

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
April 24, 2026
(Agenda April 14,2026 rescheduled)**

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. MOMENT OF SILENCE

In the meeting President Liska asked for a moment of Silence in honor of the passing of Stickney Village Trustee Jeff White.

4. ROLL CALL

The Roll Call of Board Trustees by Clerk McGuffey is as follows:

Present: Trustee Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek (remote), Castanuela, Nitka
Absent: Trustee Nevarez

5. PRESENTATIONS

Village Clerk McGuffey swore in the following Police Officers.

- Antonio Whitfield – Part-time Police Officer
- Hector Chavez – Full-time Police Officer

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 24, 2026 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Castaneula, Nitka
Abstain: Trustee Hubacek
No: None
Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

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

Payroll – FT/PT/Officials	\$ 111,767.99
1) Bills Payable	\$ 186,357.80
2) Total Expenditures:	\$ 298,125.79

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

7. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF MARCH 31, 2026:

Cash Receipts:	\$ 408,394.51
Sales Tax:	\$ 43,950.78
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$ 33,595.10
Local Gas Tax:	\$ 46,251.72
Video Gaming Tax:	\$ 29,710.34
Interest:	\$ 5,861.94
Total Revenue:	\$ 567,794.09

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item #1 – President Liska is requesting the board consider approving a Proclamation Honoring the Life and Legacy of Lois L. Hrejsa and extending a sincere appreciation to Lois’s family for their generous donation of several of her original works of art, which will be displayed in the Village Hall in honor of her.

In the meeting on display were several of Lois Hrejsa's paintings on display and an honorary plaque that will be displayed in the upstairs hallway. President Liska presented the proclamation to the family and photos were taken.

Action requested: None, information only.

Agenda Item # 2 – Letter from Superintendent of Water and Public Works Miller requesting the board approve and recognize Friday, April 24, 2026 as Forest View's 2026 Arbor Day; and approve the Tree City USA proclamation.

Action requested: Motion for the board to recognize Friday, April 24, 2026 as the Village's first official Arbor Day and approve the Tree City USA Proclamation.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 3 – President Liska is requesting the board approve the proposal and engagement letter from John F. Spatz Jr. owner of Spatz Engineering and Services LLC for services to the Village in connection with the possible transfer of the Villages water system to the Village of McCook.

Action requested: Motion to approve the proposal and engagement letter from John F. Spatz Jr. owner of Spatz Engineering and Services LLC for services to the Village in connection with the possible transfer of the Villages Water system to the Village of McCook.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 4 – Letter from Village President Liska to the board requesting approval to appoint James Ritz as the Forest View Police Chief effective May 1, 2026.

Action requested: Motion to appoint James Ritz as the Forest View Police Chief effective May 1, 2026.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 5 – Letter from Police Chief Ritz to the board requesting approval to appoint Erik Kulaga as the Forest View Deputy Police Chief effective May 1, 2026.

Action requested: Motion to appoint Erik Kulaga as the Forest View Deputy Police Chief effective May 1, 2026.

Motion: Trustee Nitka
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

Agenda Item # 6 – Letter from Deputy Chiefs Dudek and Aiardo requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 26-09 authorizing the sale or disposal of certain (bunker gear) surplus personal property.

Action requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-09 authorizing the sale or disposal of certain (bunker gear) surplus personal property.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 7 – Letter from Deputy Chief Dudek information the board that Eric Hagman has resigned his position as a part time Firefighter/Paramedic.

Action requested: None, information only.

10. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

F26-04 – Patricia Nitka, 4532 Clinton Ave. Install 8’x 10’ Premier Gable Shed. Installation of roofing shingles, doors, window, ventilation, and interior shelving installation.

NF26-10 - Ronald & Cathy Getz, 4602 Maple Ave. Replace two windows.

NF26-11 - Therese Guzman, 4524 Grove Ave. Replace gate with 6 FT iron frame wooden gate.

NF26-12 – Debbie Marcolini, 4523 Clinton Ave. Install floating luxury vinyl floor in bedroom and hallway.

Action Requested: None, information only.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: NA

11. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Superintendent of Public Works Miller:

- Police Chief Ritz:

- Deputy Fire Chief:

12. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

13. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT LISKA:

14. PUBLIC COMMENT, ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS:

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Hubacek

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

16. ROLL CALL;

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

17. ADJOURMENT:

To adjourn at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk