

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
August 11, 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.

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. SWEARING IN CEREMONY- POLICE DEPARTMENT

Village Clerk McGuffey swore in Part-time Police Officers Michael J. Spilotro and Derek Garcia.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez
No: None
Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

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

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	113,626.73
Bills Payable	\$	<u>55,009.04</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$	168,635.77

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

7. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF July 31, 2026:

Cash Receipts:	\$	307,689.25
Sales Tax:	\$	52,292.96
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	46,887.67
Local Gas Tax:	\$	49,496.40
Video Gaming Tax:	\$	31,962.19
Interest:	\$	<u>6,950.43</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	495,278.90

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item #1 – Administrator Creer is requesting the board approve Ordinance # 26-23, Amending Title 1 of the Forest View Village Code by adding Chapter 37 regarding an Honorary Sign Ordinance to recognize Forest view Residents who have made significant contributions to the Village of Forest View as suggested by Trustee Nitka.
The signs will be up for 10 years at which point they will be returned to the closest living relative in town. He is providing several designs and is seeking direction from the board on which sign the Board prefers.

Action Requested: Motion for the passage of an Ordinance 26-23 creating an Honorary Sign Program.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 - Administrator Creer is requesting the board approve Ordinance 26-24, an ordinance authorizing the sale of property at 4612 Wisconsin Ave PIN: 19-06-324-020.

Action Requested: Motion for the passage of Ordinance 26-24 declaring the property at 4612 Wisconsin Avenue surplus and allowing the sale.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 3 – Administrator Creer to discuss Laserfiche Solution for Records Archiving is requesting authorization from the board to sign and approve a contract with TBK Associates for Laserfiche solution for a one-time cost of \$3,794.00 and an annual cost of \$2,394.

Action Requested: Motion to authorize Administrator Creer to sign and approve a contract with TBK Associates for Laserfiche solution for a one-time cost of \$3,794.00 and an annual cost of \$2,394.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

Agenda Item # 4 – Memo from Administrator Creer to the board regarding a resident's request to build a larger pergola. Per the zoning code, pergolas fall under a "covered patio" and are to be a maximum of 150 square ft.

Action Requested: Discussion only. Direction whether to start the text amendment process to allow for larger pergolas.

Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item # 5 – Superintendent Miller is requesting the board authorize and accept an agreement with Safe Step to saw-cut sidewalks with a budget not to exceed \$25,000 to continue partnering with them to eliminate trip and fall hazards throughout the Village.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Superintendent Miller to sign and accept agreement with Safe Step to saw-cut sidewalks with a budget not to exceed \$25,000.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 6 – Chief Ritz is requesting the board approve the purchase of eight (8) Dell Pro Desktops computers and hardware from Waident Technology Solutions not to exceed \$12,151.28.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase of eight (8) Dell Pro Desktops computers and hardware from Waident Technology Solutions not to exceed \$12,151.28.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 7 – Chief Ritz is requesting the board approve the purchase of a portable SAM 3 Radar Speed Trailer at a cost not to exceed \$15,095.00.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase of a portable SAM 3 Radar Speed Trailer at a cost not to exceed \$15,095.00.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item # 8 – Memo from Chief Stewart to provide the board with information regarding proposed fees for American Heart Association (AHA) CPR and First Aid classes offered by the Forest View Fire Department and to discuss administrative authority for fee reductions in limited circumstances.

Action Requested: None, information only.

Agenda Item # 9 – Memo from Chief Stewart requesting approval to enter into an agreement with Lexipol for its Fire Policy Management System agreement using FY 2026-2027 budgeted funds at a cost not to exceed \$29,497.00.

Action Requested: Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to execute the three-year agreement with Vector Solutions using budgeted funds at a cost not to exceed \$29,497.00.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item # 10 – Memo from Chief Stewart requesting the board authorize the Fire Chief to execute a three-year agreement with Vector Solutions for implementation of a comprehensive training management and records system for the Forest View Fire Department. The proposed pricing is \$4,060 for the first year, consisting of annual user licensing, a one-time implementation fee of \$800.00, an annual maintenance fee of \$435.00. Beginning in year 2, the implementation fee is eliminated, resulting in an estimated annual cost of approximately \$3,260.00 before any applicable annual license adjustments. Under the proposed three-year agreement, annual license increases are capped at 5%, protecting the Village from larger future price increases.

Action Requested: Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to execute a three-year agreement with Vector Solutions using budgeted funds.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

11. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT: NA

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Administrator Creer:

- No Reports

13. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Public Works Miller:

- Mentioned that the fire wall will be installed Wednesday morning in the Village Hall.
- Reported that a box was installed for disposing of syringes.
- Public works staff have been trimming parkway trees.
- Public Works attended the National Night Out Event with the sidewalk Bobcat and 4 door pick-up truck.
- Mentioned the Leak Survey will be scheduled for late September
- Reported on a Chicago bill that the village will be paying for over the next 6 months once he receives the paperwork from Chicago.
- Pumphouse roof was repaired.
- Reported that the village did not have much damage during the recent storms and there was only minor flooding.

Police Chief Ritz:

- Reported that they had a great turn out at the Nation Night Out Event and will partner again with Stickney in 2027.
- Reported on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Report for July 2026:
- Calls for Service: 1249. Calls to 1, Officer Generated 197, Traffic Crashes 20, Park Checks 67, Premise Checks 293, Business Checks 162. Admin Tows 4.
- Arrest/Citation Statistics: Traffic Stops 504, State Citations 59, Ordinance Citations 418, Warning Citations 11, Cannabis 6, Arrests 13, Misdemeanors 3, and Felonies 0.
- Truck Enforcement: Stops 51, Citations 85, Cases Pending 0, SOL/No Fine/Unpaid 0.

Fire Chief Stewart:

- Reported the Fire Department Monthly Report for July 2026:
- Incidents – EMS-35, Fires (Structure, vehicle, other) – 2, Motor vehicle accidents -14,
- Fire Alarms (False alarms, Trouble alarms) – 20, Public Service Calls – 2, for a total of 73calls for service.
- The fire Department completed 191 hours of training for the month of July 2026.
- Reported that the Fire Department successfully filled a vacant Firefighter/Paramedic position during the month of July. Trevor Wood was hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic and joined the department as a METRO contract employee. Mr. Wood met all required qualifications and employment standards established by the department and will help maintain our staffing levels and operational readiness.
- Commented that the Forest View Fire Department proudly participated in the annual National Night Out community event in partnership with the Forest View Police Department, Stickney Fire Department, and Stickney Police Department. The event brought together public safety personnel from both communities to engage with residents in a positive and informal setting.
- Mentioned he is working on grants for his department.

14. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Jim Nitka inquired whether any quotes had been received for renovating the Art Treckler Room. Superintendent Miller stated that he is meeting with Restore to determine whether they may be able to assist with the project. Superintendent Miller also asked whether a drop-off box could be placed in the lobby for residents to donate American flags that are worn, damaged, or no longer suitable for display.
- Trustee Nevarez commented that she attended the National Night Out and it was really nice.

15. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT LISKA:

- Mentioned that FSI approved the permit for construction of the house on Kenilworth.

16. REPORTS FROM VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

- Committee Chairman Grossi reported that the committee plans to seek bids in November or December and break ground in early spring. The committee also plans to place a “Coming in Spring 2027” sign on the property and set up a GoFundMe account.
- Committee Secretary McGuffey reported that as of the meeting they had collected \$5,867.00 in donations and thanked everyone for their support.
- At the meeting, Mary Ann O’Reilly of the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club presented a \$4,367 check to the Forest View Veterans Memorial Committee. The funds were raised through a bingo event sponsored by the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club and the Forest View Park District to support the Veterans Memorial and honor Forest View residents who have served in the U.S. military. Members of the Veterans Committee thanked Lions Club for the generous donation.

14. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Laverne Cichon, on behalf of Park District Activity Director Dawn, wanted to thank Chief Stewart and the Fire Department for participating in the park event that afternoon and reading to the children.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

18. ROLL CALL:

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

19. ADJOURMENT:

To adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk