

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
VILLAGE HALL – TRECKLER ROOM
May 25, 2021**

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.

Village Attorney John Murphey was in attendance.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Augspurger, Liska, Ramirez

Absent: None

Village Attorney John Murphey was also in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 11, 2021 be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Hubacek

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Augspurger, Liska, Ramirez, Grossi

No: None

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CHECK REGISTER:

- A. To approve the check register from the payroll of the May 11, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 84,345.73

Check # 31230-31237

Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the May 11, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 146,860.58

Check # 31238-31271

Voided: None

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Hubacek

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Augspurgen, Liska, Ramirez, Grossi, Sudkamp

No: None

Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES:

A. To approve the village payroll in the gross amount of \$ 82,909.53. This payroll covers the period from May 16-31, 2021 for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Officials payroll from May 1-31, 2021 and the part-time payroll from May 1-15, 2021.

B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 42,729.80

C. Total Expenditures: \$ 125,639.33

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Liska

Second: Trustee Augspurgen

Yes: Trustees Augspurgen, Liska, Ramirez, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek

No: None

Motion Carried.

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 - Letter from President Miller regarding Resolution # 21-05 supporting the restoration of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue urging the Governor to restore LGFD payments to the promised 10% rate so the municipalities across Illinois may provide basic levels of service and lessen the reliance on property taxes.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution #21-05 supporting the restoration of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue urging the Governor to restore LGFD payments to the promised 10% rate so the municipalities across Illinois may provide basic levels of service and lessen the reliance on property taxes.

To approve Agenda Item # 1

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Liska, Ramirez, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Augspurger

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 - Letter from Chief of Police, Gary Wiseman, Jr requesting the appointment of Jesus Carrillo, Jr. as a Full-Time Police Officer to the Forest View Police Department.

Action Requested: Motion to Employment Agreement with FOP and Jesus Carrillo.

To approve Agenda Item # 2

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Augspurger, Liska

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3 - Letter from Chief of Police, Gary Wiseman, Jr. seeking the boards' approval for (2) police emergency phone line upgrades for joint dispatch.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the upgrade per quote from Mercury System for (2) emergency phones line upgrades for joint dispatch, in an amount not to exceed \$ 5,000.00 and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the quotation.

Police Chief Wiseman spoke requesting the board's approval for two police emergency phone line upgrades for joint dispatch. Currently these lines are on a call forwarding system to Justice dispatch as a temporary fix until Mercury Systems could come up with a permanent solution.

Discussion ensued regarding emergency calls to Justice, Police Department office hours, working with Mercury Systems, and options to meet with Mercury Systems to discuss the system and answer questions.

Police Chief Wiseman will contact Mercury Systems to see if our representative will be available to attend the next Board Meeting to address concerns and questions.

To approve Agenda Item # 3

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Liska

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

Agenda Item # 4 - Letter from Chief of Police, Gary Wiseman, Jr regarding the resignation of Part-time Officer David Lowisz.

Action Requested: None, information only.

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from Superintendent of Public Works and Water, Jack O'Donohue regarding water rates.

Action Requested: Direction

Superintendent O'Donohue spoke regarding the water rate increase. The City of Chicago has informed the Village of a 1.10% water rate increase which will take effect June 1, 2021. The increase would be reflected on the October 2021 residential bills based on water usage from the end of July and thereafter. If the Board concurs to increase water rates, an Ordinance will be prepared for approval at the June 8, 2021 regular meeting. The rate increase was not passed on to the residents last year.

The board approved moving forward with the increase. An ordinance will be drafted for approval at the board meeting on June 8, 2021.

Agenda Item # 6 - Letter from Superintendent of Public Works and Water, Jack O'Donohue blight complaints.

Action Requested: Direction

Superintendent O'Donohue spoke regarding a Blight Complaint. Superintendent O'Donohue spoke with the resident. The items in the yard are usable and there is not a garage on the property. There was no visible rodent activity.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeframe after a blight complaint has been turned in. After a visit to the property and a conversation with the resident, a letter will be sent. If the situation has not been resolved within thirty days, fines will be put in place.

Agenda Item # 7 - Letter from Deputy Chief Dudek regarding the position offered to Jake Juska as a Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic.

Action Requested: None, information only.

Interim Fire Chief Alan Dudek spoke regarding Firefighter Jake Juska. He has chosen to accept a position with his full time Fire Department and has declined the offer as a Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic with the Village of Forest View.

Agenda Item # 8 - Letter from Village President, Nancy L. Miller regarding the vehicle sticker rates. Discussion about vehicle sticker rates for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and the need to review and update rates and late fees for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Action Requested: Direction

Village President Miller explained that we have not raised the Vehicle Sticker prices in many years. Pricing and late fees should be addressed at a later meeting for next year's Vehicle Stickers. President Miller would like to have one late fee in place instead of the current tiered late fee schedule.

Agenda Item# 9 - Letter from Village President, Nancy L. Miller regarding Village Clerk and Village Treasurer positions.

Action Requested: Direction

Village President Miller spoke regarding the Village Clerk and Village Treasurer positions. In the interest of making the appointment of a Village Treasurer more appealing, and to facilitate a better transition of board activities, Village President Miller would like to ask the board to consider making a change to Village Clerk and Village Treasurer positions. It would be beneficial for one individual to address the needs of both the Village Clerk and Village Treasurer rather than hire two people for these positions separately. In doing so, this would allow us to have someone in an appointed position who would be available to handle all clerking and treasurer duties as assigned.

Discussion ensued regarding the Clerk handling the agenda, the packets, coordinating with the Trustees regarding information that will go on the future website once available. They would attend the Village Board Meetings along with the Police and Fire Pension Board Meetings.

Agenda Item # 10 - Letter from Village President, Nancy L. Miller regarding parking issues during activities at the Forest View Park District.

Action Requested: Direction

Village President Miller spoke regarding the parking issue during the Little League games. A placard for six vehicles was presented as an option.

Discussion ensued regarding the changes with parking during games; parking in resident only parking areas; parking the overflow of vehicles at Home School with permission; residential issues pulling vehicles out of the driveways; how to determine which groups are allowed to park on Clinton, and options to resolve this parking issue.

To approve Agenda Item # 10

Motion: Trustee Liska

Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Liska, Ramirez
No: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Grossi, Augspurger
Motion Not Carried.

Agenda Item # 11 - Letter from Village Clerk, Joy M. Conklin, and Lucy Vogt, Village Administrative Assistant regarding commercial building permits.

Action Requested: Direction

Village Clerk Conklin spoke regarding the Commercial Building Permit Applications. FSCI will take a direct submittal on the commercial plans. We are asking for direction on the next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the commercial process, the option for the pending commercial applications to be reviewed with our Trustees and FSCI reviewing all of our documents for the commercial permit applications.

Village Attorney Murphey mentioned that FSCI should be able to review our applications and answer any commercial questions.

Agenda Item # 12 - Letter from Village Clerk, Joy M. Conklin, and Lucy Vogt, Village Administrative Assistant regarding residential building permits.

Action Requested: Direction

Village Administrative Assistant Vogt spoke regarding the residential building permit application process.

Discussion ensued regarding the process, the required wording on the Endorsement Page, contractors' additional costs transferred to the resident and the timeframe of issuing the permit.

Village Attorney Murphey mentioned that he will review the application and the required wording that we have in place.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

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| NF21-14 | Edgar Hernandez & Gricel Serrano, 4604 S. Oak Park Avenue, Replace Kitchen Cabinets and Floor. |
| NF21-15 | Al Winkler, 4626 S. Wenonah Avenue, Replace the Roof on the Garage and the North Section of the House. |
| NF21-16 | Priscilla Fitting, 4501 S. Wenonah Avenue, Replace Siding on the House. |
| NF21-17 | Lisa Pape, 4510 S. Wisconsin Avenue, Replace Furnace and Air Conditioning System. |

- F21-24 Alexander Murray & Lourdes Becerra, 4500 S. Oak Park Avenue, Install an Above Ground Swimming Pool.
- F21-25 Carlos Acosta, 4551 S. Grove Avenue, Install a Deck at the Back of the House.
- F21-26 Olga Ocampo, 4506 S. Home Avenue, Building a New Patio in the Backyard.

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

1. Interim Fire Chief Alan Dudek
 - Regarding the seven OSHA violations, six have been rectified. OSHA has retracted the six out of seven violations. We should be able to rectify the seventh violation before the June 11, 2021 deadline.
 - The Fire Department receives a copy of the Fire Inspection report provided by FSCI for review.

2. Superintendent Water & Public Works Jack O'Donohue
 - Illinois Department of Transportation has sent a pre-construction letter regarding the replacement of the bridge structure northbound on Harlem Avenue, over MWRD, the Greater Chicagoland Railroad and the Village of Lyons. Work should start early June 2021.
 - Wishing the new Trustees, all the best and would like to offer a tour of the pump house if anyone is interested.

3. Police Chief Gary Wiseman Jr.
 - Provided Police Reports for April 27 through May 24, 2021.

A Trustee asked who was inspecting commercial property construction after the permit has been issued on applications that did not go through FSCI.

Discussion ensued regarding the permit process, inspections, forms and a plan to follow.

A Trustee asked if annual inspections can be provided by the Fire Department on commercial property.

Interim Fire Chief Alan Dudek stated that a plan can be put in place for annual fire inspections to be scheduled on commercial property.

B.) Reports from Village Trustees

A Trustee is concerned about the additional traffic coming through town.

Discussion ensued regarding possible speed bumps or the option to block off the streets.

C.) Report from the Village President

Village President Miller spoke with Superintendent O'Donohue and addressed the letters that are sent to the residents regarding grass / weed cutting. Village President Miller would like to re-word the letter, letting the residents know that they should contact the Village if they are experiencing a hardship that may have an impact on cutting the grass and weeds.

Village President Miller addressed the construction starting at 6:30 a.m. at the Shell Car Wash Construction site. Construction should not start before 8:00 a.m. and all parties involved were notified.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

Village Clerk Conklin stated there were no comments or questions via email or left in the drop box.

No other comments were received.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:25 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Liska

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Conklin
Village Clerk