

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
September 9, 2025**

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 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, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez
Absent: None

4. SWEARING IN CEREMONY (Police Officers)

In the meeting, Village Clerk McGuffey administered the oath of office to Police Officers Shane Miller and Jonathan Rodriguez.

Police Chief Zarate reported that Officer Miller graduated from the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy on Friday, September 5th. Officer Rodriguez joined the department as part-time officer in November of 2024 before being hired full-time.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 26, 2025 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

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To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures September 1 – September 15, 2025:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	105,836.60
Bills Payable	\$	<u>111,895.83</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$	217,732.43

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

7. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025:

Cash Receipts:	\$	249,277.07
Sales Tax:	\$	57,271.93
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	45,081.71
Local Gas Tax:	\$	66,507.76
Video Gaming Tax:	\$	28,046.55
Interest:	\$	<u>9,485.27</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	455,670.29

Action Requested: None, information only

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Administrator Wiak is requesting the board approved ComEd’s proposed pole installation plan and Compensation Letter Easement Agreement for Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”) related to PIN 19-06-402-0000, located at 4341 Oak Park.

Village President Liska addressed the board, noting that this agenda item was being revisited because no motion was made during the previous meeting. He informed the board that ComEd had offered \$70,000 as part of the easement agreement.

Action Requested: Motion to approve ComEd’s proposed pole installation plan and Compensation Letter Easement Agreement for Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”) related to PIN 19-06-402-0000, located at 4341 Oak Park.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez

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Second: Trustee Castaneula

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Castaneula, Nitka, Hubacek

No: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp

Motion Carried:

Agenda Item # 2 – President Liska to discuss a request from the Stickney Forest View Lions Club to solicit funds to help humanity by shaking their cans on the streets in the village and offering candy for a donation on October 10th and October 11th.

Action Requested: Motion to approve request from Stickney Forest View Lions Club to solicit funds by offering candy for a donation on the streets in the village.

Motion: Trustee Castaneula

Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees Castaneula, Grossi, Sudkamp Hubacek, Nitka, Nevarez,

No: None

Motion Carried:

Agenda Item # 3 – Fire Chief Jones is seeking the board's approval to transfer the \$12,000 from the budget line item 2300893 (Purchase of new vehicles) to budget line item 2300729 (Purchase of Protective Clothing) so that he will be allowed to order seven (7) sets of PPE for this budget year.

Action Requested: Motion to approve transferring the \$12,000 from the budget line item 2300893 (Purchase of new vehicles) to budget line item 2300729 (Purchase of Protective Clothing).

Fire Chief addressed the board, he stated that last year his department was approved for 8 sets of gear that had not been spent and stated that the village pays for all gear and uniforms used by Metro Paramedic Employees.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek

Second: Trustee Castaneula

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Castaneula, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi, Sudkamp

No: None

Motion Carried:

Agenda Item # 4 - Letter from Police Chief Zarate requesting the board approve the revised Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement with thirteen (13) area police departments.

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Action Requested: Motion to approve the revised Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement with thirteen (13) area police departments.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Castaneula

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

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from Police Chief Zarate is requesting the board approve an updated Village of Forest View and Municipal Collection Services (MCS), Amendment A to Collections Contract. He is seeking approval to update the contract to reflect the collection fees outlined in the new agreement.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Municipal Collection Services (MCS) amending A to Collections Contract Update.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

9. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

Agenda Item # 6 - F 25-18 – DCT (Fed Ex Freight), 4800 Central LLC. Installing (2) 60-AMP 3 Phase 480-volt circuits from MDP to exterior EV Chargers.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Commercial Permit # F25-18 to DCT (Fed Ex Freight).

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Castaneula

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Castaneula, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi, Hubacek
No: None
Motion Carried:

Agenda Item # 7 - F25-19 - Azteca Foods, Inc. 5005 Nagle Ave. Chicago, IL 60638. Press Room Air Conditioning Installation. *Permit is pending FSCI approval.*

Action Requested: Motion to approve Commercial Permit # F25-19 to Azteca Foods, Inc. Work was completed by owner prior to permit being issued. Business charge double fine. *Permit is pending FSCI approval.*

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Castaneula

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Castaneula, Nitka, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek
No: None
Motion Carried:

10. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

NF25-25 – Thomas & Laverne Cichon, 4511 Wisconsin Ave. Remove and replace 10 windows.

NF25-26 – Amanda Stankus, 4616 Maple Ave. Mold remediation in Basement.

NF25-27 – Jesse Padron, 4510 Kenilworth Ave. Install new receptacle for garage opener. Remove old pool in backyard. Inspect all GFCI outlets so they are working properly and other items listed on the Building Commissioners inspection report.

NF25-28 – Amanda Stankus, 4616 Maple Ave. Replace drywall and tile after mold remediation in basement bedroom and bathroom.

Action requested: No action, information only.

11. APPLICATION FOR ART TRECKLER ROOM RENTAL:

Agenda Item # 8 - Forest View Park District is requesting the board's approval to rent the Art Treckler Room monthly when available for Beach Ball Exercise Classes to be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for approximately 25-30 guests in attendance and is requesting to wave the fee.

Action Requested: Approval for Forest View Park District to rent the Art Treckler Room monthly when available and waive the fee.

Motion: Trustee Castaneula
Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees Castaneula, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nitka, Nevarez
No: None
Motion Carried:

Agenda Item # 9 - Maryanne O'Reilly is requesting the Boards approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Sunday, November 23, 2025 for the Lions Club Ham, and Egg Breakfast Event to be

held from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm for approximately 150 guests in attendance and is requesting to waive the fee.

Action Requested: Approval for Lions Club to rent the Art Treckler Room on Sunday, November 23, 2025 and waive the fee.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Nevarez, Grossi, Sudkamp, Castaneula, Nitka
No: None
Motion Carried:

Agenda Item # 10 - Forest View Park District is requesting the Boards approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday December 6, 2025 for a Christmas Event to be held with the Lions Club from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm for approximately 125 guests in attendance and is requesting to waive the fee.

Action Requested: Approval for Lions Club to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, December 6, 2025 and waive the fee.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

12. REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Reports from Administrator Wiak:

- Village Administrator reported that she and Mayor Liska met with Congressman Chuy Garcia to discuss several key initiatives and funding concerns impacting the village.
- Discussed the status of the \$2 million in federal funds appropriated for critical water system upgrades, the pump house, and the Harlem Avenue drainage project.
- Discussed the village's request to install a red-light camera at the 47th Street and Central Avenue intersection.
- Reported that IDOT rejected the proposal, citing concerns and questioned whether the village's State Representative could advocate for the project on the village's behalf.
- She requested the Congressman's support in co-hosting an E-Cycle Event with the village.
- Reported that she authorized the scheduling of a Shred Event to take place behind Village Hall in April, after tax season.
- Expressed the villages intent to build a Veterans Memorial to honor local veterans and requested Congressman Garcia's support in securing funding to initiate the project.

- Emphasized to him the importance of working closely with both Federal and State representatives to support village and speak on behalf of the village.
- Reported that she is looking in to proposals regarding securing the building and doors.
- Commented that the 2nd installment of taxes will not be issued until October and received in January 2026.
- Reported that Lucy is working on the flyers for the picnic and it will be published in our Summer newsletter.

13. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Reports from President Liska on behalf of Public Works Superintendent Miller:

- Salt Dome door is projected to be shipped on September 29th and installed in October.
- Anthony Roofing made repairs to a few sections of the roof that were peeling back near the gutter. They plugged and flooded the gutter with a hose on the roof to check for leaks. Did not see any visible water and will keep an eye on it during the next heavy rain event and commented that if it happens again, it will be an issue with the plumbing not the roof.
- Commented that the meter read system troubleshooting with AIS pointed at a dead/fried port on the transceiver in the main box that is attached to the water tower. It was knocked out the meter vault near the pump house. A tech removed the transceiver and sent it to Sensus to be repaired /replaced estimating it will take 3 – 4 weeks.
- The annual elevator inspection was scheduled.
- Received all video of the Grove Ave storm sewer cleaning and showed the board the before and after photos.
- Showed the photo of the Bean Bag Boxes that were made by Public Works and will be at the picnic for the residents to play bags at the picnic.

Police Chief Zarate:

- Department is preparing for the picnic event.

Fire Chief Jones:

- Reported that tomorrow between 10 and Noon, the Fire Department is hosting the Park District Senior Coffee Luncheon in the Fire House and is planning to have Fire and EMS scenarios and extended the invitation to the audience.
- Announced that the Fire Departments Annual Open House and Cinders 2nd Birthday Party will held on October 26 in the Fire House.

14. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT :

Reports from President Liska:

- Reported that the village will not see the Grant until after Jan 1st for the .
- Mentioned that he invited Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar, Congressman Garcia, Senator Cervantes, Representative Ortiz, and Stickney Township Supervisor Viverito to our Village Picnic in the park on September 20th.

- Reported that there will be a Public Hearing at 6:30pm before the regular board meeting on September 23 regarding a commercial real estate tax on the next referendum in March.17, 2026.
- Mentioned there will be road closures on 1st Avenue from Ogden north to RB High School.

15. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Nitka asked why the barricades were still up at 4:30 p.m. on 45th and Harlem by Dunkin Donuts. He thought that they would be taken down after school hours. President Liska discussed that the barricades will be removed during Thanksgiving, and Christmas Holidays and during Spring Break. Chief Zarate stated that it is only affecting Dunkin Donut customers who back up in his drive thru and also because he has a box truck parked in the lot.
- Trustee Hubacek wanted to know what the reason for the barricades being put up last year. Chief Zarate said it was to keep the children safe with the amount of traffic that is flowing through due to all the construction. It was discussed that Superintendent Miller is looking into the cost of putting up a swinging gate.
- Trustee Castaneula complimented the Park District on how nice the flowers and lights in the park look.
- Trustee Grossi commented that he recalled the board voted that they would not bring back an agenda item for 6 months. Discussion ensued.
- Trustee Nevarez inquired if the village could get emergency walkie talkies to communicate with PW and the office personnel.
- Discussion ensued between Trustee Nevarez and Chief Zarate regarding the car wash in town.

16. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Park Board President Devito addressed the board regarding a man who brought his bike. Discussion ensued.
- President Liska told him that he should file a police report.

17. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:08 P.M.:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Castanuela

Yes: Trustee Grossi, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez, Sudkamp, Hubacek

No: NA

Motion Carried:

18. 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).

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Action requested: None, information only.

19. 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.

20. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Castaneula

21. ROLL CALL:

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

22. ADJOURMENT:

To adjourn at 9:30 P.M.:

Respectfully submitted,
Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk