

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
September 8, 2026**

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Forest View, acting as the Hearing Board in the absence of a Planning and Zoning Board, will hold a public hearing at the Forest View Village Hall, 7000 West 46th Street, on September 8, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a variation request filed by Claribel Mariscal at 4526 Grove Avenue, to construct a pergola (covered patio) that is 12 ft by 28 ft for a total of 336 feet instead of the required 150 ft maximum coverage area.

All persons interested may attend and be heard. Written comments may be filed with the Board prior to the hearing. (Agenda Item # 1)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Public Hearing meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Liska at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Castaneula, Nitka, Nevarez
Absent: Trustee Hubacek

2. PRESENTATION: Village Administrator Creer discussed the purpose of the public hearing is to consider a variation request filed by Claribel Mariscal at 4526 Grove Avenue, to construct a pergola (covered patio) that is 12 ft by 28 ft for a total of 336 feet instead of the required 150 ft maximum coverage area. He stated that letters were sent out to all the adjoining neighbors and two neighbors had written letters supporting the construction of the pergola.

3. QUESTIONS FOR THE AUDIENCE:

No questions from the audience at the public hearing.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Castanuela

To adjourn at 7:02 P.M.

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 7:02 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, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez
Absent: Trustees Hubacek

4. PRESENTATIONS - NA

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 25, 2026 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of September 15, 2026:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	114,687.20
Bills Payable	\$	<u>130,820.48</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$	245,507.68

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

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

Cash Receipts:	\$	181,328.54
Sales Tax:	\$	54,269.51
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	47,740.98
Local Gas Tax:	\$	47,574.28
Video Gaming Tax:	\$	29,277.34
Interest:	\$	<u>7,212.04</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	367,402.69

Action Requested: None, information only.

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 - Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-28 authorizing a variance at 4526 Grove to construct a pergola (covered patio) that is 12 ft by 28 ft for a total of 336 ft instead of the required 150 ft maximum coverage area. Waiver of the requirements under section 8-6-21 of the Forest View Village Code.

Action requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-28 authorizing a variance at 4526 Grove to construct a pergola (covered patio) that is 12 ft by 28 ft for a total of 336 ft instead of the required 150 ft maximum coverage area. Waiver of the requirements under section 8-6-21 of the Forest View Village Code.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

Agenda Item # 2 – Administrator Creer is requesting that the Board approve Resolution R26-13, which would repeal current Resolution R22-10 and authorize 457(b) retirement accounts to be made available to all employees. *In addition*, Administrator Creer is also requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-26 amending section 1-5-8 of the Forest View Village Code Salary Ordinance adding subsection O regarding 457 contributions and subsection P regarding salary increases for employees on improvement plans.

- 1) Action requested: Motion to approve Resolution R26-13, a resolution repealing current Resolution R22-10 and opening 457 (b) retirement accounts to all employees.

Motion: Trustee Nitka
Second: Trustee Castaneula

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

- 2) Action requested: Motion to approve Salary Ordinance No. 26-26 amending section 1-5-8 of the Forest View Village Code Salary Ordinance adding subsection O regarding 457 contributions and subsection P regarding salary increases for employees on improvement plans.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 3 - Village Administrator Creer to discuss with the Board that the Village's codifier has completed their Revenue Review and have identified sections of the code with outdated taxes, fees, and fines. He will provide his recommendations on making changes to some of the revenues and collect the amounts allowed by state statute.

Administrator Creer stated that he was looking for direction from the board regarding changing the flat fee rates to percentages on Parking Lot Fees and Telecom Fees and will move forward as discussed.

Motion requested: None, discussion only.

Agenda Item # 4 – Village Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve Resolution No. R26-14 approving an agreement with Teska Associates, Inc. for the development of a TIF Eligibility Study, TIF Redevelopment plan and the necessary planning services required to establish a TIF District for Certain Described Property. *In addition*, Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve the agreement contract between The Village of Forest View “Client,” and Teska Associates, Inc “Consultant.” The agreement engages Teska Associates, Inc. to provide professional and technical assistance in connection with consulting services related to the creation of the Tax Increment Financing District with the maximum compensation for this project not to exceed \$30,000 and continue through December 31, 2027.

- 1) Motion Requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R26-14 approving an agreement contract with Teska Associates, Inc. for the development of a TIF Eligibility Study, TIF Redevelopment plan and the necessary planning work to establish the TIF District for Certain Described Property.

