

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
September 24, 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

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 10, 2024 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

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

1.) Payroll – FT / PT / Officials	\$ 108,598.96
2.) Bills Payable	\$ 335,684.53
Total Expenditures:	\$ 444,283.49

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

8. TREASURERS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024:

Revenues:	\$	1,042,122.17
Expenses:	\$	<u>829,848.45</u>
Revenues Exceeds Expenses	\$	212,273.72

Action Requested: None, information only.

9. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – President Miller 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.

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 Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 2 – Memo from Fire Chief Jones to discuss the Metro Paramedic Service Renewal and Proposals and would like the board to consider amending the agreement by approving (Option #2) adding six (6) more employees, bringing a total of twelve (12) Contract Personnel at a cost not to exceed \$1,600,000.00.

Action Requested: Motion to approve (Option #2) amending the agreement with Metro Paramedic Services effective November 1, 2024 to twelve (12) Contract Personnel at a cost not to exceed \$1,600,000.00.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Tabled.

Agenda Item # 3 - Police Chief Zarate is seeking the board's approval to classify a vehicle as surplus and authorize the Chief to sell the vehicle and dispose of a 2019 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor, VIN-1FM5K8AR6KGB28244 with 91,331.16 miles. It will be placed on a governmental auction site and sold to the highest bidder. He is requesting the board approve Ordinance No 24-14, an Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposal of certain surplus personal property.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-14 authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus personal property.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

12. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

NF 24-35 – Marie Marasco, 4620 Wisconsin Ave. Replace siding window wraps, gutters, and fascia on the main dwelling.

NF 24-36- Kathy & Jeff Ehresman, 4601 Wisconsin Ave. Demolition of interior of fire damaged home.

F24-20 – Debbie Marcolini, 4523 Clinton Ave, Install two (2) decks in front and back of the house.

F24-21 – Jose Corral, 4535 Grove Ave. Install four (4) outlets in 2nd bedroom, one (1) outlet in living room, one (1) dish washer 120v line, and one (2) 220v line for stove.

F24-22 – Jose Corral, 4535 Grove Ave. Re-pipe and fix code violations according to plumbing contract.

Action requested: No action, information only.

13. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Village Administrator Dropka reported:

- Reported that he is working with our engineer in following up with our projects, including the \$110,000 from Cook County for the 46th Street Resurfacing Project and is finalizing the documents to bring to the board for the next meeting.

- Reported that he is still waiting on a revised quote from Current Technologies for the additional cameras in the village hall.
- Announced that the signup for the Halloween House Decorating contest will be begin on October 1st and mentioned that last year we had six households sign up for the competition and prizes were awarded to the top three houses.
- Announced that the Trick or Treating will be on Thursday, October 31st. The hours will 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm which is the same as last year.
- Reminded everyone to mark their calendars for our annual Veterans Day program that will take place by the flagpole at 11am on Monday, November 11th.

B) REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec reported:

- Reported that they are still working on the Wenonah project .
- Reported a watermain break occurred on Saturday at the end of 46th and Wenonah Ave.
- M & Q will be out tomorrow to finish the main break and replace a six-foot pipe.
- Waiting for hydrant flushing quotes.
- Will be picking up the grill and other items for the park event on Saturday.

Police Chief Zarate reported:

- Reported on the Police Department Activity report for the month of August 2024. They issued 70 Traffic State Citations, 114 Parking /Ordinance Tickets, 13 Accident Reports (Crash), for a Total of 194 Service Calls. There were 10 arrests, 0 misdemeanors, and 0 Felonies. Monies generated by the Police Department Total Paid Parking/Ordinance Tickets \$ 1,425.00, 8 Tow Seizures at \$ 6,000.00 Truck Enforcement \$ 0.00 , total combined \$7,350.00.
- The Chief is scheduling employees in his department to participate in the park event and will be putting up their Police Department tent.
- Reported that his department will continue to put up barricades at 46th and Maple Ave and 45th and Maple and in the morning until Oak Park Ave construction is completed.
- Trustee Sudkamp asked Chief Zarate how the truck enforcement was going. Zarate stated that he has been speaking to lawyers after he found out the judge in Bridgeview was dropping the cases and only keeping the court fees. As a result, he is speaking with the Village Attorney about getting the adjudication here for local coded ordinance violations.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Reported on the Fire Department Activity report for the month of August 2024. They received a total of 62 calls that included 20 EMS calls, 28 Fire calls, 12 motor vehicle accidents, and 2 Fire calls for invalid assists / stand by-fill ins. The Fire Department did 3 fire station tours and completed 440 hours of training.
- The Chief is scheduling employees in his department to participate in the park event and will be putting up their Fire Department tent.
- Chief announced that on Sunday October 27th they will be holding an Open House in the Fire Department and Cinder's one year birthday party.

C.) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Liska reported that in 1980 when President Grenvich was in office; Home Rule was adopted which was great for us and increased our tax revenues. In 2021, Illinois Funds was at 1.7 million and the administration took money out as needed. When Mike Dropka was hired as Administrator we were still at 1.7 million and he took a different approach and worked to increase income to grow our account and create more revenue for the village. Currently our account has grown to 4.3 million.
- Trustee Liska stated that the construction on Oak Park Ave should be done in about a week or two.
- Trustee Grossi mentioned that Trustee Nevarez husband contacted IDOT to ask for their assistance with the blockades. Administrator Dropka stated that he has been reaching out to IDOT as well and that John Kiser is also working with congressman regarding the blockades in Stickney.
- Discussed in the meeting was the number of reservations received as of the meeting for Saturdays event and if we would turn away residents and non-residents at the picnic who if they had not turned in their reservations. It was discussed that we should not accept any more reservations, that we would not allow anyone else to come to the event on Saturday if they had not turned in their reservations. President Miller said that we will not turn down our residents and will check them in at the picnic. It was agreed that non-residents who were not on the reservation list would be turned away. In conclusion it was determined that we had enough food and drinks, and we would order more cupcakes.

D.) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

President Miller asked Superintendent Filec if Public Works had an No Thru Fare signs and told him that we should get some to keep on hand for the future.

14. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

16. ROLL CALL:

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

17. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:00 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey

Village Clerk