

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
VILLAGE HALL – BOARD MEETING ROOM
February 22, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Miller at 7:01 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska
Absent: Trustee Grossi

4. Swearing in Steven Stelter as the Village of Forest View Police Chief.

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 8, 2022, be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska, Sudkamp
No: Trustee Grossi

Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

1.) Payroll – Full-time/Part-Time/Officials:	\$ 103,830.93
2.) Bills Payable:	<u>\$ 123,626.34</u>
3.) Total Expenditures:	\$ 227,457.27

7. TREASURERS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022

Revenues	\$ 322,712.09
Expenditures:	<u>\$ 392,753.92</u>
Revenues Exceeds Expenses	\$ -70,041.83

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 - Letter from Mark Jones, Fire Chief is seeking the Boards approval to purchase a 10 X 10 mighty tent with roller storage bag, as well as a six (6) foot table cover to be used for public education events with the Village, Township, and other events where the Fire Department will be attending. Both items will have the Village name and logo on them. The total cost would be \$2,282.23.

Action Requested: Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a 10 X 10 Tent, and six (6) foot table cover from Tent Craft in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

To approve Agenda # 1

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska, Sudkamp, Hubacek

Absent: Trustee Grossi

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 – Letter from Mark Jones, Fire Chief seeking the Boards approval to purchase Two (2) new Drager X-am 3500 four gas monitors. These units will replace two 4 gas monitors that were purchased in 2013. The current units need repairs that would cost more than the cost of new ones. The total cost would be \$2,200.00.

Action Requested: Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase two new Drager x-am 3500 four gas monitors from 3G Safety Supply in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Chief Jones stated that the department has two monitors that were purchased in 2013. One monitor will power up but only take one reading. The other monitor is not showing accurate readings.

To approve Agenda # 2

Motion: Trustee Hubacek

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Liska, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez

Absent: Trustee Grossi

Motion Carried.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF THE VILLAGE HALL:

Agenda # 3 - Resident Jovita Landeros is requesting the Boards approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Friday, March 4, 2022. The request is for a Birthday Party which would be held from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm with approximately thirty-five (35) guests.

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

To approve Agenda # 3

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Liska, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez
Absent: Trustee Grossi
Motion Carried.

10. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

A. Commercial Building Permit Applications:

FF22-03 Terry Markham – Lucky Penny Café - 4501 S Harlem Ave. Build new wall in back of building (17 ft long), replace lights in new gaming area.

Action Requested: Motion for the board to approve Commercial Building permit # FF22-03 to build new wall in back of building (17 ft long) and replace lights in new gaming area.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska
Absent: Trustee Grossi
Motion Carried.

FF20-04 Village of Forest View, 6726 51st Street, Tower Scope of Work: Decommissioning/Deconstruction of a Wireless Site that includes removal of obsolete Antennas, Equipment, Mounts and Cabinets only to be completed by Vexlex.

Action Requested: Motion for the board to approve Commercial Building permit # FF22-04. Tower Scope of Work: Decommissioning/Deconstruction of a Wireless Site that includes removal of obsolete Antennas, Equipment, Mounts and Cabinets only to be completed by Vexlex.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska
Absent: Trustee Grossi

Motion Carried.

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Report from Department Heads

Village Administrator Mike Dropka:

- Updated board on the K9. Ali began the 6-week training program on January 17th and is set to complete the program on February 25th. He informed the board that he has been in constant contact with Stickney and Full Circle K9 and has been told that everything is going well. Forest View performed a swap of our cars, and everything has been transferred and completed. We will be scheduling a nice photo opportunity with Des Plaines Valley news in the next week or two depending on availability. We will get the Stickney Police Department, car, dog, and Stickney Mayor, to join our Police department, car, and Mayor Miller to have a nice meet and greet /photo opportunity.
- The televising and cleaning of sewer, sanitary and waterlines began on January 12th but has been put on hold due to the cold weather and heavy snowfall. They will start the project again next week. The project will last about 2 more weeks for the residential section, and then they will move on to doing 51st and 47th Streets. We will then be able to analyze the condition of our system and make repairs or replacements as needed.
- The key fob and new doors project started on February 14th. They have been performing work here in the Village Hall starting at 7:00 A.M. and will continue for the next month. This project actually triggered another project regarding our circuits. Administrator Dropka wanted to make sure that if the power goes out, the key fob system is wired into the generator. Currently, it is undetermined as to what circuits go where, what is looped into the generator, and what the capacity is for the generator. We have an electrician identifying this and he is working with the key fob company to map out all the circuits.
- Discussed plans that he is working with Brad on the Wenonah Project which has been in limbo for quite a while. This project will extend the sewers from 46th and Wenonah to go under the railroad tracks and then turn west to connect into Harlem Avenue. This is similar to the Grove Avenue project that was completed a few years ago to alleviate flooding. The project was stalled mainly because of a lack of motivation on the Village's end to get easements from BNSF, CN, ComEd, Kinder Morgan and MWRD. All five of them need to issue easements for the project. I am happy to report that in the past month we have received three out of the five easements needed and is hopeful that work can begin this Spring. The money for this project is coming from MWRD and has been earmarked for us. Administrator Dropka stated that if we do not move forward, they will allocate the money someplace else since it has been earmarked for 2 years and other municipalities are wanting the funds if we are not going to use them.
- Discussed the notice of public hearing that will take place on March 14th at 10 am. This hearing is to discuss the authorization of eminent domain quick take authority at the corner of 49th and Central Ave. Administrator Dropka stated that he has been working with ComEd to get an easement from them and transfer the corner of 49th and Central over to the Village. The Village would then transfer the property over to Fed Ex so that they can install a stoplight on this corner. He stated that ComEd has stalled in our effort to make this easy and we have been advised by FedEx's lawyer and Village Attorney Murphey that we should pursue this angle. This will both assist Fed Ex in getting their trucks out of their yard, and also be pivotal in the future by allowing the village to further annex land west of Central Avenue which is now unincorporated Cook County and is all industrial – further enlarging our tax base.

- Reported that we had a pension board meeting last week Monday. This was the first time that the Police Pension Board met in 5 years.
- Next meeting March 8th, he will be presenting a new HVAC system to the board. Our units are 23 years old (the life expectancy on commercial until is 15 years.). Ordering the units will take 12-16 weeks from signing the contract so although this was kind of a budgeted item, voting next meeting on this will be able to take it out of next year's budget because it will take that long to get in. It has been reported to me by Air Comfort that the system may not be able to withstand another summer.
- On February 23rd, Administrator Dropka and the Chiefs will be attending a WC3 Operations Board meeting, where it is expected that the board will vote to allow us in. The next step will be for their board of directors to confirm the vote and is anticipating that he will be able to present an Intergovernmental Agreement at the March 8th board meeting for the board to approve. As mentioned in the previous meetings we applied for the JAG Grant that is being offered from Cook County and also the Motorola Grant last week to help defray the costs. He referred to the correspondence between him and the Village of Justice regarding the extension of the IGA with them. As reported previously we are reaching an impasse regarding how much to pay the Village of Justice for the next four months while transitioning to WC3. He suggested to the board that they may need to have a special board meeting on Friday to address this as time is running out, and they are clearly playing games with the amount we owe. He told the board that he will not be able to attend Friday night, but Attorney John Murphey will be here and will lead the discussion if it becomes necessary to have a meeting.
- Discussed plans for the State of the Village meeting celebrating 98 years and will recap completed projects that occurred between Jan 2021- December 2021 and future plans. This meeting will be held on Thursday March 31st at 6:30 P.M in the Art Treckler Room in the Village Hall. This meeting is free to the public and will have light refreshments.
- Mentioned that as previously discussed the levee is not complete and still needs work done to it. He has restarted conversations with Brad and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Forest View System is made up of three segments, Phase 1, Phase 2, and HASMA berm. Only Phase 1 is complete and was a joint project with the US Army Corps of Engineers. There are no plans to do a concrete levee and what you see North of 47th street is the final product. The other two segments were inspected the previous year and are not active but hopefully Phase 2 can be rehabilitated soon. Phase 2 of the levee work will be 47th Street south of HASMA. There is a plan to do this work as a joint project with US Army Corps of Engineers. Currently we have draft agreements with CN, BNSF, and ComEd and hope to wrap up negotiations by summer.
- Asked the Board if they prefer to have their checks delivered to their home address or placed in the home mailbox.

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Jack O'Donohue:

- Reported that on Thursday February 17th, four (4) inches of snow blanketed the area. It took three (3) of his staff a total of 8.5 hours, about 2.5 hours per person, to clear away the snow. An Estimated 10 -12 tons of salt were applied in the Village.
- Reported that the Fire Department Equipment that included the new Milwaukee saws and rechargeable batteries were delivered on Tuesday February 22nd. He discussed that for

the past month he had gone back and forth with Home Depot and Fed Ex who confirmed that the deliveries were made but were not received. After a brief investigation, it was discovered that the signature on the delivery slip was not one of our employees. A refund was issued, and the tools were reordered and delivered.

- Reported that on Tuesday February 8th at around 6:30 P.M. a truck hit wires that took down a pole and continued to take down a portion of fence at the Water Department. He received the insurance information for the trucking company and is preparing to complete the claim report.
- Mentioned that his department is aware of all the potholes and is fixing them as fast as the weather permits.
- Progress has been made to the work bench area in the Public Works Garage. Superintendent O'Donohue encouraged any and all to swing by and check it out. He stated that Don Panzer and Tanner Miller are doing a fine job in his option.
- Discussed the Illinois State Water Inventory Program (IWIP) and stated that he is preparing the report that is due March 14, 2022.

Interim Chief of Police Marcelo Perez:

- Reported Officer Collins and Officer Mulica will be transitioning from Part-time to Full-time and will be attending the Transition training course during the week of March 7th.
- Briefly discussed the ongoing Homicide investigation and reported that one person has been arrested. He wanted to thank the Officers who worked on the case and stated that they all did a good job.
- Discussed that he was stepping down from the Interim Police Chief position for personal reasons and is looking forward to assisting the new Police Chief during this transition. He thanked the Board for all their support.

Fire Chief Mark Jones:

- Reported that the Fire Department call report for the month of January 2022. There were twenty-nine (29) EMS calls, thirty-two (32) Fire calls, fifteen (15) Motor vehicle accidents, and six (6) other Fire calls (invalid assist, stand by-fill in) for a total of eighty-two (82) calls for the month of January 2022.
- The Fire Department did not have any fire station tours.
- The Fire Department completed 948.6 hours of training for the month of January 2022.
- Chief Jones mentioned that in the last meeting he was asked to look into the cost for attaching a plow to the Fire Department pickup truck. The cost for the plow and installation would be between \$5,200.00 - \$8,100.00 and would be on a back order which would take 10 – 12 weeks.

Administrator Dropka stated that he will be meeting with Superintendent ODonohue, Assistant Superintendent Miller and Chief Jones in April to discuss snow removal plans for next year.

B.) Reports from Village Trustees

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None

C.) Report from the Village President

None

13: QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

14: PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

None

15. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 7:40 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk