MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
October 13, 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.

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

Agenda Item # 1 – Police Chief Ritz is requesting the board approve swearing in Police Officer Jonathan Rodriguez as Patrol Shift Corporal with the Forest View Police Department.

In the meeting Chief Ritz stated that Office Jonathan Rodriguez was appointed at the last meeting. Village Clerk McGuffey swore in Officer Jonathan Rodriguez as Patrol Shift Corporal. Photos were taken with Chief Ritz, Police Department Officers and his family.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 28, 2026 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

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

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	$	107,978.30
Bills Payable	$	233,534.64
Total Expenditures:	$	341,512.94

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

7. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF September 30, 2026:

Cash Receipts:	$	303,141.06
Sales Tax:	$	52,052.30
Home Rule Sales Tax:	$	44,68994
Local Gas Tax:	$	53,083.36
Video Gaming Tax:	$	33,903.25
Interest:	$	6,146.11
Total Revenue:	$	493,016.02

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 2 - Administrator Creer is seeking direction from the board on whether to draft an ordinance revising the Village's construction hours. Currently the code allows for construction from 8 am to 8 pm, seven days a week. He is suggesting shortening the hours to give residents a break and will provide examples of Construction hours for holders of Major Permits operating in or adjacent to a residential area that would include the use of Heavy Equipment, Hand & Power Tools (Outside), all other minor work and construction on Holidays such as New Years Day and Memorial Day.

In the meeting the Board directed Administrator Creer to move forward with a draft.

Action Requested: Discussion only. Direction on whether to draft an ordinance revising the Village's construction hours.

Agenda Item # 3 - Administrator Creer is requesting the board consider cancelling the second Village Board meeting that is scheduled for November 24th that falls on a holiday week. Bills/Payables would be sent to the Board for review in advance of sending checks, then retroactively approved at the next meeting on December 8, 2026.

Action Requested: Motion to cancel the November 24, 2026 Village Board Meeting.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

Agenda Item # 4 - Administrator Creer is requesting the board approve a business license to Majdi Liqa, owner of the Tool Store and the property owner of the strip center (4529 S. Harlem to 4559 S. Harlem) is asking to reopen the Vaperz shop as Harlem Tobacco, Inc., a smaller format tobacco/perfume store at 4537 S. Harlem Ave. He would utilize part of the unit to incorporate into the tool store. The owner is looking to make a major investment in the property to improve the façade, which is in poor condition, which is unfortunate as a gateway to the town from 46th Street. Approving this business would help to finance the improvements.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a business license to Majdi Liqa owner of Harlem Tobacco, Inc at 4537 S. Harlem Ave.

Motion to refer the matter back to staff to explore an alternative zoning interpretation.

Agenda Item # 5 - Administrator Creer is requesting the board approve a Business License for Harlem Tire at 4529 S. Harlem Ave to Majdi Liqa, owner of the Tool Store and the property owner of the strip center (4529 S. Harlem to 4559 S. Harlem) to convert part of the vacant Vaperz space and part of the Tool Store to a tire shop. The current zoning allows tire stores as it is an automobile accessory and the Tool Store currently sells tires for motor bikes, go carts and other sport equipment. He will address issues that were raised at the last meeting regarding Noise, Tire Storage and Tire Disposal, Benefits to this Approval, Zoning, Timeline that the applicant has agreed to make façade improvements and has provided the board with a copy of the Plaza Exterior Renovations and a letter from Village Attorney John Murphey regarding the Zoning Ordinance /Building Code.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a business license to Majdi Liqa owner of Harlem Tire at 4529 S. Harlem Ave.

Motion to refer the matter back to staff to explore an alternative zoning interpretation.

Agenda Item # 6 – Administrator Creer and Police Chief Ritz are seeking direction from the board on whether to draft an ordinance revising the Village's traffic fine schedule. They are

suggesting recommendations to focus mostly on fines for truck enforcement. By writing ordinance tickets instead of state tickets, the Village captures more revenue and will suggest several changes.

In the meeting the Board directed Administrator Creer to move forward with an ordinance.

Action Requested: Discussion Only. Direction on whether to draft an ordinance revising the Village traffic fine schedule.

Agenda Item # 7– Administrator Creer and Police Chief Ritz are seeking direction from the board on whether to draft a formal ordinance creating a tobacco license requirement in the Village. Chief Ritz will provide a sample ordinance that establishes a tobacco license which would allow the police department to make sure that establishments are not selling to underage patrons, as their license could be pulled. Establishing a license would also give the board clear authority to limit the number of tobacco selling establishments in town.

In the meeting the Board directed Administrator Creer to move forward with an ordinance.

Action Requested: Discussion only. Direction on whether to draft a formal ordinance creating a tobacco license requirement in the Village.

Agenda Item # 8– Police Chief Ritz is requesting the board approve the Forest View Police Department to join and become a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) multi-jurisdictional Task Force at an annual membership fee of approximately $ 6,000 per year.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Forest View Police Department to join and become a member of NIPAS Task Force effective January 1, 2027.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

Agenda Item # 9– Police Chief Ritz is requesting the board appoint one (1) day shift Corporal to establish designated Patrol Shift Supervisor on each of the four (4) patrol shifts.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint one (1) day shift Corporal to establish designated Parol Shift Supervisor on each of the four (4) patrol shifts.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 10 – Fire Chief Stewart is requesting the Board approve the purchase and authorize the Fire Chief to issue a notice to order a LIFEPAK 365 cardiac monitor package at $73,505.66 and the Stryker Power-PRO 2 stretcher and Power-LOAD package at $81,142.64 for a combined amount not to exceed $154,648.30. He is proving the board with a copy of an email chain with Representative Ortiz, and the Chief will be available at the meeting to explain the equipment needs, delivery timing and funding plan and answer any questions.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase and authorize the Fire Chief to issue a notice to order a LIFEPAK 365 cardiac monitor package at $73,505.66 and the Stryker Power-PRO 2 stretcher and Power-LOAD package at $81,142.64 for a combined amount not to exceed $154,648.30.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 11- Fire Chief Stewart is requesting the Board approve Resolution No. R 26-15 a resolution adopting an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) 2026-2028.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R 26-15 adopting an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) 2026-2028.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item #12 – President Liska is requesting the board approve the appointment of Erik Kulaga as Forest View Pension Trustee with the Forest View Firefighters Pension Board for an unexpired term ending May 1, 2028.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Erik Kulaga as Forest View Pension Trustee with the Forest View Firefighters Pension Board for an unexpired term ending May 1, 2028.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez

Second: Trustee Nitka

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

9. APPLICATION FOR VILLAGE HALL ART TRECKLER ROOM RENTAL:

Agenda # 13 – Village Administrator Creer is requesting on behalf of Dan & Maryanne O'Reilly with the Stickney – Forest View Lions Club to rent the Art Treckler Room on Sunday, November 22, 2026 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm and waive the fee for a Ham & Egg Breakfast for approximately 200 guests in attendance.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Dan & Maryanne O'Reilly with the Stickney – Forest View Lions Club to rent the Art Treckler Room on Sunday, November 22, 2026 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm and waive the fee for a Ham & Egg Breakfast.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

10. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

Agenda Item # 14 – Memo from Building Commissioner and Code Enforcement Officer Tim Kutt requesting the board consider approving a porch permit application for Mr. Pedro Ponce, 4518 Kenilworth Ave and is providing the building permit for the board to review. Mr. Ponce is asking to remove his stairs as they are in poor shape and allow him to install a porch that would be the same distance off the house as his current stair case. The exception is building the porch the length of the house and moving the stairway to the driveway and by doing this he would have the same setback as he has now. He also plans to put a small overhang over the porch attached with a ledger board and piers that support the porch.

In the meeting the Board directed Administrator Creer to move forward with signing a permit.

Action Requested: Concur with Staff's Zoning Interpretation and Issue a Building Permit for a Stoop at 4518 Kenilworth address within the front yard setback. Building Permit Number # NF 26-60 will be issued pending approval from the board.

11. APPLICTION FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

Agenda Item # 15 - F26-18 SMJ International on behalf of Verizon, 5005 South Nagle. To install an Antenna equipment upgrade on existing tower.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Commercial Building Permit # F26-18 to SMJ International on behalf of Verizon to install an Antenna equipment upgrade on existing tower.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Administrator Creer:

- Reported that we had our first website kickoff meeting on Tuesday with Civic Plus and also with records software training.
- Commented that the board will be going into Executive Session.

13. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Public Works Miller

- Reported that he received a quote for $129,937 for the restoration of the Police Department and Art Treckler Room and is waiting for a response on some questions for them including a revised quote with the 2 projects separated and a breakdown of costs.
- Announced that the sewer and water connections at the new house on 4515 Clinton are completed.
- Announced that the installation for water and sewer is still pending for the new house at 4506 Kenilworth.
- Reported that the new stove has been installed upstairs in the kitchen and public works replaced the stained floor tiles and painted the exposed section of the wall behind the stove.
- Announced that SafeStep is scheduled to start on Thursday October 15th.
- Bluders Tree Service will be starting in last October – Early November. Removals will be after trimming.
- Reported that Lead/Cooper sample results are om and he is putting together packets with results for houses.
- Reported that the Com Ed Easement in Public Works yard (New Pole) is scheduled for December.
- Waiting for new cameras to be delivered.
- Met with a roofing manufacturer today to provide fee a free evaluation report of condition and some future budgeting numbers for when we need to replace the Fire Department Roof.

Building Commissioner & Consulting Specialist Kutt: NA

- Reported that Awesome Pest control is treating holes by the railroad tracks. They are seeking out the car wash and behind Dunkin Donuts. Stated that he will be issuing large fines tomorrow.
- State that there are a few homes that do not want bait boxes by their fences but stated that the bait is safe for Eagles.

Police Chief Ritz:

- Thanked the board for the approvals .

- Reported on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Report for September 2026:

    - Calls for Service: 1160. Calls to 911: 3, Officer Generated 180, Traffic Crashes 23, Park Checks 87, Premise Checks 321, Business Checks 159, Admin Tows 3.
      Arrest/Citation Statistics: Traffic Stops 332, State Citations 19, Ordinance Citations 182, Warning Citations 15, Cannabis 0, Arrests 4, Misdemeanors 3, and Felonies 0.
      Truck Enforcement: Stops 10, Citations 12, Cases Pending 0, SOL/No Fine/Unpaid 0.

Fire Chief Stewart:

- Reported the Fire Department Monthly Report for September 2026:

    - Total calls for Service: 62. Structure Fires – 1, Room and Content Fire - 3, Vehicle Fire - 1, Motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) - 21, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - 21, Hazardous Materials - Gas Leak – 1) Public Service Calls – 3, Investigations / Fire Alarms 15,
    - Announced that the Fire Department Open House is Saturday, October 17th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. They will be serving food and drinks, having a Fire Sprinkler Demonstration, Maze for the kids, Fire Station Tours, and last but not least, Cinder will be celebrating her 3rd birthday.
    - Fire Department Training Crews will participate in live fire training alongside our automatic and mutual aid partners at Bedford Parks fire training facility.
    - The Fire Department will participate in Home Schools Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 30th at 10am. Staff are exploring festive ways to decorate the departments pickup truck for this event.
    - Mentioned that the Fire Department are selling T-shirts for Breast Cancer Awareness.

14. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

15. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT LISKA:

- Reported that he heard that license plates are being stolen from vehicles in parking lots in some other local villages.

16. REPORTS FROM VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

- Veterans Committee Secretary McGuffey stated that the bike raffle tickets are on sale in the office.
- Veteran Chairman Grossi wants to schedule a meeting.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

- Residents on 46th and Maple thanked Commissioner Kutt for handling the issue with the Car Wash and for putting rat traps at that location.
- Resident on 45th and Wisconsin commented on the shred event and asked if they could put a table in the kitchen for the next bingo event.

18. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 PM:

19. ROLL CALL

20. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Agenda Item # 16 - The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body." 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6). (Discussion only)

Agenda Item # 17 - To consider individual employee personnel matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/(c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. (Discussion only)

Agenda Item # 18 – Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body finds that an action is probably or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (11) (Discussion only)

21. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 9:04 PM:

22. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NA

23. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Castanuela

24. ROLL CALL:

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

25. ADJOURMENT:

To adjourn at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk