

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
December 10, 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Forest View will hold special meetings on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Village Hall, 7000 West 46th Street. The agenda for the special meeting is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Liska at 6:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez
Absent: None

4. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Agenda # 1 – Village President Liska requested this special meeting to discuss with the board and is seeking approval regarding the Village of McCook taking over our water feed from the City, including the pumping station and the feed lines from the pumping station to north of the canal. Tom Branstedt, the engineer with Novotny Engineering, will discuss the project overview, scope of work, the financial overview, and the proposal from the Village of McCook. Superintendent of Water and Public Works Miller will provide additional details to the board.

In the meeting President Liska discussed the letter from McCook detailing the Water Supply Connection, Reservoir Service and Emergency Interconnection.

1. Assumption of Water Connection Control.

- McCook would acquire ownership and operational responsibility for Forest View existing City of Chicago water Supply connection. McCook would own, manager, monitor and maintain the connection point to ensure reliable and consistent water delivery to Forest View in accordance with all applicable regulations and intergovernmental agreements.

2. Provision of a Water Reservoir for Residential Service
 - McCook would provide Forest View with access to a dedicated water reservoir intended to serve the residential areas of Forest View. This reservoir would support storage capacity, system pressure and operational stability during high-demand periods or supply interruptions.
3. Emergency Connection at Oak Park Avenue
 - To further strengthen system redundancy and continuity of service, McCook would permit Forest View to construct and operate an emergency interconnection located along Oak Park Ave. This secondary connection would provide Forest View with a dependable back up supply route in the event of a disruption or emergency affecting the primary source.

Novotny Engineer Kutt, Building Commissioner Kutt and PW Superintendent presented an Overview, status and action needed for the Water Distribution improvements.

1. Project Overview
 - Summary of existing water distribution system conditions
 - Identification of critical deficiencies and service challenges
 - Summary of engineering evaluations and finds.
2. Scope of Work
 - Sections of water main scheduled for replacement
 - Pipe materials, diameters, and construction methods
 - Associated improvements (hydrants, valves, service connections)
 - Coordination with other utilities or public works activities
3. Financial Overview
 - Estimated project cost
4. Village of McCook
 - Proposal by McCook
 - Improvements by McCook
 - Residential Pumping Station
 - Emergency Connection on Oak Park Avenue

Superintendent Miller reported on the following:

1. Annual Repair Costs on Water System for the past five years
 - Avg Yearly Cost – \$272,993

- Total Spent on Repairs from fiscal years 2020/2021 – 2024/2025 = \$1,190,881

2. Savings Over First 30yrs (Estimated time before new watermain issues start)
 - Approximately \$8,189,790
3. 51st Street and Canal Bank Dr. Commercial Annual Water Usage
 - 6.5million gallons on 51st Street in 2025
 - 2.6 million gallons on Canal Bank Road in 2025
 - Total = 9.1million gallons = just over \$100,000 in profit after Chicago rate is factored in
 - These are the biggest water users in town, and they do not make up for half of what we spend each year keeping the system operational
4. Chicago Water Rates
 - Forest View = \$5.37 per 1000 Gallons
 - McCook = \$4.23 per 1000 Gallons
 - New Rate for Forest View = Approx. \$5.53 Per 1000 Gallons

Building Commissioner Kutt stated if the board decides that this is not in their best interest how will they find 25 million dollars in funds in the near future to build a pump house, reservoir, Water mains, lead service lines and put in a second connection. Our plan would be to have one large project done all at once that would start in 2027 and be done in approximately two years. McCook would be spending 27 million to rehab our system and pay for a new pump house and reservoir.

Trustees asked what the additional cost to the residents. Tanner stated that the cost to the residence would increase \$1.30 per 1000 gallons (that will never increase) plus the rate from the City of Chicago. Discussion ensued.

- *In conclusion President Liska stated that we would table this for now and we will hold another Special Meeting in January to continue our discussion and take action on the McCook Water Proposal. He suggested that trustees submit any questions they may have to him before the meeting in January and he will forward them to Novotny Engineering, Tanner, and Tim so they are prepared for our next meeting to answer their questions.*

Agenda Item Tabled

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

7. ROLL CALL

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

To adjourn at 7:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk