

Village of Forest Park  
Village Council Meeting April 13, 2026  
Meeting minutes

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Maxham, Commissioner, Commissioner Voogd, Mayor Hoskins

Absent: Commissioner Nero, Commissioner Melin-Rogovin

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 23, 2026, REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Motion to approve the minutes from March 23, 2026, regular meeting, was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Voogd, and approved unanimously by those present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

During public comments, two residents spoke in opposition to short-term rentals in Forest Park. Sarah C. and Samantha B. requested that elected officials consider updates to the municipal code to further restrict short-term rentals in residentially zoned areas, particularly those located near schools. The residents shared several examples of how short-term rentals have negatively impacted their families' quality of life, citing concerns related to safety, limited parking availability, and noise associated with transient guests.

Another resident, Kila B. addressed the commissioners and requested that elected officials reconsider the overnight parking ordinance. She noted that the current restriction creates challenges for residents, particularly in households with multiple occupants and vehicles, and suggested that the ordinance be reevaluated.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No formal communications were before the Council.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

**BILLS BY RESOLUTION**

Deputy Clerk Roach read the bills by resolution for the various departments, with a total amount of \$1,179,388.83.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance waiving bid and authorizing the acceptance of an Avigilon Alta Surveillance System proposal from Griffon Systems, Inc. for the purchase and installation of license plate readers and surveillance cameras at the intersections of Harlem and Randolph and Harlem and Washington was presented on the**

agenda. Mayor Hoskins indicated that the item would be deferred and brought back for consideration at the next council meeting.

- 2. Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Auditing and Scope of Services Agreement with Lauterbach & Amen**  
Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd and approved unanimously. **Resolution 27-26.**
- 3. Resolution approving the execution of an Illinois Youth Investment Program Linkage Agreement with Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc**  
Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd and approved unanimously. **Resolution 28-26.**
- 4. Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 to the Purchase Price with MacQueen Equipment, LLC d/b/a MacQueen Emergency for the purchase of one Pierce Enforcer 100' Ascendant Tower Ladder Truck**  
Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd and approved unanimously. **Resolution 29-26.**
- 5. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Waste Collection Agreement with SBC Waste Solutions, Inc.**  
Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham and approved unanimously. **Resolution 30-26.**  
Discussion – both Commissioner Maxham and Commissioner Voogd thanked staff for working on this contract and noted that the refuse pick up of Thursday will be for the whole village. Commissioner Voogd is also looking forward to more information on composting options that SBC will provide to residents.
- 6. Resolution authorizing the approval of Pay Request #13 for the AMI Water Meters Replacement Project to Veregy Central, LLC**  
Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham and passed unanimously. **Resolution 31-26.**
- 7. Resolution authorizing the approval of Pay Request #4 for the 2025 Lead Service Replacement – Stage 2 Project to Five Star Energy Services, LLC**  
Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham and passed unanimously. **Resolution 32-26.**
- 8. Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the 2025 Green Alley Improvements Project (T-Alley at the 800 Block of Thomas and Hannah)**  
Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham and passed unanimously. **Resolution 33-26.**
- 9. Resolution authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF Employees regarding the hiring of a Full-Time Parking Enforcement Officer.**  
Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd and passed unanimously. **Resolution 34-26.**
- 10. Approval: Travel Authorization for IML Lobby Days, Springfield, IL April 28-30 – R. Hoskins, J. Voogd, M. Melin-Rogovin**  
Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd.

**11. Approval: Raffle Permit Request – Kiwanis Club Pasta Dinner**

Motion to approve the raffle permit was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd.

**12. Deputy Clerk Roach read the Arbor Day Proclamation**

**13. Appointments to fill vacancies on the Library and Recreation Board.**

Motion to approve the appointments was made by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham. Commissioner Voogd thanked all the 3 candidates for volunteering their time and acknowledged their service to the community. Commissioner Maxham seconded that comment and agreed.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Maxham thanked the residents who provided public comment regarding short-term rentals and overnight parking concerns. She asked for patience as the Police Department, commissioners, and staff review the issues and evaluate potential actions, noting that consultation with legal counsel will be necessary. She acknowledged that parking can be challenging, particularly for households with multiple drivers, and suggested that the Traffic and Safety Commission may review the matter. Commissioner Maxham also reminded residents and staff to attend the May 18 Budget Meeting at 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall and stated that she would like to discuss the status of the Village's underfunded pensions at a future meeting.

Commissioner Voogd also thanked residents for their public comment, noting that such input helps bring issues to the attention of staff and commissioners. She reminded residents that Arbor Day will be observed on April 24 and invited the community to attend the tree planting at 836 Beloit at 9:00 a.m. She shared that the library has created an interactive tree display and encouraged residents to visit. Commissioner Voogd noted the Village's designation as a Tree City USA and referenced its continued recognition, including a Growth Award. She also reminded residents that all lights must be removed from trees by May 1, announced that Spring Cleanup will take place on May 16, and advised residents to contact Sal Stella prior to planting on parkways, as he reviews and approves plantings on Village property.

Mayor Hoskins thanked residents for attending the meeting and sharing their concerns. He stated that the Village will take the short-term rental issue seriously and will seek legal guidance. The mayor also shared that he will be traveling to Springfield at the end of April and hopes to speak with legislators about transit reform. He noted that new legislation has been passed allowing the Village of Forest Park to bill the CTA for fire and police service calls to 711 Des Plaines Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:38 p.m. by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd.

Respectfully submitted

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Village Clerk Carla Taylor