

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 August 25, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Village 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**

Ms. Liz Gould spoke on behalf of herself and 5 other households near Pioneer Tap. The residents expressed their concerns about bad behavior and criminal activity of the patrons, in addition to the domestic violence incident on August 31, fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> which pose a significant negative impact on their properties. The neighbors urged the Police Department to increase patrols and to work with Pioneer on a corrective action plan, which includes Pioneer employees cleaning up the exterior and trash left by patrons. Ms. Gould provided a letter and a signed petition to Village Administrator Entler.

Ms. Maggie Grady Hooper expressed her concerns about the safety and cleanliness issues surrounding Pioneer Tap and how it detracts from her property.

Mr. James Michael gave context of the domestic violence incident which he witnessed and his perception that the police did not do enough and did not take anyone into custody. Mr. Michael stated that he thought the way it was handled was unacceptable.

Clerk Belmonte read public comment submitted by Amy Turilli urging people to visit the Forest Park Library if they believe spying on residents and sharing license plate data with the federal government is a good use of village revenue.

**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 \$448,676.07.

**R-84-25  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$448,676.07  
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance amending Section 6-2-2, entitled "License Fee Schedule," of Chapter 2, entitled "Vehicle Licenses, of Title 6, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the municipal code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-41-25  
ORDINANCE APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO VEHICLE  
LICENSE FEES  
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 vehicle) be adopted.

**O-42-25  
ORDINANCE APPROVING  
DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS  
VEHICLE  
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 a 6b Classification for 7501 Industrial Drive, Forest Park, Illinois (Chicago Specialty Bakers, Inc.) be adopted. The improvements consist of rehabilitation and installation of production lines. Employees typically live within 3-5 miles.

**R-85-25  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT  
OF 6B CLASSIFICATION  
FOR 7501 INDUSTRIAL  
DRIVE  
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 authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of a full-time Administration Accounts Payable Clerk be adopted.

**R-86-25  
RESOLUTION WAIVING  
HIRING FREEZE RE:  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
CLERK POSITION  
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 Subscription Renewal Agreement between Thomson Reuters and the Village of Forest Park be adopted. There was discussion about police access to information as well as privacy concerns.

**R-87-25  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
RENEWAL AGREEMENT  
WITH THOMSON REUTERS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Voogd

**ABSENT:** None

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 a Survey and GIS of the Village of Forest Park Water Atlas by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted. The water infrastructure will be added to the existing GIS.

**R-88-25  
RESOLUTION FOR  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
FOR SURVEY AND GIS OF  
WATER ATLAS  
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 ratifying the execution of an application for a Cook County Disaster Response and Recovery Fund Award Agreement between the County of Cook and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-89-25  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
APPLICATION FOR AWARD  
FROM COOK COUNTY  
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 Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution approving and ratifying the execution of pricing schedules for digital phone services by and between AT&T and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-90-25  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
AT&T PRICING  
SCHEDULES FOR DIGITAL  
PHONE 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 Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving and ratifying the execution of a Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for Lead Water Service Line Material Inventory Assistance by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-91-25  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
FOR LEAD WATER  
SERVICE LINE INVENTORY  
ASSISTANCE  
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 Melin-Rogovin to approve the Raffle Permit application submitted by Kiwanis Club of Forest Park for their event on October 9, 2025.

**RAFFLE LICENSE FOR  
KIWANIS CLUB OF  
FOREST PARK  
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 an agreement with Metropolis Performing Arts Center, associated with events organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENT WITH  
METROPOLIS  
PERFORMING ARTS  
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 and seconded by Commissioners Nero and Voogd to approve the application for use of the public way from Events by Cibula for display of art in front of 7503 Madison Street.

**USE OF THE PUBLIC WAY  
APPLICATION FROM  
EVENTS BY CIBULA  
APPROVED AS AMENDED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Nero to amend the application to have an end date of December 5, 2025.

**MOTION AMENDING  
APPLICATION FOR USE OF  
THE PUBLIC WAY FROM  
EVENTS BY CIBULA  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Belmonte called the roll call on the motion as amended.

**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 she and Mayor Hoskins met with Motorola regarding the recent audit by the Illinois Secretary of State. The SOS is planning to issue protocols to Motorola in the near future. The Village of Forest Park is now in compliance with the State law. The administrator further reported that she attended a briefing with Cook County Board President Preckwinkle about training at Great Lakes. The county is not aware of the National Guard being deployed at Great Lakes or here in Forest Park. The county did confirm that ICE was on the southwest side of Chicago and not in Forest Park.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Maxham reported that there have been some staffing changes in the Clerk's office and the Finance Department. We are currently seeking candidates to fill the Accounts Payable Clerk position. In addition, Administrator Entler is working on strategic planning, and updating the village's needs and defining the roles.

Commissioner Nero requested that property owners be proactive in helping control the rat population in town. Cleaning up the property, being responsible, picking up pet waste, and making sure the trash containers are closed are all good ways to take accountability and be a good neighbor.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin thanked the residents who provided public comments and reported that she attended Fall Fest at the Park District. The commissioner represented the Safety and Traffic Commission and distributed information and received resident feedback. The Safety and Traffic Commission meets next Thursday at 7:00 at Village Hall.

Commissioner Voogd thanked the residents who provided public comments and concurred with Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Fall Fest event was really great. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Community Cleanup event is being held this Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Local business, U-3, generously donated a coffee bar and an anonymous donor provided T-shirts for the volunteers. The commissioner expressed her gratitude to all who volunteer and help keep Forest Park beautiful.

Mayor Hoskins commented on his meeting with Motorola regarding the LPR audit. He stated that there was a proposal of an alert system or mechanism to turn off access. The village is using its best practices and providing better training for the use of this valuable tool to improve our use of it.

### **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 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Belmonte  
Village Clerk