

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
May 27, 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, Ramirez, Nitka, Nevarez
Absent: NA

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 13, 2025 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

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

1) Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	97,661.97
2) Bills Payable	\$	<u>345,152.58</u>
3) Total Expenditures:	\$	442,814.55

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Trustee Hubacek requested copies of Tims time logs.

6. TREASURERS REPORT FOR APRIL 2025:

1) Revenues:	\$	529,780.06
2) Expenses:	\$	632,882.34

Clerk McGuffey stated that the water fund expenses were higher due to the multiple water main breaks.

Action Requested: None, informational only.

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Letter from President Liska informing the Board of the appointment of Lucy Vogt as a Fire Pension Trustee to fill his vacancy on the Forest View Firefighters Pension Fund effective May 16, 2025.

Action Requested: None, information only.

Agenda Item # 2 – Letter from Superintendent of Public Works & Water Miller requesting the board accept a proposal for a Sidewalk Program Pilot Program from Safe Step LLC. at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Discussion ensued in the meeting and Tanner states that we are only in the planning stages and will provide a report once he identifies the hazard.

Action Requested: Motion to approve accepting a proposal for a Sidewalk Program Pilot Program from Safe Step LLC. at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 3 - 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.

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

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 4 – Letter from Police Chief Zarate to discuss assigning Officer Jesus Carrillo Jr. to the WESTAF (West Suburban Major Crimes) task force as an evidence technician. Carrillo will hold rank of Detective with the Forest View Police Department. While assigned to the task force, he will receive a Section 29.6: Detective Stipend of \$1,200.00 annually.

Action Requested: Motion to approve assigning Officer Jesus Carrillo Jr. to the WESTAF (West Suburban Major Crimes) task force as an evidence technician. While assigned to the task force, he will receive a Section 29.6: Detective Stipend of \$1,200.00 annually.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 5 – Letter from Police Chief Zarate to discuss assigning Officer Luis Franco to the MCAT (Major Crimes Assistance Team) task force. Franco will hold the rank of Detective with the Forest View Police Department. While assigned to the task force, he will receive a Section 29.6: Detective Stipend of \$1,200.00 annually.

Action Requested: Motion to approve assigning Officer Luis Franco to the MCAT (Major Crimes Assistance Team) task force. Franco will hold the rank of Detective with the Forest View Police Department. While assigned to the task force, he will receive a Section 29.6: Detective Stipend of \$1,200.00 annually.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 6 – Letter from Police Chief Zarate to discuss assigning Officer Daniel Lepkowski to the MCAT (Major Crimes Assistance Team) task force. Lepkowski will hold the rank of Detective with the Forest View Police Department. While assigned to the task force, he will receive a Section 29.6: Detective Stipend of \$1,200.00 annually.

Action Requested: Motion to approve assigning Officer Daniel Lepkowski to the MCAT (Major Crimes Assistance Team) task force. Lepkowski will hold the rank of Detective with the Forest View Police Department. While assigned to the task force, he will receive a Section 29.6: Detective Stipend of \$1,200.00 annually.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

8. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

F25-09 – Frank Eneman, 4510 Wisconsin Ave. Electrician to relocate receptacle and install light for Patio/Deck. Remove kitchen window and install a sliding patio door. Build Deck 10' x 12' outside Patio Door.

NF 25-09 – Alex & Midalia Nevarez, 4547 Grove Ave. Replace bad deck wood on front porch.

Action Requested: None, information only.

Discussion ensued. Trustees are concerned with residents making self-improvements and would like residents to show proof that they have the knowledge before performing the work on certain projects and the Building Commissioner should inspect the property before the building permit is issued and when complete.

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) REPORTS FROM THE INTERIM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR DUROCHER:

Discussion Item # 1 – John DuRocher to provide the board with a request from John Graham owner of BP Amoco, on an Economic Development Incentive Agreement.

- DuRocher stated that the village entered into an economic development incentive agreement in November 2021. with John Graham the BP Amoco for the development of the site at 47th and Central. The owner committed to making a \$2.5 million investment in

the property in exchange for sale tax rebates in the amount of \$150,000 annually for 10 years to start one year after final occupancy (\$1.5 million total.) Because of conditions imposed by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District pertaining to stormwater management, final occupancy is expected within the next two weeks and as of today, Mr. Graham reports that he has spent over \$10 million developing the property and is requesting that the incentive agreement be increased to \$200,000 per year for 15 years for a total of \$3 million which is due to the increased unanticipated costs of the project. John went on to mention that currently this property produces about \$1 million annually to the Village in terms of property taxes, gasoline taxes, sales taxes, and video gaming revenue. This on an \$8 million budget and mentioned that items to consider first, this is an agreement, and the Village has no obligation to amend the agreement. This agreement was passed in November of 2021 on a 4-2 vote. The other item we need to consider is the fact that the video gaming revenue from this property is the highest grossing in the state and produces over 50% of our total gaming revenue of \$380,000 annually. There are other potential revenue opportunities that could offset the impact of adding another \$1.5 million in additional economic incentives such as increasing the gasoline tax, especially on the sale of diesel fuel and full implementation of the video gaming penny push tax.

- In conclusion he stated that the Village should look to future industrial/commercial annexations and if the Village has a record of being “a good partner” with the business community, then offering an improved incentive might be a good thing for us overall.

B) REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Miller reported:

- Mentioned that due 46th street project, Public Works was not able to get the American Flags on display before the memorial day holiday. They will be in the process of taking down banners and displaying the American Flags throughout the village. It was mentioned that on Memorial Day the US American Flag should be displayed at half mass until noon on Memorial Day.
- Also discussed was the Village sign. The roads and sod should be done on Monday, and crosswalks will be stamped next week.
- Tanner gave President DeVito two quotes for park lights that would cost about \$4,000 for four LED existing lights and 5 flood lights. Waiting on a bid from Lyons Pinner. Liska said they should get two more quotes.
- Trustee Hubacek asked about speed bumps. Tanner commented that the bumps from last year were not reusable. The board would like to see a slightly taller hump. John is looking into pricing. Tanner will determine where to install them after the street project is complete.
- Trustee Nitka stated that cars are double parking on 46th street making it difficult for street sweeper to clean the streets.

Police Chief Zarate reported:

- Reported on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Report for April 2025.
- Incidents Generated - Total Calls for Service – 179. Calls to Non-Emergency Calls 165, and Calls to 911 – 3, Generated by Officers – 1,411, Accident Crash Reports – 12 , State Citations – 123, Ordinance Citations - 566, Cannabis Citation- 10, Village Stickers - 0, Warning Citations - 74, Arrests - 18, Misdemeanors - 2, and Felonies - 1.
- Reported that memorial day weekend was quiet, and the officers are out on the streets patrolling.
- Adjudication will start on June 14, 2025 at 2pm.
- There was a Noise Ordinance complaint on Maple Ave, but the party shut down after 10pm.

Reported that his department raised \$4,000 this year at Dunkin Donuts Cop on a roof top for Special Olympics.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Reported on the Fire Department Activity report for the month of April 2025.
- They received a total of 48 calls that included 23 EMS calls, 14 Fire calls, 11 motor vehicle accidents, and 0 Fire other calls for invalid assists / standby-fill ins. The Fire Department did 3 fire station tours and completed 520 hours of training.
- Briefly discussed the explosion at APEX and mentioned there had been a spill that occurred in February.

C) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustees Grossi asked if there is someone inspecting these tanks. Chief Jones said he would ask EPA. Superintendent Miller stated that there are federal guidelines. It was discussed that we should looking to having an independent inspection. Miller stated that Kinder morgan does inspections. Trustee stated he would like to see a list of what is inside the Tanks. Chief Jones stated that the materials inside the tanks change frequently.
- Trustee Hubacek asked about the old Fire Truck. Chief Jones stated that it is still being stored and will be towing it back to the village soon. He stated that to get it running it would cost 20k.
- Trustee Sudkamp stated that there are residents parking on the side and back of the parking lot that are supposed to be reserved for the Fire and Police employees and asked Public Works to put up employee only signs. It was discussed that there is only one Toyota Corolla that is authorized to park there and if they continue to violate, they should be ticketed. Trustee

Ramirez would like a notice to be sent out first to address the issue. There was a suggestion that the employees be given a parking tag for when they are parking in lot.

- Trustee Sudkamp stated that there is a house with a sprinkler attached to a hose that is crossing over the sidewalk that is a trip hazard on 45th and Home avenue.
- Trustee Sudkamp stated that there is an illegal business in the village that is not registered and that has 8 cars parked in his driveway. He states that the resident is working on the vehicles in the driveway all the time. DuRocher stated he would ask the building commissioner to look into this.
- Trustee Hubacek asked President Liska to shorten the newsletter and wants it to go back to the old newsletters that did not have puzzles, recipes, and a lot of pictures. Dave will talk to Lucy and revamp it. Trustee Ramirez commented that we should reduce the letter.
- Trustee Nevarez commented that the Car Wash Advertising Sign could be shut off at night once they close. She states that residents are complaining that the flashing light is glowing through their windows. DuRocher sent out letters to each resident and will reach out to that block to see if its working.

D) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

- Reported that our Public Works Day was a huge success. We had 43 fourth grade students who came to the Village Hall . Superintendent Miller did a PowerPoint presentation, and the students were able to look into a manhole and touch several of the public works vehicles. He thanked Miller and Clerk McGuffey for putting the event together!

10. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Dawn with the Park District commented on the new mics in the room.
- Resident mentioned that a lot of the signs in the village are fading and are hard to read.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

12. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk