

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 28, 2024**

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

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the May 13, 2024, Regular meeting of the Council be approved.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Nero, Melin-Rogovin and Voogd

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Hoskins

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gene Armstrong suggested that the village use the area to the south of the Altenheim property for water storage. Second, Mr. Armstrong spoke representing his condo association and requested permission to hire their own scavenger service as they are not happy with the service from Republic through the village's contract.

Ms. Jessica Brekher, Ms. Bernadette McLain and Ms. Gerry Santora all spoke in opposition to the approval of the billboard zoning issue. Ms. Mary Cate Kuhl provided emailed correspondence opposing the proposed billboard zoning.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police and Fire Departments submitted their monthly reports.

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 \$741,342.48.

**R-40-24
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$741,342.48
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance amending Section 7-4-7 of the village code of the Village of Forest Park with regard to Water and Sewer Rates and Charges be adopted.

**O-19-24
ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE WATER AND SEWER
RATES OF THE VILLAGE
APPROVED AS AMENDED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to amend the proposed ordinance to correct a scrivener’s error relative to the Industrial/Commercial large meter rate from \$156.30 to \$156.40.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

The Deputy Clerk called the Roll Call on the Ordinance, as amended.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

**R-41-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR MADISON
STREET SITE
FURNISHINGS PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park Madison Street Site Furnishings Revitalization Project be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

**R-42-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR MADISON
STREET LANDSCAPING
PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park Madison Street Landscaping Revitalization Project be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

**R-43-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR MADISON
STREET PAINTING
PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park Madison Street Painting Revitalization Project be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

**R-44-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR MADISON
STREET PARKING LOT
SEALCOATING PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park Madison Street Parking Lot Sealcoating Revitalization Project be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park Madison Street Pavement Striping Revitalization Project be adopted.

**R-45-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR MADISON
STREET PAVEMENT
STRIPING PROJECT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

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 Lead Service Replacement Project by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-46-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING SERVICES
PROPOSAL FOR 2024
LEAD SERVICE
REPLACEMENT PROJECT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

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 Lead Service Replacement Project to IHC Construction Companies, LLC be adopted.

**R-47-24
RESOLUTION AWARDED
CONTRACT FOR 2024
LEAD SERVICE
REPLACEMENT PROJECT
TO IHC CONSTRUCTION
COMPANIES, LLC
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Probationary Police Officer Eligibility List to fill a vacancy in the Police Department.

**BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTED TO HIRE ONE
PROBATIONARY POLICE
OFFICER
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to proclaim the first week of June as Law Enforcement Civilian Personnel Appreciation Week in Forest Park.

**PROCLAMATION
LAW ENFORCEMENT
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL
APPRECIATION WEEK**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Maxham

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Entler expressed her gratitude to Police Department Civilian staff for all their hard work and dedication, noting their work is important to the operations of the department. In addition, Ms. Entler reported the following:

- There will be a Town Hall meeting on June 12th at 7:00 at the Community Center to discuss Funerals that travel through towns, including Forest Park. The Town Hall is being hosted by Representative La Shawn Ford and Mayor Hoskins
- The school year is ending this week and the administrator reminded drivers to be safe and cautious as more children will be out during the summer.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported about her attendance at several events, including the U-Haul groundbreaking earlier this month, Cop on a Rooftop, Public Works Week and the Memorial Day Service held by the American Legion. The commissioner thanked all of the businesses and community members for their support during the celebrations recently, as well as the Arts Alliance for holding the Brushes on the Bridge Public Art event. Last, the commissioner reported that there will be a Flag Raising Ceremony on June 4th at Village Hall.

Commissioner Voogd reported a busy Public Works week in addition to several storms, causing damage to trees in the village. The commissioner passed along a complimentary letter she received from a resident of the 900 Block of Hannah. The resident was grateful to the crews that responded timely to the large tree that was taken down by the storm and their high level of kindness, care and compassion. The commissioner also expressed her gratitude to the Park District, Jackie Iovinelli and staff for the celebration at Reiger Park Grand Opening, where the Arbor Day Tree was commemorated. Last, Commissioner Voogd noted her attendance at the American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony as well as the Cook County Tourism Alive kickoff meeting. The county is dedicating \$10 million in ARPA funding to economic development in Cook County outside Chicago.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk