

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
Held Virtually on Zoom Due To COVID-19
February 23, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Powell at 7:06 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Village President Powell, Village Administrator Masciola, Village Clerk Conklin, Chief Wiseman, Chief Heller, Superintendent O'Donohue

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller, Stimach

Absent: Trustee Kirchgatterer

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 9, 2021 be approved as read:

A Trustee spoke regarding the Public Comments written into the February 9, 2021 minutes. In the three comments that were emailed in, the residents had either asked for a Zoom or conference option. No residents have requested a Zoom meeting in place of an in-person meeting.

Discussion ensued between the Trustees regarding how many residents attend meetings, the weather and how all regulations are being followed for an in-person meeting.

Village President Powell mentioned that this could be discussed during the Reports from Village Trustees. We need to approve the previous minutes at this time.

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller, Stimach, Grossi

No: None

Absent: Trustee Kirchgatterer

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CHECK REGISTER:

- A. To approve the check register from the payroll of the February 9, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 100,570.20

Check # 30989-30995

Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the February 9, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 15,071.52

Check # 30996-31018

Voided: None

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Stimach

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Miller, Stimach, Grossi, Sudkamp
No: None
Absent: Trustee Kirchgatterer
Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES:

- A. To approve the village payroll in the gross amount of \$ 97,897.37. This payroll covers the period from February 16-28, 2021 for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Officials payroll from February 1-28, 2021 and the part-time payroll from February 1-15, 2021.
- B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 84,170.14
- C. Total Expenditures: \$ 182,067.51

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Stimach

Yes: Trustees Miller, Stimach, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek
No: None
Absent: Trustee Kirchgatterer
Motion Carried.

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Letter from Village Administrator, Mark C. Masciola, to authorize the renewal and extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission between the Village and the City of Chicago Department of Aviation.

Action Requested: Motion to authorize the Village President to execute the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission Intergovernmental Agreement.

Village Administrator Masciola spoke regarding the renewal and extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission between the Village and the City of Chicago Department of Aviation. This is the renewal and extension of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission. The Village has been part of this group for twenty-five years.

The Chicago City Council passed an ordinance renewing the authority of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission for five years, extending to December 31, 2025. The purposes of the Commission are to determine certain Noise Compatibility Projects and Noise Compatibility Programs to be implemented in the Midway Commission Area; oversee an effective and impartial noise monitoring system; advise the City concerning Midway-related noise issues; and provide a forum for direct citizen engagement.

The Commission Area includes the City of Chicago, Bedford Park, Bridgeview, Burbank, Cicero, Lyons, Stickney, Summit and the unincorporated areas of Stickney Township in Cook County and Forest View.

To approve Agenda Item # 1

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees Stimach, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller

No: None

Absent: Trustee Kirchgatterer

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 – Letter from Village Administrator, Mark C. Masciola, regarding the approval Ordinance No. 21-01 authorizing the sale or disposal of certain surplus personal property.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-01.

Village Administrator Masciola spoke regarding surplus property and the disposal of squad number 134. It has been deemed no longer useful for Police Department operations.

A Trustee had asked how many miles were on the squad.

Police Chief Wiseman stated there were over eighty-five thousand miles on the squad car.

To approve Agenda Item # 2

Motion: Trustee Stimach
Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller, Stimach
No: None
Absent: Trustee Kirchgatterer
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3 – Letter from Fire Chief, Thomas A. Heller, requesting the promotion of Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Kennedy to the rank of Lieutenant.

Action Requested: Motion to promote Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Kennedy to the rank of Lieutenant.

Fire Chief Heller spoke regarding the request to promote Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Kennedy to the rank of Lieutenant.

To approve Agenda Item # 3

Motion: Trustee Stimach
Second: None

Motion died for lack of a second.

Village President Powell stated that due to the lack of a second, this will be brought up at another meeting.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

None

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

1. Village Administrator Mark Masciola
 - On February 16, 2021 at approximately midnight, a bowstring truss cracked at the Old Dominion dock. At approximately four a.m., there was a roof collapse. The Fire Department responded and there were no injuries. We are working with DF Chase Construction to issue a demolition permit and a shoring permit. All trucking operations at Old Dominion have been suspended until such time as the remaining dock is shored up and safe to resume operations. There was no damage to the new dock expansion that is currently under construction.

