

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 25, 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 Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the March 11, 2024, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire and Police Departments submitted their monthly reports.

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 \$624,920.10.

**R-23-24
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$624,920.10
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 Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 2024 Lead Service Replacement Project be adopted.

**R-24-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING OF 2024 LEAD
SERVICE REPLACEMENT
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 Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the application for lead service line inventory (LSLI) Grant with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency be adopted.

**R-25-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
APPLICATION FOR LEAD
SERVICE LINE INVENTORY
GRANT
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 #9 for the 2023 Water Main Project to Uno Construction Co., Inc. (Wilcox and Ferdinand) be adopted.

**R-26-24
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PAY
REQUEST #9 TO UNO
CONSTRUCTION
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
publishing the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Forest Park
be adopted.

**R-27-24
RESOLUTION PUBLISHING
OFFICIAL ZONING MAP
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
award for the Fillmore Street Brick Patching Program to LPS
Pavement Company be adopted.

**R-28-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AWARD OF FILLMORE
STREET BRICK PATCHING
PROGRAM
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 Ordinance authorizing the
execution of a Joint Purchasing Requisition for the purchase of
Rock Salt for the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-16-24
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
ROCK SALT JOINT
PURCHASING
REQUISITION
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 of
Forest Park (Police vehicles and printers) be adopted.

**O-17-24
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Probationary Police Officer Eligibility List to fill a vacancy in the Police Department.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTED TO HIRE ONE
PROBATIONARY POLICE
OFFICER
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 Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to appoint Bridgett Rummell to the Library Board (term expires 5/14/2030), to reappoint Celesia Leonard to the Library Board (term expires 5/14/2030), and to appoint Sharon Bloyd-Peshkin to the Environmental Control Commissioner (term expires 5/01/2027).

**APPOINTMENTS TO
LIBRARY BOARD AND
ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTROL COMMISSION
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve and ratify the execution of agreements with the Goodman Theatre and Watson Adventures, associated with events organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENTS
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the request from Misericordia Foundation to conduct their Annual Candy Days fundraising on April 26 and April 27, 2024.

**MISERICORDIA CANDY
DAYS 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to approve the Mayor's Proclamation that April 2-8, 2024, be declared International Dark Sky Week in the Village of Forest Park.

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
DARK SKY WEEK
APRIL 2-8, 2024**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Entler reported that Liquor and Business License renewal notices will be mailed out in the next week. The administrator also reported that the village is holding a budget workshop tomorrow at 4:00 – the public is welcome. Last, Administrator Entler notified those in attendance that, though Ed's Way is officially closed, there will be activity in the area due to commercial filming tomorrow.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham reported that the first Budget Workshop is being held tomorrow at 4:00. The focus will be less detail oriented and more about the big picture for the village. Discussions about the village's needs over the next 3-5 years and strategies to fill these needs will also be held. The workshop is open to the public.

Commissioner Nero expressed his gratitude to Administrator Entler and the Department Heads for their participation in the two upcoming budget meetings, adding that he hopes the discussion will be more meaningful this time around. Good things are happening in Forest Park, including a new restaurant coming to the 1527 Harlem location and 1313 Circle is being purchased. The 1313 Circle new owners will be completing many site upgrades and will be operating through Hannah Avenue rather than Circle. Play It Again Sports is very close to opening their indoor training facility. The commissioner also reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission is working on updates to the zoning code. Last, the commissioner reminded property owners to be sure to clean up their property to discourage rodent activity, adding that yard waste pickup begins April 1st.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin expressed her excitement that the village is in the process of implementing some of the recommendations made by the Safety and Traffic Commission. These changes include a pedestrian crossing at Beloit and Madison, Jackson upgrades, painting and signs at Lexington and Circle as well as repairs to Randolph and Marengo.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the details of the Arbor Day events at Rieger Park will be announced soon. The commissioner was also hopeful that the new owner of 1313 Circle, who is a waste hauler, will partner with the community and hopefully the clean up event on April 27th. Commissioner Voogd thanked Clerk Moritz for reading the Dark Sky Proclamation aloud.

Mayor Hoskins reported that the legislative session is winding down and encouraged participation from the Council Members for the mid-April and May drive down events. The mayor reported that we are already working on the list of requests to be made in Springfield.

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 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk