

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 8, 2024**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:06 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 December 18, 2023, Annual Tax Levy Public Hearing be 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 minutes from the December 18, 2023, Regular meeting of the Council be 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 minutes from the December 18, 2023, Closed Session meeting of the Council be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joshua Castille requested assistance with parking near his home as he does not feel safe walking four blocks from the municipal lot to his home at night.

Mr. Steven Backman commemorated the 20th anniversary of the group CU in FP.

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 \$1,884,958.23.

**R-01-24
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,884,958.23
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:

Ms. Ann Scales Principal, Lauterbach and Amen, presented the 2023 audit report to the members. Ms. Scales stated the disclosures were neutral, consistent, and clear, and there were no significant difficulties in performing the audit.

**2023 AUDIT
PRESENTATION BY
LAUTERBACH AND AMEN**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance amending the code of ordinance of the Village of Forest Park to regulate unscheduled bus stops be adopted.

**O-01-24
ORDINANCE REGULATING
UNSCHEDULED BUS
STOPS
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 Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposition of surplus property of the Village o Forest Park (Police Vehicles) be adopted.

**O-02-24
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
SALE OF THREE POLICE
VEHICLES
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 Pay Request #1 (FINAL) for the 2023 Village Hall Parking Lot Improvements Project from A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. be adopted.

**R-02-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST FROM A
LAMP CONCRETE
CONTRACTORS
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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an application for a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (“BRIC”) Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program) be adopted.

**R-03-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
BRIC GRANT APPLICATION
THROUGH FEMA
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 to approve the raffle permit application submitted by the Forest Park Historical Society for their fundraiser on January 19, 2024.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY
RAFFLE PERMIT
APPLICATION
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:

Interim Village Administrator Entler reported that snow routes will be in effect and enforced during the upcoming winter storm that is expected.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham did not have a report this meeting.

Commissioner Nero reminded residents to be careful while shoveling snow and to be cognizant of your neighbors who may be elderly or in need of help. Commissioner Nero also reminded the public to be careful while using space heaters.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that the Snow Angels were available to help residents keep their sidewalks clean. Residents can look on social media and can contact her to be put in contact with the Snow Angles organizer Jordan Kuehn. Commissioner Melin-Rogovin also welcomed district school kids back from Winter Break and urged drivers to be cautious while on the road especially around the schools.

Commissioner Voogd reported her 2024 goals. Commissioner Voogd reported on the state of the Village owned buildings and the recent building assessments that were completed. Commissioner Voogd stated one of her goals is to work with staff to put together a plan to address the needs of the buildings. Commissioner Voogd also encouraged residents to apply for seats on several of our volunteer boards and commissions and thanked Public Works for their hard work.

Mayor Hoskins asked Commissioners to mark down February 10th for the WCMC Legislative Breakfast. Mayor Hoskins reported the Village has requested funding through the Water Resources Development Act to assist the Village with the concerns related to the water reservoir. Mayor Hoskins echoed Commissioner Nero’s advisement to be careful when shoveling the heavy wet snow coming our way and to help out neighbors.

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 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk