

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 14, 2025**

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 March 24, 2025, Regular meeting of the Council be approved. It was noted that the Ordinance numbers announced at the meeting were incorrect and correct numbers were assigned as indicated in the minutes by Clerk Belmonte.

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:

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 \$1,816,472.77.

**R-35-25
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,816,472.77
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:

Mr. James Amelio, Village Engineer, gave the Village Council a presentation providing more information on the water reservoir replacement project and the options that need to be decided. The location options are at the Altenheim property and next to the CTA Blue Line. Estimated cost ranges from \$10 million to \$15 million, depending upon the location and type of reservoir. Funding options are an IEPA loan, which would cost approximately \$672,000.00 per year for 20 years, as well as WRDA grant funding. Next steps are 1) select the location, 2) select the design, 3) pursue funding, 4) disposition of existing underground reservoir. Mr. Amelio advised that in order to stay on target, a decision needs to be made by July 14th, to start construction in Spring of 2027.

**ENGINEERING
PRESENTATION FOR
WATER RESERVOIR
OPTIONS**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance rescinding Ordinance number O-19-22, waiving bid, and re-authorizing the acceptance of a pricing proposal for the purchase of one fully-equipped 2026 Ford E450 Wheeled Coach Ambulance with Stryker Power Load be adopted.

**O-24-25
ORDINANCE ACCEPTING
PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE
AMBULANCE
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 a Software Services Proposal to manage utility billing by and between Publiq, LLC, a subsidiary of Springbrook Holding Company, LLC, and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-25-25
ORDINANCE ACCEPTING
PROPOSAL FOR UTILITLY
SOFTWARE SERVICES
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 Ordinance waiving bid and authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for a Building Code Update Services Agreement by and between B&F Construction Code Services, Inc. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was discussed that the update is required by the State of Illinois by June 1, 2025. The entire process should take about 3 months. It was also noted that B&F provided the village with the lowest price proposal.

**O-26-25
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
BUILDING CODE UPDATE
SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH B&F CONSTRUCTION
CODE SERVICES
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 be adopted.

**O-27-25
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
DISPOSAL OF 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 Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Master Agreement Addendum with Gordon Flesch Company, Inc. for the lease and maintenance of one (1) replacement Public Works printer/copier for the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-28-25
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
AGREEMENT FOR
REPLACEMENT PUBLIC
WORKS COPIER/PRINTER
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 approval of Pay Request #3 for the 2024 Water Main Replacement Project to Bolder Contractors, Inc. (400-500 Blocks of Ferdinand) be adopted.

**R-36-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #3 TO
BOLDER 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 Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the approval of Pay Request #1 for the AMI Water Meters Replacement Project to Veregy Central, LLC be adopted.

**R-37-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #1 TO
VEREGY CENTRAL, LLC
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 to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Engineering Services Proposal for the 2025 Lead Service Replacement Project – Stage 2 by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-38-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING SERVICES
WITH CHRISTOPHER B.
BURKE ENGINEERING LTD.
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 approving and authorizing the execution of a Gary Sinise Foundation Grant Application be adopted.

**R-39-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
APPLICATION FOR GARY
SINISE FOUNDATION
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the request from O'Sullivan's and Robert's Westside for use of the public way on August 23, 2025.

**USE OF THE PUBLIC WAY
APPLICATION FROM
O'SULLIVAN'S AND
ROBERT'S WESTSIDE
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 Recreation Board's 2025 Work Plan.

**RECREATION BOARD 2025
WORK PLAN
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 the execution of agreements with Paramount Theatre Group and Four Winds Casino, 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 travel authorization form submitted by Mayor Hoskins to attend the WCMC Drive Down event in Springfield, Illinois.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION
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:

Administrator Entler congratulated the Arts Alliance on the Little Perspectives public art installation at Constitution Court and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for holding the Spring Wine Walk and Shop event, which brought 450 people to Forest Park. Last, the administrator reported that she attended the Opportunity Knocks Gala on Saturday, where the fundraising was completely targeted toward the OK Farm, which is working with Forest Park to move to the Altenheim property.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham stated that the Opportunity Knocks event was really great. The commissioner thanked Administrator Entler and Director Stella for taking the time to discuss the reservoir project with her. Commissioner Maxham stated that before it can be decided where to locate the reservoir, the Village Council should talk as a group and develop an overall plan for the village's property at the Altenheim. The commissioner expressed her dissatisfaction with the lack of discussion with Mayor Hoskins and felt that she was blocked from having the necessary conversation about the property.

Commissioner Nero agreed with Commissioner Maxham, adding that it would be more efficient if the Village Council would meet to discuss the direction of the Altenheim and the Reservoir. The commissioner commented that the budget meeting went well and thanked the Department Heads, Administrator Entler, and Director Olmsted, who were well prepared and organized. Commissioner Nero requested that the Zoning Code amendments be placed on the next meeting agenda and encouraged the Village Council to start the process needed. The commissioner expressed his concern that holding off on zoning changes is handcuffing opportunities and development in Forest Park. Last, the commissioner wished Mayor Hoskins a happy birthday tomorrow.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin wished all a Happy Passover, noting that Saturday was the first day and commented on the success of the Wine Walk and how much she enjoyed Little Perspectives by Ian Pfaff. The commissioner reported that the Illinois Municipal League event in Springfield was productive and inspirational. The commissioner stated that she's looking forward to the WCMC Springfield drive-down as well as to discussions on the zoning amendments and providing her input. Last, the commissioner wished Mayor Hoskins happy birthday.

Commissioner Voogd wished all a Happy Passover and Happy Birthday to her father-in-law. The commissioner attended the IML lobby day and stated it was wonderful to meet with Senator Lightford. Commissioner Voogd is also looking forward to attending the WCMC drive-down. Commissioner Voogd added that she shares Commissioner Maxham's frustration with the lack of attention to big, time-sensitive issues, adding that the Council needs to look at the big picture. The commissioner stated that she has specific questions related to the zoning update, that are not being answered and feels there should be community outreach and education on the issue. Upcoming events are Arbor Day on April 25th at Betsy

Ross School at 9:00 a.m., and the 5th Community Cleanup event on Saturday, May 17th. Last, the commissioner wished the mayor a happy birthday and thanked Ian Pfaff and the Arts Alliance for their partnership and wished Mayor Hoskins a happy birthday.

Mayor Hoskins thanked the commissioners and staff for participating in the budget meeting and discussing staff priorities and major expenses coming up. The mayor reported that he has been spending time with county, state and federal elected officials to bring funding to Forest Park. With regard to the Altenheim, there is a lot of interest in that land, and the village should not rush into anything at this large property. Further, Mayor Hoskins advised that there is nothing preventing the Commissioners from discussing what they would like to see at this property. The code requires a 4/5th vote for a property decision. Commissioners were provided with a sample RFP months ago and the council has never issued an RFP. Mayor Hoskins suggested that Commissioners take their ideas to the Village Administrator and further advised that any two commissioners can request something be placed on an agenda, meaning that everyone can be heard. The mayor closed by stating that he is looking forward to the Drive Down on May 6 and May 7, adding that there are a lot of things that need funding in Forest Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved, and Commissioner Maxham seconded to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Belmonte
Village Clerk