

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 12, 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 April 28, 2025, 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 April 28, 2025, 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. Christian Olson stated that he was on Madison Street this morning at around 9:00, when he felt he witnessed inappropriate conduct by the police while dealing with a homeless man who was sleeping under a bench. Mr. Olson stated that he would complete the complaint form that was provided to him earlier today.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The village received a letter to inform of a disaster response and recovery reimbursement from Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security.

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 \$2,462,924.57.

**R-45-25
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$2,462,924.57
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 to approve the Safety and Traffic Commission's work plan. There was discussion about the purpose and process of the work plan, which is to align the work of the volunteer commission with that of village staff and to receive and work on requests related to safety and traffic issues. The commission is advisory, and any process changes will be presented to the Village Council for approval.

**SAFETY AND TRAFFIC
COMMISSION 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 Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing pay request #2 for the AMI Water Meters Replacement Project to Veregy Central, LLC be adopted.

**R-46-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #2 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 authorizing the approval of Pay Request #3 for the 2024 Lead Service Replacement – Stage 1 Project to Joel Kennedy Construction Corp. be adopted. There was discussion about the idea of pausing the project going forward, unless there is grant funding or until new revenue solutions are in place.

**R-47-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #3 TO JOEL
KENNEDY CONSTRUCTION
CORP.
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 2025 Green Alley Improvements Project from J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. (800 Block of Thomas-Beloit Alley) be adopted.

**R-48-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #1 TO
J. NARDULLI CONCRETE,
INC.
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 proposal for the purchase of a Stryker Power Stretcher by and between Stryker Sales, LLC and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-29-25
ORDINANCE APPROVING
PURCHASE OF STRYKER
POWER STRETCHER
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 Mayor's Proclamation declaring the week of May 18 – 24, 2025, as Public Works Week in the Village of Forest Park be acknowledged. Clerk Belmonte read the proclamation aloud.

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
MAY 18 – 24, 2025**

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 application from Forest Theatre Group/Shakespeare in the Park for use of the Public Way at the village-owned property at Altenheim.

**FOREST THEATRE GROUP
USE OF PUBLIC WAY
APPLICATION
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 Voogd to approve the application from Grind-Well, LLC (ComEd) for use of the Public Way to access ComEd manholes for inspection and cable pulling.

**GRIND-WELL USE OF
PUBLIC WAY
APPLICATION
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.
unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham announced that this week is National Police Week and commended Chief Gross and the Police Officers for their service, bravery and sacrifice. The commissioner thanked the commissioners and Chief Hankus, who went to Springfield to advocate for the village. Commissioner Maxham further attended the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and volunteered at the Celebrating Seniors dinner at the Community Center on Friday, thanking Community Center staff, Joana Fischer, Mike Thompson, Jill Wagner and the Forest Park Scout Troup for their contributions.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin expressed her thanks to the Police Officers for their dedication and service to the Community and for collaborating with the Safety and Traffic Commission. The commissioner attended the Dog Library Ribbon Cutting event at the Dog Park on Saturday. Commissioner Melin-Rogovin met with Speaker Welch, Senator Lightford, Chief Hankus, newly elected Park District Commissioner Alzamora to advocate for the needs of Forest Park, especially the need for assistance to the Fire Department for the extreme number of calls to the Blue Line station. Chief Hankus was very effective in making the case for assistance. Last, the commissioner encouraged attendance at the Bike Safety event, being held on Saturday, May 31 from 9-11:00 a.m. and thanked the Park District, the American Legion Post 414 and Play it Again Sports for their support of the event.

Commissioner Voogd reported a successful trip to Springfield and recognized Chief Hankus, who did an incredible job advocating for the Village of Forest Park and the Fire Department. New trash receptacles and bike racks have been installed on Madison Street. The Dog Free Library and parade was a fantastic and fun event. The commissioner thanked the Library, the Recreation Board, Geoff Binns-Calvey, the Public Works staff and the Animal Care League for their contributions. The Community Clean Up event is this Saturday. The first 50 volunteers to register will receive a free T-shirt, donated by Mark Boroughf. Commissioner Voogd thanked the Police Department and wished them a happy Police Week. Last, Public Works is holding an open house to cap off Public Works Week at the Village Garage. There will be hot dogs, prizes, information about the village-wide water meter replacement and more. All are encouraged to attend.

Mayor Hoskins reported that the Springfield trip was a success. The information that Chief Hankus brought was very well received. The Transit Consolidation seems to be moving forward and the issues that Forest Park is experiencing at the Blue Line have been communicated. One solution could be an overnight ambulance provided by the Transit Authority to be assigned to 711 Des Plaines. The Fire Department staff is becoming exhausted by the responsibility being placed on the small department. Last, the mayor stated that a bus shelter was damaged over the weekend, and the cleanup was handled by Public Works today. Thanks to the Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department staff for all they do.

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 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Belmonte
Village Clerk