

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 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 October 27, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Clerk Roach read an update from the Forest Park PTO updating the elected officials on how to contact PTO and upcoming events including Dine n Donate on December 8 from 4-8pm at Culver's on Roosevelt Road.

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 \$492,160.70

**R-113-25
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$492,160.70
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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that an ordinance adding new article C entitled "Ice Cream Vending Vehicles" to Chapter3, entitled "Food and Food Establishments" of Title 4, Health and Sanitation for the Village of Forest Park, Illinois be adopted. It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to amend the Ordinance Section 4-3C-8 Prohibitions on conducting business, E. "Vending any day before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. or sunset, whichever occurs earlier". Clerk Roach took the Roll Call on the amendment to the ordinance.

**O-48-25
ORDINANCE ADDING ICE
CREAM VENDING
VEHICLES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Roach took 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

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance authorizing membership in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network of the revised IPWNA for the Village be approved.

**O-49-25
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
MEMBERSHIP IN PWMAN
AGREEMENT
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 the specifications and authorizing advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park Lead Service Line Replacement Project be approved.

**R-114-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ADVERTISING BIDS FOR
LEAD SERVICE LINE
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 and executing an IDOT sustained traffic enforcement program for high visibility enforcement grant be approved.

**R-115-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
IDOT STEP 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 approval of Pay Request #8 for the AMI Water Meter Replacement Project to Veregy Central, LLC be adopted.

**R-116-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY #8 VEREGY WATER
METER REPLACEMENT
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 a less lethal for law enforcement device grant between ILEAS and the Village of Fores Park be adopted.

**R-117-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AND RATIFYING ILEAS
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an AT&T dedicated internet and IP flexible reach pricing schedule agreement between AT&T and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-118-25
RESOLUTION FOR AT&T
PRICING SCHEDULE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Motion directing the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police to offer employment to the next eligible Probationary Police Officer.

**OFFER EMPLOYMENT
NEXT ELIGIBLE
PROBATIONARY POLICE
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 Raffle Permit application submitted by the Forest Park Historical Society.

**RAFFLE LICENSE FOR
FOREST PARK
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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:

Village Administrator Entler thanked all staff and community partners involved in making last weekend's events a great success in Forest Park. The Pumpkin Smash, Fiber Flash, and Wine Walk were all well-attended and positively received.

Administrator Entler also recognized the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for their continued dedication to the community. She noted that these departments routinely go above and beyond—often applying for and managing grants that support Village operations. She emphasized that this work requires significant effort and is undertaken simply because of their strong commitment to serving Forest Park.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham reported that she had a productive meeting with Village Administrator Entler and Fire Chief Hankus to discuss call volume, workload, building and infrastructure needs, and potential solutions. She expressed her appreciation for Chief Hankus and his continued efforts to meet the department's needs despite financial constraints.

She reminded residents that the "Fill the Fire Truck" drive will run from November 15 through December 22. Commissioner Maxham also recognized the Food Pantry for its ongoing support of residents and thanked the Kiwanis Club for all they do to help strengthen food security in the community.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported on ongoing regional efforts to support residents who have lost SNAP benefits or need food assistance. She noted food drives underway, including one led by local firefighters, and emphasized the growing demand at area food pantries. She encouraged anyone interested in volunteering or donating to contact Michelle for guidance. She also attended the Pumpkin Smash and Fiber Flash events and thanked Public Works for their work organizing community events. She reminded the public that the Traffic and Safety Commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Operation Rising Spirit—writing cards to veterans—will be held on December 4 at Jimmy's Place.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the Pumpkin Smash was a major success with strong attendance. She thanked all participants, including ECC, Wild Ones of West Cook, and the Historical Society, as well as sponsors U3 Coffee and Schauer's Hardware. She also recognized the Recreation Board, Sal Stell, Public Works, Geoff Binns-Calvey, and Dan Marcus for assembling and operating the smasher each year. She noted it was a busy weekend and expressed appreciation for Public Works' efforts. The Recreation Board will not meet in November or December and will resume in January.

Mayor Hoskins provided an update on Senate Bill 2111, the transit bill, noting that it includes a Forest Park provision requiring the CTA to reimburse the Village for first responder costs. He met with Speaker Welch and other area mayors to discuss local issues, including improving safety on CTA systems through increased coordination, enhanced security measures, and more timely communication with municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved, and Commissioner Maxham seconded to adjourn into closed session at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Roach
Deputy Village Clerk