installation agreement with SEPS, Inc. for a Police Department uninterrupted power supply (UPS) unit be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**O-35-23
ORDINANCE APPROVING
PURCHASE OF UPS UNIT
FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Supplemental Resolution continuing to consent to and support approval of Class 6b Incentive Abatement for the property commonly described as 7500 Industrial Drive in the Village of Forest Park, Illinois be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-62-23
RESOLUTION CONTINUING
SUPPORT OF CLASS 6B
INCENTIVE ABATEMENT
FOR 7500 INDUSTRIAL
DRIVE
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Engineering Services Proposal for Phase II design by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park for the 2023 50-50 Sidewalk Replacement Project be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-63-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING
AGREEMENT WITH CBEL
FOR 2023 50-50 SIDEWALK
REPLACEMENT PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve Housing Forward's request to display banners promoting their 13th annual Compete to Defeat Homelessness Trivia Night on August 24th.

**HOUSING FORWARD
BANNER 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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the Knights of Columbus' request to conduct their Tootsie Roll fundraising drive on Friday, September 8, 2023, and Saturday, September 9, 2023.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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 Nero to approve the request from Opportunity Knocks to hold their annual OK Classic Softball Tournament and 50-50 Raffle on the softball fields at the Park on Saturday, September 23, 2023, or the rain date, Sunday, September 24, 2023.

**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS'
RAFFLE 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 request from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce & Development to display banners promoting their annual Casket Races being held on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CASKET RACES BANNER
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 Forest Park Theatre's request to display banners promoting their free performances of Measure for Measure on August 4-6 and August 11-13.

**FOREST PARK THEATRE
BANNER 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 Shettima Webb's request to display banners promoting Black H

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.

**SHETTIMA WEBB BANNER
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 request from the Forest Park Cub Scout Pack 109 to use the Picnic Grove to hold a scouting event on Thursday, August 17, 2023, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 109
REQUEST TO USE PICNIC
GROVE
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED
AND REAPPOINTED TO
COMMISSIONS
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to appoint/reappoint the following individuals to the referenced board/commissions:

Reappointment:

- Brittany Tamul – Recreation Board – Expires 4/30/2027
- Jonah Harlan – Recreation Board – Expires 4/30/2028
- Kate Webster – Diversity Commission – Expires 4/30/2025
- Tom Holmes – Diversity Commission – Expires 4/30/2025

Appointment:

- Bernadette Smith – Diversity Commission – Expires 4/30/2026

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 Nero warned the public about the dangers of carbon monoxide and encouraged residents to make sure they have a detector. The commissioner further recognized Director Steve Glinke for responding to a carbon monoxide concern only to find out there was a leak in a 90-unit building, avoiding harm to the residents. The building residents expressed their gratitude to Director Glinke for his caring response and professionalism.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that the Safety and Traffic Commission has reschedule their meeting this month the July 27th at 7:00 p.m. There is a monthly Soup and Bread fundraising event that benefits the Forest Park Food Pantry and Forest Park Fridge. This is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The last event was held at Exit Strategy. Last the commissioner congratulated the Kiwanis Club for celebrating their 100th birthday and acknowledged the Police Department for the activities they participated in to honor Officer Nick Kozak.

Commissioner Voogd discussed the Level 1 Accreditation by Arbnet Arboretum Accreditation Program, in partnership with Morton Arboretum that the village received, along with the stringent standards required to achieve this goal. The commissioner further requested to receive more information and an activity report from the village’s lobbyist.

Mayor Hoskins reported that he recently met with CTA officials and received an overview of the planned construction that will be done at the Forest Park Blue Line station. In addition, the group discussed the CTA's \$50 million grant funding earmarked to combat homelessness and the possibility of some of those funds coming to Forest Park to offset the cost to the village for the ambulance response calls to the two stations on Forest Park. The CTA also vowed to install sharps receptacles for the many used needles found around the stations and their willingness to work with the village to clean up the areas surrounding the stations in town. Last, Mayor Hoskins reported that the Clerk's office is now back to regular Monday through Friday hours of 8:00 to 5:00.

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 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk