

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 13, 2024**

Commissioner Maxham led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin and Voogd answered the Roll Call. Mayor Hoskins was not in attendance. Commissioner Maxham chaired the meeting in Mayor Hoskins' absence.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the April 22, 2024, Special meeting of the Council be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the April 22, 2024, Regular meeting of the Council be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dan Riley expressed his concerns about tall grass in the vacant lot at Roosevelt and Marengo as well as the condition of the asphalt street in front of his house.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$475,670.18.

**R-35-24
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$475,670.18
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving and ratifying the execution of an application for a Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security Disaster Response and Relief Fund Grant for the Village of Forest Park Food Pantry and Wrap Around Services be adopted.

**R-36-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
APPLICATION FOR COOK
COUNTY GRANT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the contract award for the 2024 Green Alley Project to J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. be adopted.

**R-37-24
RESOLUTION AWARDED
2024 GREEN ALLEY
PROJECT TO J. NARDULLI
CONCRETE, INC.
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a professional engineering services proposal for the 2024 Green Alley Project by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-38-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL
FOR 2024 GREEN ALLEY
PROJECT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a professional engineering services proposal for construction engineering for the Fillmore Street Brick Patching Program by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-39-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL
FOR FILLMORE STREET
BRICK PATCHING
PROGRAM
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance amending section 3-3-6, entitled "License Fee and Number" of Chapter 3, entitled "Liquor Control" of Title 3, entitled "Business and License Regulations" of the Village Code of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**0-18-24
ORDINANCE AMENDING
NUMBER OF LIQUOR
LICENSES REGARDING
CASA HUMILDE
APPROVED AS AMENDED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to amend the Ordinance by correcting the type of license for Casa Humilde to A7 from A and to correct the number of these licenses to indicate the same correction.

Clerk Moritz took the Roll Call on the amendment to the main motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

Clerk Moritz took the Roll Call on the motion, as amended.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to approve the Historical Society's Raffle Permit Application and request to display banners promoting their seventh annual Garden Walk on July 20, 2024.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY
RAFFLE PERMIT AND
BANNER REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to ratify the mayor's signature on a Raffle Permit for the Kiwanis Club of Forest Park for their Pasta Dinner fundraiser on May 11, 2024.

**KIWANIS RAFFLE PERMIT
RATIFIED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Entler expressed her gratitude to staff for all their hard work and dedication, noting that last week was Municipal Clerk's Week, this week is Police Week and next week is Public Works Week. In addition, Ms. Entler reported the following:

- The Circle Bridge will be closed on Saturday, May 18th for the "Brushes on the Bridge" public art event being held by the Forest Park Arts Alliance
- Administrator Entler and Forest Park elected officials traveled to Springfield to meet with legislators seeking grant funding for the reservoir replacement project.
- There was a very large water main break at Jackson and Hannah this past week.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Nero reported that the formerly vacant Bed, Bath and Beyond is being replaced with a new Aldi grocery store, Casa Humilde will be opening soon, now that their liquor license has been approved and Play it Again Sports is opening a new training facility. Last, the Parkway Dispensary on Madison Street should be opening soon. All of these new businesses will certainly rejuvenate the village.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported about her trip to Springfield. In addition, the Public Works Team is working with the Vac Truck cleaning sewers and catch basins throughout town and the commissioner acknowledged their hard work. Repainting of street curbs has begun as well as preparation for the Brushes on the Bridge Community Art Project, which is this weekend. The commissioner reported that there will be a Juneteenth flag-raising ceremony on June 4th and Public Works Week is May 19th through 25th, including the annual electronics recycling event.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the Arbor Day tree was planted at Rieger Park on Arbor Day, however the ceremony will be held this Friday, May 17th in connection with the grand opening of Rieger Park. The commissioner commented on how nice it is to have the different taxing bodies working together. At the recommendation of the Morton Arboretum, the crews are covering newly planted trees with netting to protect against damage from cicadas. The village has over 3,000 trees, but only the younger trees risk permanent damage. The clean up event was a huge success, netting 30 bags of trash and shopping carts. The commissioner recognized both Alicia Hammond and Vicki Rakowski from the Library, for lending a helping hand. Commissioner Voogd reported meeting with Speaker Welch, Leader Harmon and attending an Environmental Commissioner meeting led by C-4 member Katrina Thompson. Last, the commissioner encouraged residents to volunteer for the Recreation Board to fill the vacancies.

Commissioner Maxham thanked the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the annual meeting last week. It was a great event, showcasing many Forest Park Restaurants that donated to the Taste of Forest Park. The commissioner reported a positive energy at the event and welcomed Casa Humilde to Forest Park. Last, the commissioner encouraged those interested to volunteer for the June 21, 2024, Pride event being held. The planning for this event is happening now.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved and Commissioner Melin-Rogovin seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Commissioner Maxham declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk