

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
VILLAGE HALL – BOARD MEETING ROOM
October 12, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Grossi, Hubacek, Sudkamp, Ramirez, Navarez, Liska
Absent: None

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 28, 2021, be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Navarez, Ramirez, Navarez, Liska, Grossi
No: None
Abstain: Trustee Hubacek
Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CHECK REGISTER:

- A. To approve the check register from the payroll of the September 28, 2021, board meeting in the amount of \$ 96,851.64.

Check # 31598 - 31607
Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the September 28, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 49,296.22.

Check # 31608 - 31648
Manual Check # 31593, 31594, 31597
Voided Checks # 31595 – 31596

Action Requested: Motion to approve
Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Navarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp
No: None
Abstain: Trustee Hubacek
Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES:

- A. To approve the village payroll in the gross amount of \$ 88,306.72. This payroll covers the period from October 1 – October 15 for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Officials payroll from September 1- September 30, 2021 and the part-time payroll from September 16 – September 30, 2021.
- B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 72,588.95.
- C. Total Expenditures: \$ 160,895.67

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Navarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021:

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| Cash Receipts: | \$ | 285,218.59 |
| Sales Tax: | \$ | 51,551.44 |
| Home Rule Sales Tax: | \$ | 31,571.76 |
| Interest: | \$ | 76.17 |
| Local Gas Tax: | \$ | <u>15,410.70</u> |
| Total Revenue: | \$ | 383,828.66 |

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 - Letter from Mike Dropka, Village Administrator regarding the Pension Obligation Bonds.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Ordinance No. 21-08 for the Pension Bonds.

In the meeting Village Administrator Dropka discussed his proposal to issue pension obligation bonds that were first discussed at the budget hearing in July and the Pension Obligation Bond Ordinance No. 21-08 or the Pension Bonds.

In attendance to discuss the with the Board regarding the Pension Obligation Bond were Village Attorney John Murphey, Financial Advisor Robert Vail from Bernardi Securities and Bond Attorney Joseph Cainkar from Louis F. Cainkar, Ltd.

- Village Attorney John Murphey discussed that the Village of Forest View has been underfunding the Fire and Police Pension funds for decades. He discussed that the pensions are funded by contributions made by the members, contributions by the Village, investment income earned by the pension funds and a property tax levied annually by the Village Board. Attorney Murphey stated that it made sense for the Board to borrow the money to deal with pension underfunding now and have it available to pay down these unfunded pension obligations. The financial analysis indicates that by taking this approach, the Village will save several million dollars over time. If we don't fund now the State of Illinois can hold back future funds.
- Village Administrator and Attorney Murphey discussed that the village will be making their last payment on the existing bond in December which was for current Village Hall building and that a portion of the property tax levy will be eliminated and replaced with the proposed new levy. The Village tax base has grown significantly as a result of the recent annexations, primarily south of I-55.
- Financial Advisor, Robert Vail from Bernard Securities gave a presentation that included a History of the Village of Forest View, a graph showing historical low bond yields, table showing large increase in Village Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) for the Village and the drop-in tax rate for current tax year.
- Bond Counsel, Joseph Cainkar from Louis F. Cainkar, Ltd. discussed that he is responsible for putting together the Bond Ordinance No. 21-08 for the Village of Forest View.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Ordinance No. 21-08 for the Pension Bonds.

To approve Agenda Item # 1

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees: Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez
No: None
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 - Letter from Mike Dropka, Village Administrator proposing extending a vehicle sticker discount to Veterans.

During the meeting Village Administrator presented to the Board, Ordinance No. 21-09 that is an ordinance amending Section 3-4-3 of the Forest View Village Code to provide for a discounted Village vehicle sticker rate for Veterans.

Action Requested: Motion to extend a vehicle sticker discount to Veterans.

To approve Agenda Item # 2
Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez
No: None
Motion Carried.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-09 that is an ordinance amending Section 3-4-3 of the Forest View Village Code to provide for a discounted Village vehicle sticker rate for Veterans.

To approve Agenda Item # 2
Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez
No: None
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3- Letter from Mike Dropka, Village Administrator regarding raising the licensing fees on Video Gaming Terminals.

Action Requested: Motion to approve raising the licensing fees on Video Gaming Terminals.

Tabled

Agenda Item # 4 – Letter from Mike Dropka, Village Administrator on raising the Home Rule Motor Fuel Tax.

Action Requested: Motion to approve raising the Home Rule Motor Fuel Tax.

Tabled.

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from Marco Perez, Interim Chief of Police and Biana Zarate, Sergeant regarding approval to purchase three Pepwave Max BR1 Mini with Cat4 LTE Modems along with three Antenna Plus Multimax FV Sharkfin Cell/Cell/ WIFI / GPS.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase of three Pepwave Max BR1 Mini with Cat4 LTE Modems along with three Antenna Plus Multimax FV Sharkfin Cell/Cell/ WIFI / GPS in an amount not to exceed \$ 2,100.00.

To approve Agenda Item # 5

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska, Grossi,

No: None

Motion Carried.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

NF21 – 41 Kathy Ehresman, 4601 Wisconsin Ave, repair around Chimney.

F21 – 52 51 Street Holding LLC (Best Foods), 6500 W. 51st Street, Parking Lot, Iron Fence and Auto Gate beam height.

F21 – 52 SBA, 5448 W. 47th Street, Proposed generator for T-Mobile. No Tower work is needed. No compound expansion is needed.

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

- Village Administrator Michael Dropka discussed the following:
Working with Com Ed and Attorney Murphey to get an easement from them, to transfer the corner property at 49th and Central Ave over to the Village. We will then transfer the property over to Fed Ex so that they can install a Stop light on the corner. This will assist Fed Ex in getting their trucks out of their yard and it will also benefit the Village in the future by allowing the village to further annex land west of Central Ave that is unincorporated Cook County County. This will help the village with future annexation of un-incorporated land in that area so the Village can obtain more industry and expand the tax base.
- Working with Attorney Murphey regarding a summons the Village received from one of the companies in town regarding the Terminal Operators Tax that went into effect August 1st.
- Discussed changes to be completed November 1st regarding the Verizon and AT&T Bills as previously discussed and that will be merged into one account to save costs and eliminate devices that are no longer utilized.

- Continuing to work with the Police Department on restructuring the Police Pension Board.
- Working on the final preparations for Oktoberfest that will be held in the Village of Forest View Park on Saturday October 16, 2021.
- The Village will be having a Veteran's Day Ceremony for November 11th that will start at 11:00 AM. The ceremony be held outside in front of the flag pole. It will include the flag raising, the playing of anthems, a few speeches, a salute to departed veterans and the playing of TAPS followed by refreshments inside.
- Contract negotiations with Police Union will begin next week on October 19th.
- MWRD will be finalizing their agreement with us to begin their truck scale located down by the Portage National Site to implement an overweight truck ticketing program by the Police Department. We will need to update our ordinance on this and supply a schedule to MWRD.
- Testified in front of MWRD on the Lakeshore Recycling Project. This was a final meeting to allow Lake Shore Recycling to proceed with acquiring a lease for MWRD property next to their current properties.

B.) Superintendent Water & Public Works Jack O'Donohue discussed the following:

- Announce that they tested water samples at 10 households and did not detect any lead in the water samples.
- Bluder's Tree Service has been busy removing the trees in the village and next week Public Works will be spreading dirt and grass seed in the parkways where the trees were removed.
- Department has been busy preparing for Oktoberfest.

C.) Interim Chief of Police Marco Perez discussed the following:

- Police department are aggressively making arrests and issuing tickets.
- Updates on personnel changes
- Over-time in his department is down.

D.) Fire Chief Mark Jones discussed the following:

- Working on gathering documents for an ISO Insurance Rating audit that is required every five years.
- Planning to have 6 employees go next week for Live Fire Training in Darien/Woodridge.
- Department preparing to work during Oktoberfest.
- Life Tower will be arriving on Friday.

E.) Report from Village Trustees

None

F.) Report from the Village President

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:08 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McGuffey
Village Clerk/Treasurer