- We have a cease and desist order that has been sent to the property owner of an unlicensed auto repair and paint business where a fire occurred on February 3rd along Canal Bank Road. The letter was sent by Attorney John Murphey. It also includes the clean up and removal of the business and the remaining vehicles and equipment that is at the property.
 - The vehicles that were sold on Gov Deals were picked up. On February 3rd, the 2013 Ford Taurus was picked up. On February 6th, the 2012 Ford Escape was picked up. The Village earned \$4,480.00 for the Taurus and \$3,951.00 for the Escape. The vehicle that was approved tonight will be posted on the Gov Deals website. The 2014 Ford Taurus was posted and the 2003 Ford Escape will also be posted on the Gov Deals website.
2. Superintendent Water & Public Works Jack O'Donohue
- There was a water main break at 4615 Harlem Avenue. We were able to isolate it. Shell and JDB did not have water service for approximately twelve hours. We lost approximately one hundred thousand gallons of water which froze on Harlem Avenue. We were able to open sewers to allow drainage. We had some help from IDOT in between their own calls.

Village President Powell thanked Public Works again for their excellent job in taking care of the Village streets.

3. Police Chief Gary Wiseman Jr.
- Provided Police Reports for February 9th through February 22nd, 2021.
4. Fire Chief Tom Heller
- As Village Administrator Masciola stated, we were called to Old Dominion for a cracked bowstring truss. We did advise employees to evacuate the building. At four a.m. the fire alarm at Old Dominion went off after one hundred feet of roof collapsed inside the building. The Fire Department shut off the water flow from the sprinkler system that was set off by the fire alarm. The next morning, we followed up with Old Dominion. The Structural Engineer will recommend what is needed to secure the building. The snow was removed from the roof. They will be applying for demolition and reconstruction permits. We will continue to follow up with them.
 - We assisted the Village of Lyons for a fire at Waterworks. We also assisted with the investigation. An off-duty Cicero Firefighter stopped and rescued the two residents that were in the burning building.
 - We were called to Stickney for a gas leak at St. Pius. Ice fell from the gutter and hit the gas meter. We stood by until the Gas Company arrived and shut the gas off.

B.) Reports from Village Trustees

A Trustee spoke regarding the letter and decision to hold the Board Meetings via Zoom without any input from the Board Members. Also questioned were the three emails that were received. The residents have requested that zoom meetings be held in conjunction with the in-person Board Meetings, not in place of them.

Village President Powell stated that following the Boards lead, we followed up with the Village of Stickney. They will not be resuming their in-person meetings until the end of March. There have not been enough vaccines distributed to create a herd immunity at this time.

Village Clerk Conklin mentioned that during a Zoom meeting, we have more than double the participation compared to an in-person meeting. We currently do not have the technology to do a live-stream in the village hall in conjunction with Zoom on-line.

A Trustee asked what would be the advantage of holding an in-person meeting over a Zoom meeting.

A Trustee explained that he was muted during parts of the meeting and unable to participate. He experienced problems while using his phone, and had to re-enter the meeting. He indicated that he thought other Trustees were experiencing similar issues.

Village Clerk Conklin indicated that Trustees were not muted on the Zoom site at any time.

Village President Powell stated that it is always better to meet in person, however it is not safe to meet right now during the pandemic.

Discussion ensued regarding the time frame before it will be safe to meet in person. We may be wearing masks into 2022. Vaccinations are not mandatory, so when will it be safe to meet in person. As long as we follow the rules of the state, wear masks and social distance, we should be fine. If there is a large turn out for a meeting, it could be moved to the firehouse as done in the past.

A Trustee had a question regarding parked vehicles on the street during winter snow removal. There were many vehicles left on the street while Public Works was out clearing the roads. Did the Police Department issue tickets for vehicles left on the street during snow plowing?

Police Chief Wiseman mentioned that he would have to look regarding this last snowfall. If vehicles are in the way during snow plowing, they will be ticketed.

Superintendent O'Donohue mentioned that he was not aware of issues. We are focusing on the roads not the vehicles. If vehicles are consistently in the way, dispatch will be called.

C.) Report from the Village President
None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

Village Clerk Conklin stated there were no comments or questions via email or left in the drop box.

A resident near 45th and Wisconsin spoke regarding snow being plowed over to the Forest View's side of the road, and noted Stickney is continuously pushing the snow into the village.

Village President Powell asked Superintendent O'Donohue to follow up with the Village of Stickney regarding the snow issue.

Superintendent O'Donohue mentioned that he has spoke to Stickney and they will try to be more aware of this issue.

A resident thanked Public Works for an amazing job with the snow removal and plowing.

A resident had a comment that was barely audible involving a question about vaccines.

A Trustee believed the resident is asking about COVID vaccination options for our residents.

Village President Powell mentioned the Village of Lockport set up a vaccination site. To the resident that can't be heard, please call the Village Office with your questions so that we can address them. The resident responded all right, she will contact the village.

Discussion ensued regarding how the Village of Lockport set up their COVID site. The hundreds of volunteers working the site, distribution and storage of the vaccine.

Fire Chief Heller mentioned that he was on a meeting regarding how a vaccine site is started. Storage would be the biggest problem regarding the vaccine. Once we hear more, we will forward that information.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 7:52 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller, Stimach

Absent: Trustee Kirchgatterer

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Conklin
Village Clerk