

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
May 9, 2023**

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: None

Also Present: Village Attorney John Murphey

- President Miller asked the Board if they wanted to go into Executive Session.

Motion: Trustee Liska

Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Liska, Nevarez

No: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez

Motion Carried.

4. Swearing in Ceremony

Village Attorney John Murphy swore Mike Grossi, Jim Sudkamp, and Maria Ramirez as Trustees for a 4-year term and Trustee Midalia Nevarez as Trustee for a two-year term.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 25, 2023, to be approved as read:

- Discussion ensued.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Hubacek, Ramirez, Sudkamp, Nevarez, Liska
No: None
Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of May 15, 2023:

1.)	Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	121,725.87
2.)	Bills Payable	\$	<u>97,628.16</u>
3.)	Total Expenditures:	\$	219,354.03

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

- o Discussion ensued.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Ramirez, Liska, Nevarez, Grossi, Sudkamp
No: None
Motion.

7. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF APRIL 30, 2023

Cash Receipts:	\$	542,736.96
Sales Tax:	\$	45,617.29
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	34,058.15
Local Gas Tax:	\$	44,691.44
Interest:	\$	<u>13,003.13</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	680,106.97

Action Requested: None, informational only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Agenda Item # 1 –President Miller is requesting recognition of 35 yrs. of A.B.A.T. E. of Illinois, Inc, and over 352,318 registered motorcyclists statewide and in recognition of the continued roll Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety and awareness and is proclaiming the Month of May, this year 2023 as Motorcycle Awareness Month urging motorists to join to improve safety and awareness on our roadways.

Action Requested: Motion to approve President Miller proclaiming the Month of May, this year 2023 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

- o Discussion ensued.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item # 2 – President Miller is supporting the United States Coast Guard and National Safe Boating Council with the Safe Boating Campaign to increase public participation in this outdoor sport and the need for greater attention to courtesy, safety, and education to minimize incidents with lead to boating mishaps and the significant number of boaters who lost their lives by drowning who would have survived had they worn a life jacket. President Miller is proclaiming May 20th through May 26th this year 2023, as National Safe Boating Week in the Village of Forest View, Illinois, and urges all residents to always practice safe boating techniques while on our lakes and waterways.

Action Requested: Motion to approve President Miller proclaiming May 20th through May 26th this year 2023, as National Safe Boating Week in the Village of Forest View.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item # 3 – President Miller is requesting the Board approve a National Public Works Week Proclamation and designate the week of May 21 - 27, 2023, as National Public Works Week in the Village of Forest View.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a National Public Works Week Proclamation and designate the week of May 21 - 27, 2023, as National Public Works Week in the Village of Forest View.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda # 4- Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Civility Pledge that was approved by the IML Board of Directors and is requesting the board approve Resolution No. 23-07 adopting the Civility Pledge.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-07 adopting the Civility Pledge.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item # 5 – President Miller is requesting the Board approve Resolution No. R23-08 in recognition of service rendered by Richard Musil as Lieutenant with the Fire Department for the Village of Forest View for 17 years.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R23-08 in recognition of service rendered by Richard Musil as Lieutenant with the Fire Department for the Village of Forest View for 17 years.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 6 – President Miller is requesting to appoint Jesus Carrillo Jr. as Forest View Pension Trustee with the Forest View Police Pension Fund for an unexpired term ending May 13, 2025.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Jesus Carrillo Jr. as Forest View Pension Trustee with the Forest View Police Pension Fund for an unexpired term ending May 13, 2025.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Action Item # 7 – Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss his acceptance to ICMA Gettysburg Leadership Institute. He is requesting the board approve reimbursing him for \$ 1295.00 and hotel room expenses for the Spring Gettysburg Leadership Institute conference.

Action Requested: Motion to approve reimbursing him for \$ 1295.00 and hotel room expenses for the Spring Gettysburg Leadership Institute conference.

- o Discussion ensued.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Action Item # 8 – Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss resident daily guest parking passes for the streets that allow for resident only parking.

Action Requested: Motion to approve resident daily guest parking passes for the streets that allow for resident only parking.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item # 9– Letter from Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec requesting Board approve National Power Rodding Inc. to repair both infiltrations in the north tunnel shaft in the amount of \$96,500.00.

Action Requested: Motion to approve National Power Rodding Inc. to repair both infiltrations in the north tunnel shaft in the amount of \$96,500.00.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

9. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Village Administrator Mike Dropka provided the following details:

- Mentioned that at the last meeting the board voted to move forward with the transfer of ownership of the Central and 47th Street sewer lines to the Village subject to a supplemental agreement with the 47th Street Association and is working on an agreement to impose a Special Service Areas tax levy. The concept is that the additional taxes will be tacked onto their property tax bills on these properties. The tax dollars would go into the water and sewer fund and be used to help pay for any issues that occur with the newly acquired sewer lines. He reported there are no lights on 47th street and is looking for grants to reline sewers on 47th street.
 - Attorney John Murphey commented that Special Service area is an extra property tax that is imposed just on the properties that benefit from the special service.
- Reported that since the last meeting the village received the other \$100,00 grant and confirmed that the village received a total of \$300,000 in grants in the past few months which \$100,000 will be used for the salt bin and \$200,00 for the roads.
- Mentioned that the Police Pension Board Attorney Thomas Hartwell was indicted for misusing public funds while in office as the former Kane County Court Clerk. The Police Pension Board met on Monday and requested that someone else from the firm serve as the attorney for the Police Pension Board. In January the Fire Pension Board voted on Attorney Jerry Marzullo who was recommended by Attorney John Murphey
- Announced that he will be presenting to the Board a tree ordinance requiring the residents to hire licensed and bonded professionals for any large tree removals on private property. This ordinance will help protect neighbors, residents, and public property from any possible damage incurred by equipment or tree debris during the removal process. The ordinance will also regulate the installation of trees and shrubs in parkways.
- Reported that he was contacted by a business interested in leasing MWRD land on the other side of the canal that was formally Tropicana. This business is looking to pave the entire area and use it as a park trucking site.
- Mentioned that the red-light camera project continues to be ongoing.
- Continuing to meet with Muniweb regarding our website.
- Mentioned that he will be working with the department heads on the budget for next year.
- Reported that the Police Chief position was posted on April 19th and applications are due back on May 12th. He asked the board members if anyone would be interested in being part of the hiring committee. He would reach out to them on Friday with a date to meet to go over the resumes.
 - Trustees Liska, Hubacek and Ramirez stated that they would participate.

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec reported:

- Reported that on Saturday May 6th Open Lands, residents and the corporate volunteers came out and planted nearly 50 trees in the parkways. He wanted to thank the residents and Trustee Liska for coming out to help. He also wanted to thank the other company who came out to help.

- Reported that the 2023 MFT paving project was approved by IDOT and they are accepting bids starting on Thursday May 11th and May 25th will be the closing date.
- Mentioned that the public works trucks and the sweeper are going in for service this week.
- Commented that he put in for a \$700,00 grant for the pumphouse and is looking into upgrading the Scada equipment that is used to monitor our water usage as well as change out some of the chlorine, internal issues and 3 pumps for in the pump house.
 - President Miller asked if anyone had seen a decrease in their water bills.
 - Discussion ensued.

Police Chief Stelter:

- Reported that today about three quarters of his officers were invited to attend Active Shooter Training at a school in Lyons.
- Reported that Officer Guzman was called out to Cicero homicide.
- Announced that it was Police Week.
- Mentioned that a couple of cars would be in the parade in Stickney on Saturday.
 - Trustee Grossi commented on the number of cars and trucks being stopped by our police department.

Fire Chief Jones:

- Reported that as of the last two board meetings four part time firefighters were approved. Two have almost completed their orientation. One is going for his physical and the other individual did not call back.
- Reported that the fire truck that was sent out to be refurbished is done and that he is planning to pick it up.
- Announced that May 21-27 is EMS week.

B) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Hubacek asked why certain personnel were not allowed in the office.
 - Discussion ensued.

C) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

- President Miller congratulated Trustee Grossi for joining the Lions Club.
 - Trustee Grossi stated that he went to the pancake breakfast and was told that in the past the board members from Stickney and Forest View were all involved in the Lions club. In the meeting he asked if anyone else would be interested in joining and commented that the Lions Club had done a great job with the flood.
 - A few trustees mentioned that they would look at their schedules.

13. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Trustee Hubacek

Second: Trustee Nevarez

15. ROLL CALL

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

To adjourn at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey

Village Clerk