

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW  
May 12, 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.

*In the meeting President Liska asked for a moment of silence in honor of the Village of Stickney Mayor Jeff Walik.*

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Present: Trustees Grossi, Hubacek, Castaneula, Nitka, Nevarez  
Absent: Trustee Sudkamp

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

- Swearing in Ceremony
  - Police Chief Jim Ritz
  - Deputy Police Chief Erik Kulaga

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 28, 2026 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Castaneula  
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

**6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES**

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of April 15, 2026:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	104,801.96
Bills Payable	\$	<u>249,304.04</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$	354,106.00

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek  
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

**7. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF April 30, 2026:**

Cash Receipts:	\$	763,378.07
Sales Tax:	\$	40,802.21
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	33,360.56
Local Gas Tax:	\$	56,479.44
Video Gaming Tax:	\$	27,686.79
Interest:	\$	<u>6,043.06</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	927,750.13

Action Requested: None, information only.

**8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

Agenda Item # 1 – President Liska is requesting the Village Board’s approval to appoint Zachery Creer as Village Administrator with the Village of Forest View.

Action requested: Motion to appoint Zachery Creer as Village Administrator with the Village of Forest View.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela  
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

*In the meeting President Liska asked Village Administrator Creer to join him in the meeting at the board table.*

Agenda Item # 2 – President Liska is requesting the Village Board’s approval to appoint Mark Stewart as Fire Chief with the Forest View Fire Department.

Action requested: Motion to appoint Mark Stewart as Fire Chief with the Forest View Fire Department.

*Discussion ensued.*

Motion: Trustee Hubacek  
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 3 – President Liska is requesting the board approve Proclamation No. 26-03 designating the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, as National Public Works Week in the Village of Forest View.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Proclamation No. 26-03 designating the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, as National Public Works Week in the Village of Forest View.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez  
Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

Agenda Item # 4 - President Liska is requesting the board approve Ordinance 26-10 amending the Forest View Village Code to implement the real estate transfer tax approved by the voters at the March 17, 2026, Primary Election.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-10 amending the Forest View Village Code to implement the real estate transfer tax approve by voters at the March 17, 2026, Primary Election.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek  
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

Agenda Item # 5 - Police Chief Ritz is requesting the board approval of a resolution entered into between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“District”) and the Village of Forest View. The Permit is issued for the sole and exclusive purpose of weighing trucks to ensure compliance with the Forest View weight limits on trucks traveling within the Village of Forest View. The term of the five (5) year permit commences on December 1, 2026 and ends on November 30, 2031.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the General Permit for a term of five (5) years ending on November 30, 2031.

Motion: Trustee Castaneula

Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

No: NA

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 6 – Police Chief Ritz is requesting the board’s approval for the purchase of a new 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Squad car at a cost of \$45, 946 from Willowbrook Ford to replace the recent loss of a department squad car that was totaled in an accident on March 31, 2026.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase of a new 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Squad car at a cost of \$45, 946.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela

Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

No: NA

Motion Carried.

## **9. APPLICATION FOR NEW BUSINESS LICENSE:**

Agenda Item # 7 – Letter from Office Manager Vogt with a request from Zach Etkorn owner of Bar Buddy Vending LLC, to operate a nicotine vending machine to sell Vapes and Nicotine Pouches within a Village Bar and revise the Ordinance with details on this type of machine and determine the cost of the Nicotine Vending License.

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

*Failed – No motion.*

## **10. ART TRECKLER ROOM RENTAL REQUEST:**

Agenda Item # 8 – Letter from Officer Manager Vogt requesting the board’s approval to allow the Forest View Park District to rent the Art Treckler Room on Friday, July 10, 2026 for an

evening of Bingo with proceeds being donated to the Veteran Memorial for approximately 100 guests in attendance and to waive the fee.

Action Requested: Motion to approve and waive the fee.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez  
Second: Trustee Castanuela

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Castanuela, Hubacek, Nitka  
Abstained: Trustee Grossi (Veterans Memorial Committee Chairman)  
No: NA  
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 9 – Letter from Officer Manager Vogt requesting the board’s approval to allow the Forest View Park District to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, October 10, 2026 for the Taste of Forest View Event for approximately 80 guests in attendance and to waive the fee.

Action Requested: Motion to approve and waive the fee.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek  
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item # 10 – Letter from Superintendent of Public Works Miller to discuss the four proposals options received from our current IT company All Information Systems (AIS), Nobel Tec, CDS Office Technologies and InBalance on pricing for our IT support and quotes for many critical network infrastructure and cybersecurity updates. He is requesting the board approve moving forward and authorize him to sign the InBalance IT Support & Cybersecurity Agreement.

Action Requested: Motion to approve moving forward authorizing Superintendent Tanner Miller to sign the InBalance IT Support & Cybersecurity Agreement.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek  
Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

## **11. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT**

NF26-15 Amanda Stankus, 4616 Maple Ave. Remove and replace decking, railing stairs and privacy walls.

NF26-16 Ed DeRosa, 4505 Kenilworth Ave. Replace shingles.

NF26-17 Luis Mendez, 4524 Clinton Ave. Replace section of gutter on garage.

NF26-18 Ed DeRosa, 4505 Kenilworth. Replace shingles.

Action Requested: None, information only.

**12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: NA**

**13. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Superintendent of Public Works Miller:

- Two free Eastern Redbud trees were planted around the Village Hall and mentioned that public works still has multiple tree samplings available if anyone is interested in them they should call public works.
- The upstairs water fountain's condenser is leaking and he is waiting on quotes. He is planning to purchase the same Murdock model that is on the first floor.
- Reported that he ordered traffic paint for the streets, curbs and parking lot.
- Reported that the traffic study is in and waiting for a summary from our engineer Tom.
- Ordered 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary American Flags for street light poles down 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- Mentioned that his department will be helping with tents and road closures for the Pet Parade on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Mentioned that for Public Works Week the Home School 4<sup>th</sup> grade class on May 21<sup>st</sup> has been invited to visit and he will be doing a presentation. The class will also receive safety vests, tattoo of the village flag and other goodies.

Police Chief Ritz:

- Expressed his condolences to Mayor Jeff Walik and his family. Stated that Forest View has a great relationship with Stickney and our officers are assisting Stickney with the funeral services.
- Reported on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Report for April 2026: Incidents Generated - Total Calls for Service – 1,109. Calls to Non-Emergency Calls – 0, Calls to 911 – 1, Generated by Officers – 141, Accident Crash Reports – 6, State Citations – 49, Ordinance Citations – 179, Village Stickers - 0, Cannabis Citation - 4, Warning Citations - 18, Arrests -16, Misdemeanors – 2, and Felonies – 3.

Deputy Fire Chief Dudek:

- Thanked the board for all their support.
- Mentioned that the Fire Department has been preparing for the memorial on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> at Noon for Fire Chief Mark Jones Memorial in the Fire House along with his family.

They ordered a plaque in honor of Mark that will be hung in the fire house. After the ceremony lunch will be served.

- Reported on the Fire Department Monthly Report for April 2026:  
Incidents – EMS-31, Fire (Structure, vehicle, other) – 0, Motor vehicle accidents -13,  
Fire Alarms (False alarms, Trouble alarms) – 12 for a total of 56 calls for service.
- The fire Department completed 124 hours of training for the month of April 2026.

**14. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:** No reports

**15. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT LISKA:**

- Announced that he posted a MWRD has an internship program on his board in the hallway
- Reported that the village will hold a town Hall Meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss upcoming watermain and lead service lines projects and the McCook Water project.

**16. PUBLIC COMMENT, ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS:**

- Resident on 45<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin asked if they are going to hang the American flags on the side streets. Superintendent Miller stated that he would not be purchasing them due to the cost which was \$6,000 last time they were purchased. The resident stated that it was appreciated.
- Resident on 45<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin stated that the Police Department should be commended that he sees a major improvement with the traffic on his street.
- Resident on 45<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin asked when the Shred event would be scheduled which will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Veterans Memorial Committee Resident Veteran thanked the board for their support. Reported that we now have the Zelle account set up, we are starting to get donations, the village website has a dedicated section for the Veterans Committee and working on getting a dedications target date or November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**17. MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion: Trustee Castanuela  
Second: Trustee Nitka

**18. ROLL CALL;**

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

**19. ADJOURMENT:**

To adjourn at 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey  
Village Clerk