Motion: Trustee Nitka

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

No: NA

Motion Carried.

- 2) Motion Requested: Motion to approve the agreement contract between The Village of Forest View “Client,” and Teska Associates, Inc. “Consultant.” The agreement engages Teska Associates, Inc. to provide professional and technical assistance in connection with consulting services related to the creation of the Tax Increment Financing District with the maximum compensation for this project not to exceed \$30,000 and continue through December 31, 2027.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

No: NA

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 5– Village Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-27, an Ordinance repealing Ordinance 24-01, Creating Title 8, Chapter 8 regarding Tree Care and Maintenance in the Village of Forest View Municipal Code.

Motion requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-27, an Ordinance repealing Ordinance 24-01, creating Title 8, Chapter 8 regarding Tree Care and Maintenance in the Village of Forest View Municipal Code.

Motion: Trustee Nitka

Second: Trustee Grossi

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

No: NA

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 6 – Memo requesting the Board authorize the Village Administrator Creer to enter into a contract with CivicPlus for web design and hosting services and is seeking direction and approval from the Board on whether to include Doc Access module for PDF ADA compliance in the CivicPlus contract.

Motion requested: Motion to authorize Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Civic/Plus for web design and hosting services and seeking direction and approval from the Board on whether to include the Doc Access module for PDF ADA compliance in the CivicPlus contract.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 7 – Letter from Office Manager Lucy Vogt requesting the Board review and provide direction draft an ordinance revising the current late water bill reminder protocol and Schedule.

Board gave direction to move forward and asked to increase fee to 25%.

Motion requested: Discussion only. Seeking direction to draft ordinance revising the current late water bill reminder protocol and schedule.

Agenda Item # 8 - Administrator Creer and Police Chief Ritz will present a proposed ordinance updating the Village's current provisions on Breach of the Peace and Disorderly Conduct. The discussion will focus on whether the existing ordinance is consistent with current Illinois law and court decisions and whether updates are necessary.

Board gave direction to move forward.

Action Requested: Seeking direction and feedback from the Board whether to proceed with a review and potential amendment of the Village Code's Disorderly Conduct provisions. No formal action is requested at this time.

Agenda Item # 9 - Memo from Administrator Creer and Police Chief Ritz to discuss updating the Village Code to comply with amendments to the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act and the Illinois Hemp Act enacted under public Act 104-0463, effective June 12, 2026. Currently the Cannabis section of the Village Code does not meet current state law and is not in compliance with state and federal hemp regulations taking effect on November 12, 2026.

Board gave direction to move forward.

Action Requested: Discussion Only, feedback on whether or not to move forward with the necessary code changes to update the new Cannabis and Hemp section to the Village Code.

Agenda Item # 10 - Memo from Administrator Creer and Police Chief Ritz informing the Board that the concealed carry section of the Village Code does not meet current state law or recent supreme court rulings. Chief Ritz provided suggested drafted language to update the concealed carry section of the village code.

Board gave direction to move forward.

Action Requested: Discussion only, feedback on whether or not to move forward with the necessary code changes to update the concealed carry section of the Village Code.

Agenda Item #11 – Village Administrator Creer to discuss with the Board a request from Convenient Foods to install Security Foggers which are not currently allowed by Village Code. He is seeking direction from the Board on whether to draft an ordinance allowing security foggers.

In the meeting Administrator Creer stated that FSCI, our Fire Safety Consultants does not recommend this and has turned down other requests. The board stated that they would need more information on this.

Action Requested: Discussion Only. Seeking direction from the Board on whether to draft an ordinance allowing security foggers.

Agenda Item # 12 – Memo from Police Chief Ritz requesting the Board approve the appointment of one (1) night shift Corporal to serve as a designated shift commander to stabilize the departments patrol operations and maintain effective supervision in upholding public safety standards.

Action Requested: Motion to approve appointing one (1) night shift Corporal to serve as a designated shift commander.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 13 – Police Chief Ritz is requesting the Board approve for the purchase of new 2026 Ford Police Interceptor squad car at a cost not to exceed \$53,000.00.

Chief Ritz stated that the total cost includes all equipment and installation.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase of 2026 Ford Police Interceptor squad car at a cost not to exceed \$53,000.00.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 14 – Police Chief Ritz is requesting the Board’s approval to purchase and implement the BEAST Evidence Management Software for the Police Departments that includes software, hardware, supplies, and services along with two (2) licenses and a two (2) day training program.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase and implement the BEAST Evidence Management Software for the Police Departments that includes software, hardware, supplies, and services along with two (2) licenses and a two (2) day training program.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Castaneula

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

Agenda Item # 15 - Fire Chief Mark Stewart is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-25 an Ordinance authorizing the Sale of Surplus property, 2007 E-One Quest Pumper that is no longer required. *In addition*, Fire Chief Stewart is requesting the Board approve Authorizing Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus to serve as the Village’s exclusive broker for the sale at a commission rate of 2.5% and sell the 2007 E-One Quest Pumper through Brindlee Mountain Faire Apparatus, subject to the terms and minimum sale authority established by the Village.

1) Motion Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-25, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Surplus Personal Property, a 2007 E-One Quest Pumper.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

2) Motion Requested: Motion to Authorize Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus to serve as the Villages exclusive broker for the sale at a commission rate of 2.5% and sell the 2007 E-One Quest Pumper through Brindlee Mountain Faire Apparatus, subject to the terms and minimum sale authority established by the Village.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 16 – Fire Chief Stewart is providing for the board to review a copy of the Incident Action Plan (IAP) prepared for the Forest View Picnic scheduled for September 19, 2026.

Motion Requested: None, information only.

Agenda Item # 17 – Public Works Superintendent Miller is requesting the Board's authorization and approve Air Comfort replacing the main compressor at a cost not to exceed \$10,864.00.

Motion Requested: Motion to approve Air Comfort replacing the main compressor at a cost not to exceed \$10,864.00.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 18 – Public Works Superintendent Miller is requesting the Board approve a quote from BSI online for Option 1 – Gold Survey, at \$5 per address at a total cost not to exceed \$1500 that allows BSI to print, mail, and catalog all surveys and responses into our web portal which is where all annual test reports are logged.

Motion Requested: Motion approve Superintendent Miller to accept the quote from BSI online for Option 1 – Gold Survey, at \$5 per address at a total cost not to exceed \$1500.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

8. Art Treckler Room Rental Application:

Agenda Item # 19 - Letter from Office Manager Lucy Vogt requesting the Board's approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Friday October 23, 2026 to the Forest View Park District and the Stickney – Forest View Lions Club for an evening of Bingo with proceeds being donated to the Veterans Memorial for approximately 130-150 guests in attendance and requesting approval to waive the fee.

Motion requested: Motion to approve renting the Art Treckler Room to the Forest View Park District and the Stickney – Forest View Lions Club on October 23, 2026 and waive the fee.

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Administrator Creer:

- Confirmed the E-Waste Recycling Event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th. Electronic items must be curbside by 6:00 am. Limit of seven items per request. Maximum of two TVs or monitors. TV's must not exceed 60 inches or 100 pounds. Small electronics should be in a paper bag or sturdy cardboard box marked E-Waste in large letters on box or bag.
- Mentioned that the Shredding event will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 8 am to 12 pm. The limit per resident is four standard file size boxes or paper grocery bags. Residents should arrive early; trucks may fill up quickly. Weather permitting.
- Reported that Sikich will be onsite on Thursday for audit field work.
- Working on a backlog of code changes recommended by the Village Codifier for the next meeting.

10. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Public Works Miller

- Reported that IT started on the Server migration, one of the drives is complete the rest are ongoing.
- Reported on the Village Hall power issue and Com Ed damages. Com Ed accepted the claim and issued a claim number. Additional damage was found, the main compressor for the 2nd floor Village hall HVAC was grounded. UPS Batteries were replaced, one installed, they revealed the power modules were fried. New Power modules were ordered and have been installed and UPS is fully functional.
- Will be meeting onsite the week of September 14th with Sourcewell regarding the restoration of the Police Department and the Art Treckler Room.
- Lead Samples were delivered to residents.
- Newsletter was delivered today.
- Pace Systems came out on Fri Sept 4th to look at our camera system. They identified the issue with the Fire Department bay camera. Measured out cable lengths for three cameras for the Board Room, evidence room, and interrogation room. Started to troubleshoot water tower camera feed and mobile camera server. IT needs to make some changes to the firewall ports which should fix both issues.
- Reported that Com Ed had a contractor come out and repair the hole in the parking lot on Sept 3rd.
- Reported that the Comcast modem at the pumphouse died and was replaced. This caused a temporary loss of connection to the meter system, camera, and SCADA. The SCADA has a cellular back up devise, so he was still able to access it remotely.

Building Commissioner & Consulting Specialist Kutt:

- Reported the number of the number of calls for service, permits, and pre-sale inspections.

Police Chief Ritz:

- Reported on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Report for August 2026:
 - Calls for Service: 1096. Calls to 911: 1, Officer Generated 202, Traffic Crashes 20,
 - Park Checks 85, Premise Checks 289, Business Checks 159, Admin Tows 4.
 - Arrest/Citation Statistics: Traffic Stops 325, State Citations 33, Ordinance Citations 240, Warning Citations 19, Cannabis 5, Arrests 9, Misdemeanors 1, and Felonies 0.
 - Truck Enforcement: Stops 20, Citations 36, Cases Pending 0, SOL/No Fine/Unpaid 0.
- Reported that September 28th is National Child Safety week and Officer Maria Guzman will be at the picnic to give recommendations, answer questions, and schedule appointments to install the child safety seats.

Fire Chief Stewart:

- Reported the Fire Department Monthly Report for August 2026:
 - Total calls for Service: 77. Structure Fires – 1, Motor vehicle accidents -21, Emergency Medical Services - 48, Investigations / Fire Alarms 7
- Reported that the Fire Department is establishing a charter with Project Fire Buddies, a nonprofit program that pairs fire departments with children battling critical illnesses. Participating firefighters provide ongoing encouragement and support to the children and their families through visits, activities, and special events.
- Reported that the department will conduct a remembrance ceremony on September 11. The ceremony will begin at 7:40 a.m., with the flag lowered at 7:46 a.m. – the time the first tower was struck – to honor those who lost their lives and those who responded.
- Mentioned that some of his department representatives will be traveling to Saint John Indiana on October 23rd to visit Fire Service, Inc. to conduct a pre-delivery inspection of the new fire engine and anticipate they will finalize delivery in November of this year.

11. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Grossi thanked the Fire Chief for being the first to bring a volunteer list for the picnic and thanked everyone who is volunteering and is hoping not to ask the public works department for any additional help since they are already busy. He said that he still needs to contact Erik in the Police Department

12. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT LISK:

- Reported that Superintendent Miller, Administrator Creer, and he met with MWRD to talk about the water drainage in town. He stated that there is a problem with drainage on Maple Ave that will be resolved once IDOT installs the 60-inch outfall pipe and mentioned they will go out for bid next Spring.
- Reported that a letter was sent out to IDOT informing them that the Village will NOT pay for installing a new sidewalk, water main relocations or stop light that was requested by IDOT.

13. REPORTS FROM VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

- Committee Secretary McGuffey reported that Residents Nicole and Scott Rehak who is with Toys 4 Tots Organization, donated two bicycles to the Veterans Memorial. The committee will be selling raffle tickets at the village hall and also at the SFV Lions Club/Park District “Fall Bingo Night” on Friday, October 23rd. The Winners will be announces at the Bingo Event and all proceeds from the raffle will go to the Veterans Memorial. “Winners do not need to be present to win the bike raffles.”

14. PUBLIC COMMENT, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

- Resident asked the Fire Chief what happed on Harlem Ave. Fire Chief Stewart stated that the fire was in an apartment in Stickney that was caused by someone who was charging an electric scooter in the apartment and no one was home.
- Resident thanked the Fire and Police departments for the ambulance ride the other day but stated that when she called 911 and gave all her information and then was transferred to another 911 rep and had to
- Mr. Cichon stated on behalf of all the residents he wanted to commended the village newsletter. President Liska stated that it was all Lucy and Patty who did all the work.
- It was reported that there is a Briggs Paving machine parked on 46th and Oak Park that does not have permission to park there. Chief Ritz stated that he did not see it during his rounds. Trustee Grossi wants it to be ticketed and towed.
- Tanner and Tim discussed with the Village Board the benefits the village receives for having Riccio Construction parking in the village.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Castanuela

18. ROLL CALL:

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

19. ADJOURMENT:

To adjourn at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk