

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
October 28, 2025**

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

Absent: Trustee Nevarez

4. PRESENTATIONS - No presentations

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 14, 2025 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Castanuela, Sudkamp, Nitka, Grossi

Abstain: Trustee Hubacek

Absent: Trustee Nevarez

No: NA

Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of October 31, 2025:

1) Payroll- FT/PT / Officials

\$ 102,454.10

2) Bills Payable	\$ 59,232.09
Total Expenditures:	\$ 161,676.17

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Castaneula
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

7. TREASURERS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025:

1) Revenues:	\$ 348,389.49
2) Expenses:	\$ 558,485.21

Action Requested: None, informational only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Fire Chief Jones is seeking boards approve our third-year agreement with Metro Paramedic Service at a monthly cost of \$136,635.02 from November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026 for a total cost of \$1,639,620.29.

Action Requested: Motion to approve our third-year agreement with Metro Paramedic Service at a monthly cost of \$136,635.02 from November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026 for a total cost of \$1,639,620.29.

Discussion ensued and Chief Jones stated that next year we will go out for bid.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 2 - Fire Chief Jones to discuss replacing our current 20-year fire engine 2007 E-One fire truck and is requesting the board approve the purchase a 2025/2026 Fouts Fire Engine from Fire Service, Inc. at a cost of \$99,276.63 per year over 10 year in an amount not to exceed \$ 760,000.00.

Discussion ensued. A trustee asked if there are any grants for this. Chief Jones said no.

Action Requested: Motion to purchase a 2025/2026 Fouts Fire Engine from Fire Service, Inc. at a cost of \$99,276.63 per year over 10 year in an amount not to exceed \$ 760,000.00.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nitka, Nevarez
Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3 - Chief Zarate to discuss with the Board that the Police Department was awarded the “Less than Lethal Alternative for Law Enforcement” grant in the amount of \$21,600.00 which will fund the purchase of six new Taser10handles, along with all necessary training and live cartridges required for yearly Taser Recertification. He is requesting the board approve the purchase of a five-year subscription for 6 Taser10handles, with total expenditures not to exceed \$60,000.00 over the five-year term.

Action Requested: Motion to purchase a five-year subscription for 6 Taser10handles, with total expenditures not to exceed \$60,000.00 over the five-year term.

Item Tabled until next meeting.

9. APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS LICENSE:

Agenda Item # 4 - Letter from Administrator Wiak requesting the board approve and issue a Business License to Therese Guzman, owner of Therese Guzman Taxes, to operate Home Office at 4524 Grove Ave.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a Business License to Therese Guzman owner of Therese Guzman Taxes to operate a Home Office.

Item Tabled.

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from Administrator Wiak requesting the board approve and issue a Business License to Carlos Medina, owner of Home Run Curb Appeal Chicago, to operate Home Office at 4613 Grove Ave.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a Business License to Carlos Medina owner of Home Run Curb Appeal, to operate a Home Office.

Item Tabled.

10. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

Agenda Item # 6 - F 25-20 – Joseph Cervantes owner of Bad Attitude 4519 S. Harlem Ave. Wall repair along property line wall including damaged loose brick and replacing cinderblock .

Action Requested: Motion to approve a commercial building permit # F25-20 to Joseph Cervantes, owner of Bad Attitude 4519 S. Harlem Ave.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 7- F25-21 – Letter from Administrator Wiak regarding Cross West Capital and Jim Greco with Principal Construction requesting to rehab the prior Chicago Suburban Express property located at 5504 W. 47th Street. Principal Construction will be installing a new fire alarm system, minor plumbing work, remove and replace the roof and additional work see proposal which is attached.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a commercial building permit # F25-21 to Cross West Capital and Jim Greco with Principal Construction requesting to rehab the prior Chicago Suburban Express property located at 5504 W. 47th Street.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

11. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

NF25-39 Patricia Najfus 4517 Clinton. Tear off old shingles from roof and install new shingles, ice water shield, and replace vents.

NF 25-40 - Leticia R. Smith 4500 Maple Ave. Digging an 18-20 trench around the patio to the garage for electrical work.

NF25-41 – Cristal Medrano 4527 Grove Ave. Extend chain link fence in back of garage with new fence location on property line.

NF25-42 – John C. Dumas 4600 Wisconsin Ave. Tear of and install new shingles, gutters, and downspouts.

Action Requested: None, information only.

~~12.~~ REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Administrator Wiak was attending the IMCA conference. No reports.

13. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works Superintendent Tanner:

- Reported that the meter system was brought back online Thursday October 23rd.
- Muellermist will be out Thursday Nov 6th to winterize the Village Hall sprinkler system.
- Implemented winter prep, hooked up, and tested plows, installed and tested salt spreader, greased up sidewalk snow brush.
- Reported sweeper will start going out more often when the leaves are falling.
- Reported on Chicago Fee Meter. Riccio has already taken measurements for the new meter, Tom from Novotny has the required specs from Chicago for the new meter and is still waiting on more information from Chicago on what all needs to happen before we are able to purchase/ install anything.
- Reported on Camera system, rescheduling a troubleshooting session with Minuteman and our IT (AIS) now that the meter system is fully operational. There have been some overlaps between the 2 systems that were preventing the camera tech to access the main camera server.
- Meeting with All-Types Elevator on Friday October 31st to discuss elevator rehab/replacement options and to get a quote.
- Reported that the Salt Dome Door was installed on Friday October 17th and is working well.
- Mentioned that there is a BNSF project replacing the train bridge that goes over the canal.

Corporal Kulaga :

- Reported on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Report for September 2025.
- Incidents Generated - Total Calls for Service – 1,324.
- Generated by Officers – 139, Accident Crash Reports – 13, State Citations–62, Ordinance Citations – 507, Cannabis Citation- 23, Vehicle Stickers - 0, Warning Citations - 20, Arrests -18, Misdemeanors – 0 and Felonies – 0.
- Reported that the Police Department will be participating in the Annual Trunk or Treat at Home School on Halloween.

Fire Chief Jones :

- Reported on the Fire Department Activity report for the month of September 2025.
- They received a total of 74 calls, including 37 EMS calls, 21 Fire calls, 15 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 Fire other calls for invalid assists / standby-fill ins. The Fire Department did 5 fire station tours and completed 470hours of training.
- Hosted the Senior Luncheon.
- Reported that there will be demonstrations at the Open House on Saturday and Cinders 2nd birthday.

- Day of the Dead event will be held on Saturday Nov 1st .
- Mentioned that the First Responders were invited to lunch at Old Dominion.

1. 14. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES: No Reports

15. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

- Mentioned that there are five residents who are facing water shut offs.
Superintendent Miller stated that we are following our ordinances. The office manager sends on first, second and third notices and then final shut off letter. There are a few residents that are on payment plans but only pay the current bill and do not pay the overdue balance. There are a few tenants who are not paying, and the owners are being contacted.
- The ComEd sent the plans on where the pole markings will go into the easement and he is going to sign off on the Easement and submitted.
- Tuesday, Nov 4th we have a meeting with Village of McCook President Terry Carr and our engineers to discuss plans for connecting to their water.
- Reported that next week he will be attending a mayor meeting.
- Reminded the board members to complete their OMA training.

16. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Park Activity Director Walzak thanked everyone for the pumpkin table.
Resident sated that she agreed with Officer Sanchez comments regarding the Chief.

17. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:35 pm:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

18. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Mike Grossi, Jim Sudkamp, Rich Hubacek, President David Liska, Trustees Maria Castaneula, Jim Nitka, Midalia Nevarez, Attorney John Murphey, Village Clerk Laura McGuffey

19. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Agenda Item # 11 – Administrator Wiak to review with the board an employee personnel matter, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1) and 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (3) of the Open Meetings Act. (Discussion only).

Action requested: None, information only.

20. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 9:30 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

21. Agenda Item # 8 – President Liska to review with the board employee personnel matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1) and 5 ILCS 120/(c) (3) of the Open Meetings Act.

Action requested: Removal of Police Chief.

Motion: Trustee Grossi motioned to disapprove and reinstate Chief Zarate.
Second: None

Motion Failed for lack of a second motion.

22. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

23. ROLL CALL:

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

24. ADJOURMENT:

To adjourn at 9:15 P.M.:

Respectfully submitted,
Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk