

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12, 2026**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Maxham, 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 Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the December 15, 2025, Tax Levy Public Hearing Meeting of the Village Council be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Village Council be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Nero

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$1,077,336.50

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Nero
The motion carried.

R-01-26
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,077,336.50
APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that an ordinance waiving bid, ratifying and authorizing the acceptance of a quote MES, Inc for the purchase of breathing apparatus (SCBA Packs) be adopted.

O-01-26
ORDINANCE WAIVING BID
AND RATIFY MES
PURCHASE OF SCBA
PACK
APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Nero
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that an ordinance authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus property be adopted.

O-02-26
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
SALE SURPLUS
PROPERTY (PAYBOXES)
APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Nero
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that a resolution authorizing the issuance of a request for residential municipal waste, recycling and landscaping waste collection services be adopted.

R-02-26
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE
PROPOSAL FOR WASTE
COLLECTION
APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner Maxham, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins.
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Nero
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that a resolution approving and ratifying the execution of a COPS hiring grant by and between the U.S. DOJ and the village be adopted.

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING
COPS HIRING GRANT DOJ
AND VILLAGE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Nero

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Village Administrator Entler reminded residents that beginning in February, the Village will send out billing for vehicle stickers, animal tags, and dog park permits. She also wished the Chicago Bears good luck in the playoffs and thanked residents for their continued support of local businesses during the winter season.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham had no report. Commissioner Nero was absent.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin thanked District 91 staff and the PTO for organizing the Day of Service held on January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. She also thanked staff for their continued work on updates to the water meter project and expressed appreciation for the behind-the-scenes efforts of Village staff. She reminded residents that the Safety and Traffic Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month and noted that the Commission is planning a public meeting in February to provide updates on initiatives and opportunities for resident engagement.

Commissioner Voogd wished everyone a Happy New Year and shared that the Council will continue working on important projects throughout the Village. She thanked Amy Binns-Calvey for her leadership and commitment to the Recreation Board, noting her significant contributions to maximizing green space for residents' enjoyment. Commissioner Voogd noted that Ms. Binns-Calvey will be stepping back from the Recreation Board and encouraged residents to learn more about the Board and consider becoming involved.

Mayor Hoskins shared that the Police Department recently informed him that two interns will be working at the department in the coming months. He thanked Chief Gross for making the opportunity possible and noted that the students, who are studying criminal justice, will gain hands-on experience with the Police Department. The Mayor also thanked the Community Center for hosting the New Year's Eve celebration for seniors and for their continued dedication to serving the community. He further shared that he was invited to speak at Living Word Church's New Year's Eve celebration, noting that it was an honor to participate and to represent the Village.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Maxham moved, and Commissioner Melin-Rogovin seconded to adjourn into closed session at 7:23 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Roach
Deputy Village Clerk