

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 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 24, 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

Eboni Nicki Smith addressed the Council regarding the success of the Memorial Park Spartans Cheer squad. Members of the Spartans were present, and the Mayor and Commissioners congratulated them on their success at the National competition.

Sam Rabe spoke regarding the denial of the business application for MeGarage Inc. and requested that the application be reconsidered. Mr. Rabe stated that MeGarage provides rage room experiences intended to offer a controlled environment for the release of stress, frustration, and emotional expression in support of mental health and well-being.

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 \$1,576,962.65.

**R-124-25
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,576,962.65
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:

Presentation by the Forest Park Arts Alliance

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026 be adopted.

**O-51-25
ANNUAL TAX LEVY
ORDINANCE
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 directing the County Clerk to calculate separate limiting rates for the Tax Levy of the Village of Forest Park, Illinois for the 2025 Tax Levy Year be adopted.

**R-125-25
RESOLUTION DIRECTING
COUNTY CLERK TO
CALCULATE SEPARATE
LIMITING RATES FOR THE
TAX LEVY
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 Ordinance amending Section 8-1-1, entitled "Building Codes Adoption," of the Municipal Code be tabled until the January 26, 2026 Council meeting for further review.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: Nero

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance waiving bid, approving and authorizing the execution of a maintenance agreement with SEPS for Police Department Uninterrupted Power Supply be adopted.

**O-52-25
ORDINANCE APPROVING
AGREEMENT WITH SEPS
FOR UPS POLICE
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 directing the Village Engineer to prepare and submit a pre-application for MWRDGC partnership program be adopted.

**R-126-25
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PRE
APPLICATION MWRDGC
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
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 2026 agreement with Endeavor Edward Occ Health for substance abuse random management program be adopted.

**R-127-25
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PRE
APPLICATION MWRDGC
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
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 directing the transfer of funds from Roosevelt/Hannah TIF to the Roosevelt Corridor TIF be adopted.

**R-128-25
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING TIF FUNDS
TO ROOSEVLET
CORRIDOR
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 2026 Paratransit Service Provider Agreement between PACE and the Village be adopted.

**R-129-25
REOLUTION APPROVING
PACE 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 pay request #9 for AMI water meters to Veregy LLC be adopted.

**R-130-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY #9 TO VEREGY
APPROVED**

Roll Call:

AYES: Commissioner Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd, Mayor Hoskins.

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the Raffle License for the Community Toy Drive on December 17, 2025/

**RAFFLE LICENSE FOR
COMMUNITY CENTER
APPROVED**

Roll Call:

AYES: Commissioner Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd, Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Village Administrator Entler congratulated Fenwick High School on its State Championship victory, noting that several Forest Park residents are members of the team. She extended holiday wishes to the community, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah. Administrator Entler stated that although the zoning ordinance did not pass at this meeting, she requested that the Commissioners review the memorandum over the coming weeks and forward any questions to her. She advised that the item will be brought back for consideration at the January 26, 2026 meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham stated that she found the zoning memorandum to be informative, well written, and thoughtful. She thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their efforts in ensuring the safety of all attendees during the Holiday Walk. She also thanked Sal Stella and the Public Works Department for their work in making the event safe and successful, and thanked Department Head Glinke for inspecting the sidewalks in advance of the Holiday Walk. Commissioner Maxham wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Nero stated that he would like the zoning matter to be brought back before the Council and thanked staff and the Building Department for their work on the zoning review. He stated that the zoning memorandum clearly outlines what the Village needs to accomplish and expressed his belief that the zoning regulations should be modernized. Commissioner Nero noted that updating the zoning code would support increased housing opportunities and promote economic development, and he expressed his appreciation for the continued efforts of staff on this initiative.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin thanked everyone who attended and participated in Operation Rising Spirit, including scouts, students, the Library, and local businesses, noting that together they wrote more than 1,100 holiday cards for veterans. She also thanked the Chamber of Commerce and the Village's first responders for their continued service to the community. Commissioner Melin-Rogovin expressed her appreciation for the Menorah lighting held in Constitution Court and stated that the Safety and Traffic Commission continues its work with a focus on safe streets. She announced that she was selected to participate in the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership Training Academy, an eight-month program that includes multi-day sessions across Illinois and in Washington, D.C., focused on leadership development, communications strategy, fundraising, and networking. She stated that she looks forward to bringing the knowledge and resources gained through the program back to the Village of Forest Park.

Commissioner Voogd spoke about zoning and stated that she is not opposed to updates to the zoning code but would like more information before moving forward. She said it is important to understand how the proposed changes align with the Village's Comprehensive Plan and whether there are any conflicts. Commissioner Voogd suggested holding a public town hall so residents can ask questions, particularly regarding density and stormwater management, and emphasized the importance of transparency, community outreach, and sharing information with the public. She thanked the many volunteers who serve the Village, including the Arts Alliance, the Historical Society, the Park District, and members of the various Village boards, as well as the Police and Fire Departments. She also thanked Sal Stella and the Public Works Department for their work throughout the year.

Mayor Hoskins thanked everyone who attended the Holiday Walk and gave special recognition to the Police and Fire Departments for helping make the event safe and enjoyable for all. He reminded residents of the upcoming Menorah lighting on December 16 and the Community Toy Drive scheduled for December 17. He wished everyone a happy holiday season and apologized for the technical issue that resulted in the meeting not being recorded.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved, and Commissioner Maxham seconded to adjourn into closed session at 8:18 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Roach
Deputy Village Clerk