

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 24, 2025**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 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 November 10, 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the November 10, 2025, Closed 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. PTO also stated they need volunteers at the concession stand for FPMS basketball games.

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 \$1,796,716.49.

**R-119-25
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,796,716.49
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that an ordinance authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus property of the Village of Forest Park, 1 fire truck and 1 ambulance be adopted.

**O-50-25
ORDINANCE APPROVING
DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution estimating property taxes be levied for the 2025 tax year for the village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-120-25
RESOLUTION ESTIMATING
TAXES BE LEVIED FOR
2025
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 a Resolution approving and executing a professional engineering proposal for construction engineering for the 2025 leads service replacement line (LSLR) stage 3 with CBBEL and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-121-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING SERVICES
CBBEL LSLR STAGE 3
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-122-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #1 TO
FIVESTAR ENERGY LLC
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving and authorizing Pay Request #1 for the 2025 LSLR stage 2 project to Five Star Energy be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

**R-123-25
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
APPLICATION FOR SMALL
EQUIPMENT GRANT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing and approving the execution of an application for a small equipment grant from the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The Village Administrator reported attending an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) emergency management crisis response session, which covered procedures for crises, weather events, and other emergencies. The Administrator reminded everyone that Village Hall will be closed on November 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. The Administrator also recognized Forest Park residents who attend Fenwick High School, noting that the Fenwick football team has qualified for the 6A state championship. Best wishes were extended to the team, including Commissioner Nero's son, who plays for the Friars.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham also congratulated Fenwick and Commissioner Nero's son and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Nero reported that he is finalizing zoning documents and will have them ready for review at the December meeting. He also recapped the recent Fenwick vs. Nazareth football game, noting that Fenwick won by one point in an exciting and significant upset. He wished the Friars good luck in their upcoming game.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that the Traffic & Safety Commission will hold a public meeting in February 2026 to discuss ongoing traffic and safety concerns within the Village. She reminded residents about Operation Rising Spirit, encouraging everyone to write holiday cards to veterans. Events will be held on December 4 from 6–8 p.m. at Jimmy's Place and on December 10 at 1 p.m. at the library. She also expressed her excitement for the upcoming Holiday Walk and encouraged the community to support small local businesses. Finally, she thanked Village staff and first responders for their continued hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the Pumpkin Smash event was a great success, with 1.22 tons of pumpkins collected for composting. She thanked everyone who helped make the event possible and wished all residents a happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Hoskins echoed the earlier comments and reports, wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and expressed his appreciation for Village staff and all who volunteer in the community. He also thanked the Public Works Department for the beautiful holiday lights throughout the Village.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved, and Commissioner Maxham seconded to adjourn into closed session at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Roach
Deputy Village Clerk