

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
July 14, 2026**

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.

In the meeting President Liska requested a moment of silence in observance of the passing of longtime resident Marge Hubacek.

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
Absent: Trustees Hubacek, Nevarez,

4. PRESENTATIONS - NA

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of June 23, 2026 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

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

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	110,412.73
Check Register	\$	1,920.00
Bills Payable	\$	<u>279,377.93</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$	391,710.66

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 June 30, 2026:

Cash Receipts:	\$	345,786.86
Sales Tax:	\$	64,947.51
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	46,705.58
Local Gas Tax:	\$	50,909.56
Video Gaming Tax:	\$	30,097.77
Interest:	\$	<u>6,599.54</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	545,046.82

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Village Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve Resolution No. R26-08, an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the Village of Forest View regarding access to the Comptroller’s Local Debt Recovery Program.

Action requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R26-08 an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding access to the Comptroller’s Local Debt Recovery Program.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 2 – Village Administrator Creer and Police Chief Ritz are requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-17, Amending Title 1, adding Chapter 4 of the Forest View Village Code by adding a new Section 5 regarding collection fees, Resolution No. R26-10 regarding access to the Comptrollers Local Debt Recovery Program and costs, and approve the Collections Services agreement between A.R.M. & Associates, Inc.

Action requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-17 regarding collection fees and Costs, Resolution No. R26-10 regarding access to the Comptrollers Local Debt Recovery Program and approve the Collection Services Agreement with A.R.M. & Associates, Inc.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 3 – Village Administrator Creer and Fire Chief Stewart are requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-18, Amending Title 7, Chapter 6 of the Forest View Village Code by adding Section 6 “Specialized Rescue Service Fees” and Section 7 “Hazardous Material Leaks and Spills requiring reimbursement.

Action requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-18 Amending Title 7, Chapter 6 of the Forest View Village Code by adding Section 6 “Specialized Rescue Service Fees” and Section 7 “Hazardous Material Leaks and Spills requiring reimbursement.

Motion: Trustee Nitka
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 4 – Village Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-20 , an Ordinance making Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations for General Corporate Purposes and for Special Purposes for the Village of Forest View beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027.

During the meeting, the Board requested an amendment to the Police Department appropriations by removing one Police Officer position and one police vehicle from the proposed budget.

Action requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-20 for Appropriations for General Corporate Purposes and for Special Purposes for the Village of Forest View beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Castanuela, Nitka

No: NA

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 5 – Village Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-21 amending Section 1-5-8 of the Forest View Village Code Salary Ordinance covering Non-FOP Employees effective July 1, 2026.

Action requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-21, amending Section 1-5-8 of the Forest View Village Code Salary Ordinance to provide a 3% across the board salary increase for Non-FOP Employees, effective July 1, 2026.

Motion: Trustee Nitka
Second: Trustee Castanuela

Yes: Trustees Nitka, Castanuela, Sudkamp, Grossi

No: NA

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 6 – Village Administrator Creer is requesting the board approve the 2025 Annual Financial Report as of April 30, 2025. Brian LeFevre from Sikich Auditing Firm will be attending the meeting to give a small synopsis of the 2025 audit.

Action requested: Motion to approve the 2025 Financial Annual Audit from Sikich Auditing Firm.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nitka

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Nitka, Grossi, Castanuela

No: NA

Motion Carried.

11. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT

F26-07 Gary & Judy Pohanka, 4500 Home Ave. Install new RP2 backflow preventer and irrigation system.

F26-09 Thomas Noway, 4506 Kenilworth Ave. Demolition of existing House including concrete driveway.

F26-10 Ramon Gil, 4515 Maple Ave. Roof 16 x 18 addition outdoor screenhouse over existing concrete slab.

NF26-30 Orvil Flores, 4555 Grove Ave. Tear off and re-roof the house and garage and installing architectural singles.

NF26-31 Mike Lewn, 4602 Oak Park Ave. Tear off and re-roof on garage only.

NF26-32 Maria Arreola, 4520 Home Ave. Tear off and install new roof .

NF26-33 Torihio Ramirez, 4619 Wisconsin Ave. Replace fence on the south and east side of the property with 6-foot vinyl fence and gates.

NF26-34 Jennifer Arce, 4501 Kenilworth Ave. Replace section of broken cement in basement drain and replace a 4-5 ft pipe.

NF26-35 Craig Karas, 4536 S. Oak Park Ave. Install a 5-ft high white vinyl fence and walk-in gate with key lock.

NF26-37 Carlos Ramirez, 4503 Wisconsin Ave. Remove aluminum siding around the house. Install insulation, house wrap and new vinyl siding and cover window.

Action Requested: None, information only.

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Administrator Creer:

- Mentioned that a few agenda items such as the Rental Registration, Solicitors Ordinance, the Annual Leak Survey, and Police Department recognitions were put on hold for this meeting and will be presented at our next meeting on July 28.
- Announced that we would be going into Executive Session.

13. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Public Works Miller:

Police Chief Ritz:

- Reported on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Report for June 2026:
- Calls for Service: 992. Calls to 911 2, Officer Generated 178, Traffic Crashes 10, Park Checks 48, Premise Checks 259, Business Checks 144. Admin Tows 10
- Arrest/Citation Statistics: Traffic Stops 332, State Citations 31, Ordinance Citations 209, Warning Citations 11, Cannabis 1, Arrests 10, Misdemeanors 2, and Felonies 0.
- Truck Enforcement: Stops 20, Citations 29, Cases Pending 15, SOL/No Fine/Unpaid 10.
- State Ticket Fine Statistics: Number of Tickets 48, Continued/Open Cases 39, SOL/Non-Suit 8, FTA 0, Fines Paid 164, Non-Suited 89%.

Fire Chief Stewart:

- Reported the Fire Department Monthly Report for June 2026:
- Incidents – EMS-14, Fires (Structure, vehicle, other) – 4, Motor vehicle accidents -12,
- Fire Alarms (False alarms, Trouble alarms) – 27, Public Service Calls – 7, for a total of 64 calls for service.
- The fire Department completed 143 hours of training for the month of June 2026.

Community Outreach

- Announced that his department personnel participated in 3 successful community outreach events.
- Talked about the Fire Paramedics in the Park event, where our firefighters and paramedics read to children, provided ambulance tours, and demonstrated EMS equipment. Event was well attended and gave our personnel an excellent opportunity to educate young residents while strengthening relationships within the community.
- Commented on his department participated in Splash in the Park during a period of temperatures exceeding 90 degrees. Firefighters used department apparatus to help cool residents with many children and families attending the event. The program was another successful community partnership and was greatly appreciated by those in attendance.
- Reported that on July 4th the Department participated in the Village of Lyons Independence Day Parade, representing the Village of Forest View alongside neighboring communities. Personnel staffed the pickup truck, fire engine, and ambulance, allowing us to celebrate Independence Day while strengthening regional partnerships and providing a visible presence within the community.

Administrative Updates

- Reported that his department is currently working with Paramedic Billing Services (PBS) to update our EMS billing services agreement. The current agreement has been in place since 2010, and discussions are underway to establish updated terms that better reflect current industry standards and provide additional value to the Village.
- Mentioned that they have also begun reviewing information and meeting with Metro Fire & Paramedic Services in preparation for negotiating a new paramedic services agreement. The

current contract expires in October 2026, and the department is evaluating service levels and contract options to ensure the Village continues to receive high-quality Advances Life Support (ALS) services in a cost-effective manner.

- **REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

- No Reports

- **REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT LISKA:**

- No Reports

- **REPORTS FROM VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:**

- Chairman Mike Grossi thanked the Park District and Lyons Club for sponsoring the Bingo event and stated that the veterans committee is continuing to raise funds for the memorial and is waiting for a draft of the memorial to present when he is fund raising.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT, ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS:**

- Park District Activity Director Walczak reported that the Bingo event went very well and there were over 110 people who attended.

14. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:53 P.M.:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Castanuela, Nitka

No:

Motion Carried.

15. ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Mike Grossi, Jim Sudkamp, President David Liska, Trustees Maria Castanuela, Jim Nitka, Administrator Zach Creer, Clerk Laura McGuffey, Sikich Auditor Brian LeFevre.

16. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Agenda Item # 7– To review the board employee personnel matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Agenda Item # 8 – To consider pending litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/Section 2 (c) (11) of the Open Meeting Act.

17. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Board returned to regular session at 8:50 P.M

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18. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Nitka
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

18. ROLL CALL:

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

19. ADJOURMENT:

To adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk