

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the September 11, 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, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the September 11, 2023, Closed Session 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, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Joe Mullen sent in public comment in support of the approving a live music venue at the space located at Madison and Circle Avenues.

Mr. Stephen Keating requested an explanation about the construction at 7713 Wilcox, which is next door to his residence. He would like to receive updates on the construction process and information and indemnity for the contractor who repeatedly accesses his property without permission.

Mr. Steven Backman questioned the consulting agreement, which is being considered under new business item 3, with Administrative Consulting Specialists, LLC. He expressed his hope that the agreement provides a good value for the Village of Forest Park.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Fire Department submitted its August, 2023, report and the Police Department submitted its July/August, 2023, report.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$447,741.37.

**R-84-23  
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF  
\$447,741.37  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposition of surplus property (police vehicles) of the Village of Forest park be adopted.

**O-41-23  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
SALE OF SURPLUS  
POLICE VEHICLES  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Ordinance waiving the bidding process and authorizing the approval of the purchase of two (2) 2023 Dodge Durango pursuit AWD vehicles for the Village of Forest Park Police Department be adopted.

**O-42-23  
ORDINANCE APPROVING  
PURCHASE OF TWO  
POLICE VEHICLES  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Engineering Services Proposal for Phase II design for the Jackson Underground Water Reservoir Inspection and Repairs Project by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-85-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
FOR JACKSON  
UNDERGROUND  
RESERVOIR PROJECT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

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

**R-86-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
FOR 2023 MFT  
RESURFACING PROJECT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution authorizing the contract award for the 2023 Sidewalk Program to Nardulli Construction Company, Inc. be adopted.

**R-87-23  
RESOLUTION AWARDED  
2023 SIDEWALK  
CONTRACT TO NARDULLI  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

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

**R-88-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
FOR 2023 SIDEWALK  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution providing for the levy of an additional Library Tax for Building and Maintenance be adopted.

**R-89-23  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING  
FOR ADDITIONAL LIBRARY  
LEVY FOR BUILDING  
MAINTENANCE.  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving a Service Agreement with Administrative Consulting Specialists, LLC be adopted.

**R-90-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
AGREEMENT WITH  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
CONSULTING SERVICES,  
LLC  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

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

**APPOINTMENT OF TWO  
PROBATIONARY POLICE  
OFFICERS  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve liquor licenses for the following establishments:

- Golden Steer – 7635 Roosevelt Road
- Chirrión Mexican Grill – 7510 Madison Street
- Mexican Republic Kitchen/Cantina – 7404 Madison St.

**LIQUOR LICENSES  
APPROVED FOR NEW  
OWNERS OF EXISTING  
BUSINESSES  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to approve the Forest Park Arts Alliance's request to hold a Fiber Flash event in Constitution Court during the month of November, 2023, as outlined in the Use of the Public Way application submitted by the Alliance. It was discussed that the Alliance will maintain the display and clean up and donate the items when the event is completed.

**ARTS ALLIANCE FIBER  
FLASH EVENT  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to ratify the approval of a Banner Request submitted by Hephzibah to promote their Fall Children's Resale event.

**HEPHZIBAH BANNER  
REQUEST  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Nero  
The motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Interim Village Administrator Entler reported that she and Mayor Hoskins met with Representative Ford to discuss the issue of disruptive funerals traveling through and in Forest Park. There is a Joint Review Board meeting tomorrow to consider the creation of the Harlem Circle TIF District. Last, the administrator reported that District 91 is holding a community forum on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Grant-White school to discuss the future of the building. The forum will start at 6:30 p.m.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Maxham reported that she attended the Illinois Municipal League conference last week at the Chicago Hilton, gaining valuable knowledge and networking opportunities. The first clothing swap, which was organized and coordinated by resident Ryan O’Connor, was held last Saturday. The event was a tremendous success. The commissioner expressed her gratitude to Ryan O’Connor, Director Karen Dylewski, Administrator, Rachell Entler, Play it Again Sports and to Joel Albright for donating food for the event. Last, there will be a kick-off event for Banned Books week on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 at the Library, including a Freedom to Read Rally event and a churro truck.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin commented that she also attended the IML conference last week. In addition, the Safety and Traffic Commission met and are engaging with the public to address issues within Forest Park. The commission is planning to hold a public meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Library to engage with the public and discuss what the Commission is working on. Last, the commissioner met with Isaiah Brandon, of Maywood and plans to collaborate and share resources with other villages.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the weather was wonderful for the community clean up event, thanking all of the organizers and volunteers who made the event such a success. The commissioner also commented on the IML conference, adding that she especially enjoyed the multi-year budgeting session and the Boneyard Creek Plan, which provided stormwater management and economic development improvements. The commissioner suggested that the village hold some long-term goals, planning and needs sessions.

Mayor Hoskins reported that has heard from a number of residents that they are concerned about the migrants in Illinois and want to help. The Village of Oak Park is applying for a grant through the Metropolitan Mayor’s Caucus, which Forest Park is supporting to address migrants and their issues. The West Central Municipal Conference is holding their annual dinner this Friday in Rosemont, and The Forest Park Kiwanis Club is celebrating their 100-year anniversary this Saturday at Fearon Hall. The mayor encouraged attendance at both of these events.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk