

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
May 26, 2026**

BOARD MEETING:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Liska at 7:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Liska led the Board Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Liska started the meeting with a moment of silence for the passing of a long-time resident, Ray Petter who joined the Forest View Fire Department in 1962 and also served as a Fire and Police Commissioner from 1992 - 2014.

3. ROLL CALL

The Roll Call of Board Trustees by Clerk McGuffey is as follows:

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez
Absent: NA

4. PRESENTATIONS

- Swearing in Ceremony – Fire Chief Mark Stewart

Village Clerk McGuffey swore in Fire Chief Mark Stewart. Following the oath of office, Mrs. Kim Stewart was presented with the Fire Chief's badge and pinned it on her husband during the ceremony.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 12, 2026 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka,

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Yes: Trustees Castanuela, Nitka, Grossi, Hubacek, Nevarez
No: Trustee Sudkamp
Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of May 31, 2026:

1) Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$ 106,523.94
2) Bills Payable	\$ <u>216,527.04</u>
3) Total Expenditures:	\$ 323,050.00

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi
No: NA
Motion Carried.

7. TREASURERS REPORT FOR APRIL 2026:

1) Revenues:	\$ 1,009,184.18
2) Expenses:	\$ 524,860.85

Action Requested: None, informational only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – President Liska is requesting the board’s approval to

Agenda Item # 1 – Village Administrator Creer is seeking direction from the board to start the process of joining the Ground Emergency Transportation program including an agreement with Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services for Village Board’s consideration on drafting an ordinance to amend the Village Code to allow for the adoption of GEMT rates.

Discussion ensued.

Action requested: None, discussion only.

Agenda Item # 2 – Village Administrator Creer to discuss with the Village Board a recent request from a resident regarding livestock at their home. Village Staffs recommends amending the Ordinance code to disallow all raising of livestock in the Village and amend subsection 10-5-15 regarding the prohibition of keeping of livestock in residential yards.

Discussion ensued that the village needs to change the zoning code and ban all livestock.

Action requested: None, discussion only.

Agenda Item # 3 – Village Administrator Creer to discuss a recommendation from our Village Attorney to ask the Village Board to consider moving to a Budget Officer model and remove the Appropriations ordinance that has been done in the past. Under the Budget Officer model, Budget Officer (Village Administrator) presents the budget for approval before the fiscal year starts. Under appropriations, the spending authorization (budget) is passed in the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Discussion ensued and the board is in favor of Administrator Creer

Action requested: Discussion only. Direction for the to draft a budget officer ordinance for next fiscal year (2027-2028).

Agenda Item # 4 – Village Administrator Creer to discuss creating a rental registration and inspection program that the Village Board had requested and is seeking direction on the additional information to properly draft a rental ordinance that meets the Village boards intentions.

Discussion ensued and it was mentioned that we should do away with rentals.

Action requested: Discussion only. Direction from the board.

Agenda Item # 5 – Village Administrator Creer is requesting the Village Board approve Ordinance 26-12 an ordinance amending Chapter 8 “Public Ways and Property” Section 8-2-1: Water Rates. He will discuss with the board the 1.85% increase for water purchased from the City of Chicago and an additional 65 cents per 1000 gallons (4.5% for fixed charges) effective June 1, 2026 that is needed to help pay for upcoming infrastructure projects.

Discussion ensued in the meeting and board agreed to approve the 1.85% increase for water purchased from the City of Chicago but instructed Administrator Creer to put in a future line item in the budget and to look for an alternative on how will pay for the upcoming projects.

Action requested: Motion to approve Ordinance 26-12 an ordinance amending Chapter 8 “Public Ways and Property” Section 8-2-1: Water Rates.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Castanuela

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez, Sudkamp, Hubacek
No: NA
Motion Carried.

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Agenda Item # 6 – Police Chief Ritz is requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 26-11 authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus personal property of Squad Car # 1 (VIN: 1FM5KABONGC4329, a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor that was involved in a crash and declared damaged and no longer needed.

Action requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-11 authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus personal property of Squad Car # 1 (VIN: 1FM5KABONGC4329, a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Sudkamp, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 7 – Police Chief Ritz is requesting the board approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the County of Cook, on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Forest View.

Action requested: Motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the County of Cook, on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Forest View.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Nitka

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi, Sudkamp, Castanuela
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 8 – Superintendent of Public Works Miller is requesting the board approve a quote for Clearview Plumbing & Sewer to replace the Village Hall 2nd Floor Elkay water fountain at a price not to exceed \$3,393.88.

Discussion ensued. Trustee Nitka stated that he would like to look at the fountain to see if it can be fixed in house and the board agreed that if it cannot be fixed Superintendent Miller should proceed with the new fountain.

Action requested: Motion to approve for Clearview Plumbing & Sewer to replace the Village Hall 2nd Floor Elkay water fountain at a price not to exceed \$3,393.88.

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Hubacek, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez, Sudkamp

No: NA

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 9 – Superintendent of Public Works Miller is requesting to approve one seasonal part time maintenance worker for the summer months.

Discussion ensued. Miller stated that this position was filled last summer but that the employee has not worked for the past couple of months due to his other job and needs another person in Public Works. The board instructed Miller to officially send a letter out to the current employee. The Seasonal Part-time Maintenance worker job will be posted on the website and in the village hall.

Action requested: Motion to approve one seasonal part-time maintenance worker for the summer months.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela

Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Castanuela, Hubacek, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi, Sudkamp

No: NA

Motion Carried.

Action Items # 10– Letter from Office Manager Vogt who received a signed block party petition from a majority of homeowners on the 4500 block of Maple and a request from Lorena De La Cruz, 4530 Maple Ave. to host a Block Party for the 4500 block of Maple on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

Discussion ensued and the board wants to confirm that the resident has a copy of the ordinance.

Action requested: Motion to approve the Block Party on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela

Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Castanuela, Nevarez, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nitka

No: NA

Motion Carried.

9. ART TRECKLER ROOM RENTAL:

Agenda Item # 11- Letter from Office Manager Vogt on behalf of Dan O'Reilly with the Lions Club requesting the board's approval to rent the Art Treckler Room or the Conference Room (if

under 12 guests) on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. for a Food service Course to receive a Food Handlers Certificate for approximately 10-15 guests.

Action requested: Motion to approve the Lions Club's to rent the Art Treckler Room or the Conference Room (if under 12 guests) upstairs on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Castaneula

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Castaneula, Nitka, Nevarez, Sudkamp, Hubacek
No: NA
Motion Carried.

10. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

Agenda Item # 12 – F26-26 Baldemar Chavez (owner) 5201-03 W. 47 Street. Exterior cosmetic renovation of existing building at Chicago Liquors to include repainting exterior facade, installing signage on the front and side of building and an exterior logo mural on Laramie Street and 47th street side of the building.

Discussion ensued. The board has questions regarding the illuminated signs and the contents in the drinks, and it was mentioned that the businesses are being posted online as a bar.

Motion requested: Motion to approve the Commercial Permit F26-26.

Motion: Trustee Castaneula
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Castaneula, Nevarez,
No: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nitka
Motion Failed.

It was suggested that the owner attend the meeting to speak with the board.

10. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

NF26-19 Maria Castaneula 4609 Wisconsin Ave. Install PVC privacy fence.

NF26-20 Craig Karas 4536 Oak Park Ave. New home owner correcting mandatory violations real estate transfer list of violations.

NF26-21 Arlene Sopata 4504 S. Maple Ave. Replace storm door on front entrance and side entrance replace service door on garage.

NF26-22 Ana Trinidad 4502 Maple Ave. Install can light in living room, dining room, and kitchen.

Action Requested: None, information only.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Administrator Zachery Creer:

- Thanked everyone at the meeting for their support.
- Commented on the Pet Parade, his family enjoyed it that everyone did a great job.
- He is preparing a weekly report to send to the board.
- Mentioned that he is looking into the water deal and looking to find out how we will pay for this system.
- Working on a personnel manual and will give an update at the next meeting.
- Will schedule a special meeting with the board to review the budget / appropriations that will be due at the end of July.
- Mentioned to the board to let him know if they are scheduling vacations to make sure we have a quorum for our meetings.

11. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works Superintendent Miller:

- Commented that his department put up 250th Anniversary American Flags for Memorial Day and they will remain up until after Labor Day
- Will be auctioning off the Centennial Flags this year.
- Reported that he invited the Home School 4th Graders for the village hall for Public Works Week Event and discussed and demonstrated the Equipment such as the bobcat, sweeper. Provided a PowerPoint about water main breaks, JULIE marking, safety, etc. All students were provided with a safety vest, JULIE magnets, and a temporary Village Flag Logo tattoo.
- Reported on a water main break under the driveway 4526 Grove. It was a small leak, Riccio was able to put the repair sleeve on without a water main shutdown
- Reported that the Water tower transducer failed on Monday May 18th after we had some power surges from the storms. This device monitors the water level in the tower
- Metropolitan Industries came out to get the part number and will be back to install a new one. And commented that of course we have a weird model that does not match what they keep in stock. Currently they have it bypassed so the system runs based on the PSI instead of tower height.
- Reported that Muellermist came out to turn on the sprinkler system Village Hall
- Mentioned that on Wed May 27th CBI will be out to perform our annual backflow tests on the 5 devices in the FD.

Fire Chief Stewart:

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- Thanked the board for his appointment and is looking forward to working with everyone.
- Reported that his Deputy Chief received a letter from the Romeoville was approved thanking the department on behalf of their students, instructors, and the entire Romeoville Fire Academy for the donation of the firefighting turnout gear that approved at the previous meeting.
- Reported that Cinder is doing good.

Police Chief Ritz:

- Looks forward to working with Administrator Zach Creer and Chief Mark Stewart.
- Pet Parade was outstanding and sent thank you letters to everyone who participated.
- Mentioned he posted the E-Bike Flyer on the new Village of Forest View Facebook page, and the officers are trying to enforce.
- Reported on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Report for April 2026.
Incidents Generated - Total Calls for Service – 1,109. Calls to Non-Emergency Calls – 1, Calls to 911 – 3, Generated by Officers – 142, Accident Crash Reports – 6, State Citations – 49, Ordinance Citations – 179, Cannabis Citation - 4, Vehicle Stickers - 0, Warning Citations - 18, Arrests - 16, Misdemeanors – 2, and Felonies – 3.
- Reports of a car fire. Traffic issues – Aggravated fleeing and alluding.
- Reported that he needs more part-time officers for shift coverage.
- Reported that common practice his department should have a Corporal or Shift Supervisor. He said he sent letters out to his officers and 8 applied for the position and he will make a final selection to appoint two corporals stating that the position was approve in December 2022.
- Based on Law Enforcement Seniority they would be appointed for one year and then be review each year.

12. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Grossi thanked Deputy Chief Alan Dudek and Deputy Chief AJ Aiardo for stepping up and doing was need to be done. Acknowledged all the Fire Fighters and Police Officers who were at the meeting.
Discussion ensued regarding E-Bikes and wants Zach to talk to our Village Attorney to see what else can be done to enforce the new ordinance and the concerns for the safety of the children riding them, and going through stop signs.
- Veterans Committee Chair Grossi reported that he has been in contact with Senator Pirofino regarding getting funds for the memorial.

13. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT LISKA:

- Announced that the Village will be participating with the Stickney Forest View Library on Saturday June 6th.
- Reported that the Village is planning a Town Hall Meeting on June 17, 2026 at 7pm to provide information on the Lead service lines and the Water main project with McCook.

- Requested Administrator Creer to look at the LGDF Local State Income Tax.
- Reported that he and Administrator Creer will meet with Senator Cervantes in June.

14. QUESTION, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dawn from the Park District announced that they are still selling the 250-year T-Shirts.
- The Park District is renting a Screen to hold a moving night in the park on Friday, June 26th. Police Department will provide a tent with snacks. She had received a lot of requests from residents for this special event. They will have a popcorn machine.
- The Heros on the Field softball game Fire vs Police is scheduled for Thursday July 23rd as a Thank you to our Best Responders and that the Police and Fire Department are bringing everyone together.
- Commented that the Cops on Rocks was huge success that officers gave their full attention to the children and seniors.
- Resident Tom Cichon was elated to report he had no news.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Castaneula
Second: Trustee Nitka

16. ROLL CALL:

VOICE VOTE: AYES: ALL NAYS: NONE Motion Carried.

17. ADJOURMENT:

To adjourn at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk