

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
July 23, 2024**

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

President Miller 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, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska
Absent: NA

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES June 25, 2024

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of June 25, 2024 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Ramirez, Grossi, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska
No: NA

Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES JULY 1 – JULY 15, 2024

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of July 15, 2024:

1.) Payroll – Full-time / Part-Time / Officials	\$ 107,519.11
2.) Bills Payable	\$ 39,643.53
Total Expenditures:	\$ 147,162.64

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Ramirez, Grossi, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska
No: NA
Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES JULY 16 – JULY 30, 2024

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of July 30, 2024:

1.) Payroll – Full-time / Part-Time / Officials	\$	112,643.95
2.) Bills Payable	\$	<u>620,426.68</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$	733,070.63

Discussion ensued.

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Liska, Sudkamp, Grossi, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez
No: NA
Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF JUNE 30, 2024:

Cash Receipts:	\$	148,952.27
Sales Tax:	\$	52,815.30
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	39,806.19
Local Gas Tax:	\$	50,955.19
Interest:	\$	<u>20,125.46</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	312,654.41

Action Requested: None, information only

8. TREASURERS REPORT FOR JUNE 2024:

Revenues:	\$	312,731.98
Expenses:	\$	<u>590,174.19</u>
Exceeds Expenses	\$	-277,442.21

Discussion ensued.

Action Requested: None, information only.

9. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item #1 – Letter from Administrator Dropka requesting the board approve Resolution No. 24-11 granting a permanent easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation in Connection with the 49th and Central Signalization improvements. John O’Connell, Special Counsel for the Village of Forest View will be present to further explain.

Special Counsel O’Connell was present at the board meeting to answer questions.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. 24-11 granting a permanent easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation in Connection with the 49th and Central Signalization improvements.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 –Administrator Dropka is requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 24-12 authorizing the sale or disposal of certain surplus personal property, two (2) Grey 3-drawer file cabinets.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-12 authorizing the sale or disposal of certain surplus personal property, two (2) Grey 3-drawer file cabinets.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Sudkamp, Grossi, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3 - Administrator Dropka to discuss memorandum from Village Attorney John B. Murphey regarding Amendment to Section 3-3-18 of the Village Code relating to potential fines for liquor license violations and is requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 24-10 amending various sections of Chapter 3 of the Forest View Village Code, “Liquor”.

Discussion ensued.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-10 amending various sections of Chapter 3 of the Forest View Village Code, “Liquor”.

Tabled for next meeting.

Agenda Item # 4 – Letter from Police Chief Zarate requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 24-11 amending Title 6 of the Forest View Village Code to provide for the hiring of Community Service Officers.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-11 amending Title 6 of the Forest View Village Code to provide for the hiring of Community Service Officers.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Ramirez, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 5 – Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss a request by village trustees to review the number of security cameras in and around the building.

Action Requested: None, information only.

It was discussed in the meeting that we need to install three more cameras for safety and security.

Agenda Item # 6 – Letter from Fire Chief Jones seeking approval to purchase a Vevor Commercial Ice Maker that will make 360 LBS in 24-hour period, from Home Depot in an amount not to exceed \$1,700.00 that will make 360 lbs. in 24 hours

Discussion ensued.

Action Requested: Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a Vevor Commercial Ice Maker from Home Depot in an amount not to exceed \$1,700.00.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Liska
No: Trustees Grossi, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 7 – Letter from Fire Chief Jones seeking approval to appoint Nicholas Ponce De leon as a Part-time Firefighter.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Nicholas Ponce De leon as a Part-time Firefighter.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

No: NA

Motion Carried.

10. VILLAGE HALL ART TRECKLER ROOM RENTAL REQUEST:

Agenda Item #8 – Letter from Administrator Dropka requesting the board’s approval for the Stickney Forest View Lions Club to rent the Art Treckler Room on Sunday, November 24th for a Fall Fundraiser, Ham & Egg Breakfast to be held from 7:30 am to Noon and are requesting to waive the fee.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Lions Club to rent the Art Treckler Room on Sunday, November 24th and waive the fee.

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

No: NA

Motion Carried.

11. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

F24-15 Divayesh & Raghu owners of Radiant Real Estate, 4530 Wenonah Ave. Replacing existing outlets and switches throughout house, installing twenty-two (22) new LED lights in ceiling, and installing three (3) new outlets. HVAC is installing new furnace and condenser.

.Install 100-amp Circuit Box with 30 or more Breakers

F24-16 Cristal Medrano, 4527 Grove Ave. Extend chain link fence and install a 6’ wood privacy fence on property line.

F24-17 Divayesh & Raghu owners of Radiant Real Estate, 4530 Wenonah Ave. Inside plumbing.

NF24-18 Alex Rivas, 4512 Wenonah Ave. Changed out three (3) windows in restroom, kitchen and redo minor siding and aluminum around windows. Inside plumbing

NF24-19 Ed & Lory Ashe, 4505 S. Maple Ave. Removing chain link fence and replace with vinyl fence on south side of yard 80 ft x 6ft tall and install vinyl fences 11’ x 5’ tall driveway gate.

NF24-20 Mary Ann Rohr 4624 S. Kenilworth Ave. Remove and replace the 11’ x 26’ 6” rear driveway, 16’7”x 20’ 5” driveway flaring to 22’ at the garage door and one (1) 12’x 4’ step at the garage door with post hole footing.

NF24-21 Elizabeth Shoup, 4601 Clinton Ave. Remove current east and south fences and replace with a 6’ vinyl fence.

NF24-22 Jennifer Arce, 4501 Kenilworth Ave. Remove and replace rear fence and install 236’6 “ vinyl panels 6’ x 6’ and Lattice top fence gates 6’ x 3-6.

NF24-23 Jose Ramirez. 4520 Grove Ave. Re- pipe garage and install three (3) outlets, and one (1) switch for light. Using existing power.

NF24-24 Radiant Real Estate, LLC., 4530 Wenonah Ave. Outside plumbing only that will stop at the foundation. New meter to be installed and hooked up.

NF24-25 Amanda Stankus 4616 Maple Ave. Remove and replace decking, railings, stairs, and privacy walls.

NF24-26 Jack Hasdal,(executor of estate) 4613 Kenilworth Ave. Per real estate transfer list : Remove gutters from sewer extension, cap off sewer, extend downspout, scrape/paint front entry handrails, install garage electrical feed supply lines into proper conduit, replace light fixtures with receptacles in garage, rear entry, basement, install GFCI protected receptacles on kitchen counter near microwave, install/maintain working CO detector in basement, install/maintain 10 year sealed battery type working smoke detectors on each level and in each bedroom.

NF24-27 Dave Liska 4532 Oak Park Ave, Tear off and re-roof house and garage roofs with new shingles.

It was discussed that the village should not issue building permits to residents who have unpaid fines.

Action requested: No action, information only.

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) REPORTS OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

- Communicated that he received a call last week from Congressman Garcia letting him know that the \$2 million grant that the village requested had been approved by the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee and will now be in the appropriations package to be passed by Congress in the coming pumps. He said this is great news and that the funding will go towards upgrades needed at the pump house, water reservoir and water tower.
- Reported that on July 3rd Public Works placed American Flags on the parkways in the village and they were taken down on July 5th.
- Reported that the auditors were in this month to go over all of our records and will be completing the audit and stated that the auditor would like the questionnaire that was given to the board and stated that he told the auditors that we want the Annual Audit for September or October delivered sooner than last year.
- Mentioned that we should have a petition of annexation to consider, and we are still waiting on a few items from the petitioner.
- Announced that the Village of Forest View's Centennial Fest in the park is set for September 28, 2025 and will be starting up our committee meeting.

B) REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec reported:

- It was reported that M&J will be out on Saturday to burn in the crosswalks. A letter will be sent to the residents who will be affected by this work.

- He discussed that a two-million-dollar grant, mentioned previously by Mike, will be received for the water station. Preliminary feedback from the inspection has been received, and it was stated that the grant is much needed. It will go towards the reservoir and standpipe, which will cost \$800,000.
- Commented that Mercury Systems was out this week and replace the UPS system.
- Reported that Novotny's engineer and an electrical engineer visited to assess the village generator, which needs to be replaced. He is preparing a packet to send to FEMA for a grant that will help cover the full cost of the generator.
- Reported that tomorrow, Novotny Engineering and Hancock will be in to discuss the turnover of the engineering firm for the 46th Street paving project. Hancock had completed the first two phases of the 46th Street design. The board voted for Novotny through a request for qualifications and will have a conversation with them tomorrow.
- MWRD, M&Q, Kinder Morgan and Hancock are currently working on remediating an issue at Kinder Morgan which has a special sanitary storm sewer that runs down the entire length of the road that is currently being constructed.
- Reported that after the last three storms this year, the village did not experience significant damage to its tree population. This positive outcome was attributed to the aggressive tree maintenance program that was initiated two years ago.

Discussion ensued on the tornado siren.

Police Chief Zarate reported:

- Reported on the Police Department Activity report for the month of June 2024. They issued 35 Traffic State Citations, 69 Parking /Ordinance Tickets, 12 Accident Reports (Crash), for a Total of 148 Service Calls. There were 4 arrests, 1 misdemeanors, and 0 Felonies. Monies generated by the Police Department Total Paid Parking/Ordinance Tickets \$7,750.00, 2 Tow Seizures at \$1,500.00, Truck Enforcement 0, total combined \$3,250.00.
- Reported that he submitted a request for a dash cam grant for his department. The department was awarded \$17,000 for the dash cams that were installed two years ago.

Discussion ensued regarding an auto accident on 46th Street and Grove Ave that involved a resident and a squad car.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Reported on the Fire Department Activity report for the month of June 2024. They received a total of 45 calls that included 15 EMS calls, 20 Fire calls, 10 motor vehicle accidents, and no Fire calls for invalid assists / stand by-fill ins. The Fire Department did 2 fire station tours and completed 445 hours of training.

D.) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Sudkamp inquired about the installation of speed bumps on the side streets now that the paving has been completed. Superintendent Filec was not aware that the board

wanted bumps on the side streets and would look into this issue. He also mentioned that he will consult with the engineer to get a rough cost estimate for permanent speed bumps on 46th Street, as several of the currently installed bumps have already been damaged and will check on options for the side streets as well.

- Trustee Grossi expressed his gratitude to everyone in the village for the condolences he and his family received .
- Trustee Ramirez discussed the village’s finances and provided several suggestions. She emphasized that the board should not approve any non-essential expenditures at this time. She suggested holding off on hiring full-time staff and opting for part-time staff instead. Additionally, she recommended limiting all types of spending, reviewing existing contracts as well as staff roles and responsibilities.
- Trustee Liska asked Administrator Dropka if the village had lost any revenue and stated that at our last recent budget meeting, they reported a surplus of \$500,000 for the previous year. He assured the audience that the village's financial status is solid.

E.) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

- No reports

13. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Resident at the meeting was concerned that his property tax increased by 60% due to Cook County’s re-assessments.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:56 PM.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 9 – Requesting the board review and take action to approve the semi-annual Closed Session Minutes from 12/12/23, 01/09/24, 02/13/24, 04/09/24, 05/14/24, 6/11/24, and 06/25/24 pursuant to Section 2.06 5 ILCS 120/(c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the semi-annual Closed Session Minutes from 12/12/23, 01/09/24, 02/13/24, 04/09/24, 05/14/24, 6/11/24, and 06/25/24 pursuant to Section 2.06 5 ILCS 120/(c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act.

Agenda Item # 10 – To consider individual employee personnel matter, pursuant to

5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. (Discussion only).

Action Requested: None discussion only.

15. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska
Attorney John Murphy, President Miller, Administrator Dropka, Clerk McGuffey

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

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Action Requested: Motion to only approve the semi-annual Closed Session Minutes from 12/12/23, 01/09/24, 02/13/24, 04/09/24, 05/14/24, 6/11/24, and 06/25/24 pursuant to Section 2.06 5 ILCS 120/(c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act.

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Action Requested: None discussion only.

16. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:16 PM:

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

17. ROLL CALL

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

18. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

19. ROLL CALL:

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

20. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:16 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey

Village Clerk