

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Maxham, Nero, 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 Nero that the minutes from the September 9, 2024, Regular meeting of the Council be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mary Beth Cobleigh-Beal stated that the village leadership is doing a phenomenal job and would like to say thank you. Ms. Cobleigh-Beal also thanked the Village Administrator, the Police and Fire Chiefs and all the village support staff for their dedication and hard work. In addition, Village Engineer, Brad Bahn was complemented on his expertise and excellent customer service. Last, Ms. Cobleigh-Beal expressed her disappointment to hear the comments from the September 9th Village Council meeting, which she felt led to speculation and rumors.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted its August, 2024, report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$1,053,832.49.

**R-80-24
RESOLUTION FOR
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,053,832.49
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

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 to perform a Feasibility Study for the Relocation and Construction to replace the existing Jackson Boulevard Water Reservoir by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-81-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY
FOR JACKSON WATER
RESERVOIR
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the award for the 2024 Village of Forest Park Ferdinand Avenue Watermain and Storm Sewer Replacement and Ferdinand and Adams Street Resurfacing Project contract to Bolder Contractors be adopted.

**R-82-24
RESOLUTION AWARDING
FERDINAND AVENUE
WATERMAIN, STORM
SEWER AND FERDINAND
ADAMS RESURFACING TO
BOLDER CONTRACTORS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-83-24
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING RFQ FOR
METERING
INFRASTRUCTURE AND
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for services related to Professional Consulting Services for Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Water Meter Replacement Program be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-84-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #2 FOR
2024 GREEN ALLEY
IMPROVEMENTS
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving Pay Request #2 (FINAL) for the 2024 Green Alley Improvements Project from J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. (800 and 900 Block of Circle-Marengo Alley) be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-85-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #1 FOR
MADISON STREET
LANDSCAPING PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution approving Pay Request #1 (FINAL) for the Madison Street Landscaping Project to Emerald Site Services, LLC be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 NOT
ADDRESSED**

Mayor Hoskins advised that agenda item #6 is not being addressed at this meeting and will therefore be skipped over.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance amending Chapter 6, entitled "Safety and Traffic Control Commission," of Title 2, entitled "Boards and Commissions," of the municipal code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-30-24
ORDINANCE AMENDING
VILLAGE CODE RELATED
TO SAFETY AND TRAFFIC
COMMISSION
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to appoint Stanley Brown to the Forest Park Safety and Traffic Commission (term to expire 4/30/2028).

**MR. STANLEY BROWN
APPOINTED TO THE
SAFETY AND TRAFFIC
COMMISSION
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the execution of agreements with Cooper's Hawk Winery and Music Theater Works, associated with events organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENTS WITH
COOPER'S HAWK AND
MUSIC THEATER WORKS
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the request from the Salvation Army to conduct its annual Red Kettle Campaign from November 1 through December 24, 2024.

**SALVATION ARMY
SOLICITATION REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioners Maxham and Voogd to approve the Mayor's Proclamation that October, 2024, be designated as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

**PROCLAMATION:
OCTOBER IS NATIONAL
DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT
AWARENESS MONTH**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Entler reminded residents that there will be a Town Hall meeting tomorrow at 7:00 to discuss and receive public input about the leaf removal program run by the village. The administrator also reported that there will be a Sustainability Fair on Saturday from 2-4:00 p.m. at the Library

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin expressed her appreciation that the amendment to the Safety and Traffic Commission was adopted, adding that this will help to improve and modernize the structure of operations on the Commission. The commissioner recognized Administrator Entler, Mayor Hoskins and chair Jordan Kuehn for their work and contributions to the best practices and operation of the commission. Further, Commissioner Melin-Rogovin recognized Drew DePriest as the new chair of the commission and thanked Stanley Brown for volunteering and joining the group. The commissioner commented about the September 9 meeting comments and stated that, as an elected official, she is committed to positive, productive and purposeful communication with staff and residents.

Commissioner Voogd agreed with Commissioner Melin-Rogovin's remarks and added that her door is always open to improve communications. The commissioner reported that the fall cleanup event was well attended and productive, netting 26 bags of trash, a car tire, a car bumper and suspension spring. The commissioner thanked the volunteers, the Public Works Crew, the Recreation Board, Joana Fisher at Twisted Cookie, as well as Jeff Bins-Calvey and Dan Marcus for their support. Last, Commissioner Voogd reported that the Pumpkin Smash event will be held on November 9th. Last year the group composted 1.6 tons of pumpkins. More information will be available soon on the village's website.

Mayor Hoskins reported that Sarah's Inn is hosting a Domestic Violence Awareness Month kickoff on October 1st, and he will be attending. On October 20th, the League of Women Voters of Oak Park and River Forest is celebrating their 100th anniversary and the mayors of the three villages are honorary chairs. The West Central Municipal Conference Annual Dinner is this Friday. Last, the mayor reported that he attended another Strong Cities meeting in Columbus, Ohio, where they focused on dealing with tragic events with mayors from all over the globe. Mayor Steve Patterson from Athens, Ohio, is urging Forest Park to join the National League of Cities and may come to a Village Council meeting to discuss the benefits of joining.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved, and Commissioner Maxham seconded to adjourn into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Belmonte
Village Clerk