

Village of Forest Park
Village Council Meeting March 9, 2026
Meeting minutes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2026, regular meeting, was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Nero, and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public comments received.

COMMUNICATIONS

No formal communications were before the Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No Department reports.

BILLS BY RESOLUTION

Deputy Clerk Entler read the bills by resolution for the various departments, with a total amount of \$483,272.43.

Motion to adopt the resolution on the bills was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Nero, and approved unanimously. This was recorded as **Resolution 16-26**.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution approving and authorizing the maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin, seconded by Commissioner Voogd, and approved unanimously. **Resolution 17-26**.

2. Resolution appointing an authorized agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for the Village of Forest Park.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin. Commissioner Maxham inquired about the potential additional workload associated with the IMRF agent designation, noting that Village Administrator Entler will serve in this role. Administrator Entler explained that IMRF

responsibilities are primarily managed by the finance and payroll departments, and that the agent designation requires completion of two 90-minute training webinars within a 90-day period.

Commissioner Maxham further noted that the role had previously been held by the Village Clerk and asked why that was no longer the case. Administrator Entler responded that the current Clerk is new to the position and expressed openness to the Council reevaluating the designation in 3–6 months. Commissioner Voogd agreed with Commissioner Maxham, stating concern about adding to the Village Administrator’s workload and suggesting the Clerk could potentially transition into the role. The Council reached a consensus to revisit the designation in the coming months and approved unanimously. **Resolution 18-26.**

3. Resolution approving improvement under the Illinois Highway Code and authorizing the expenditure of motor fuel tax funds for roadway improvements.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd and approved unanimously. **Resolution 19-26.**

4. Resolution authorizing acceptance and execution of an Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) in car cameras grant.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Nero and approved unanimously. **Resolution 20-26**

5. Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an application for a Cook County Bureau of Economic Development community development block grant program (CDBG) 2026 program year capital improvement/ economic development and demolition project application (Burkhardt court water main & resurfacing from Madison to south property line of 7444 Washington street project)

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd and approved unanimously. **Resolution 21-26.**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Village Administrator reminded residents to obtain their vehicle stickers by April 2.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Maxham referenced Item 3 on the agenda regarding roadway improvements, noting that the Jackson Boulevard project is projected to cost approximately \$1.174 million more than originally estimated. While staff indicated the additional cost is necessary, Commissioner Maxham requested that the matter be discussed further at the upcoming budget meeting.

Commissioner Nero reported that the St. Patrick’s Day parade was a success, commending Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments for their efforts and noting there were little to no incidents. He expressed appreciation for the strong coordination and overall execution of the event.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin echoed the positive feedback on the parade and noted it was encouraging to see residents supporting local businesses afterward. She thanked staff for post-event cleanup and recognized the Scouts' Pinewood Derby held earlier in the week. She also reported ongoing coordination with Housing Forward to enhance the visibility and presence of street outreach services within the Village. Additionally, she reminded residents that donations to the Forest Park Food Pantry can be made when purchasing vehicle stickers.

Commissioner Voogd also expressed appreciation for the success of the parade and thanked all involved. She acknowledged Commissioner Melin-Rogovin for sharing information related to the Motor Fuel Tax and Jackson Boulevard resurfacing project, and thanked Director Olmsted for addressing her questions regarding funding. Commissioner Voogd noted she attended her first Pinewood Derby and found it to be a positive experience. She also reported that the most recent Recreation Board meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum, with the next meeting date to be determined.

Mayor Hoskins discussed the potential benefits of joining an Enterprise Zone to help offset costs associated with new development. While the Village has not yet received approval to join an existing zone, he indicated that some municipalities are exploring the creation of a new zone. Mayor Hoskins asked the Council to consider this opportunity and requested further discussion at an upcoming budget meeting to evaluate its potential for attracting new investment to the Village.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:25 p.m. by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham.

Respectfully submitted

Village Clerk Carla Taylor