

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
Held Virtually on Zoom Due To COVID-19
May 26, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Powell at 7:10 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Village President Powell, Village Administrator Masciola, Village Clerk Conklin
Chief Wiseman, Chief Heller, Superintendent O'Donohue
Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller, Stimach, Kirchgatterer
Absent: None

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 12, 2020 be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Kirchgatterer
Second: Trustee Stimach

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller, Stimach, Kirchgatterer, Grossi

No: None

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CHECK REGISTER:

- A. To approve the check register from the payroll of the May 12, 2020 board meeting in the amount of \$ 91,871.86

Check # 30229-30234

Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the May 12, 2020 board meeting in the amount of \$ 48,070.32

Check # 30235-30265

Voided: None

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Miller, Stimach, Kirchgatterer, Grossi, Sudkamp
No: None
Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES:

- A. To approve the village payroll in the gross amount of \$93,936.20. This payroll covers the period from May 16-May 31, 2020 for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Officials payroll from May 1-May 31, 2020 and the part-time payroll from May 1-May 15, 2020.
- B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 155,749.04.

Motion: Trustee Kirchgatterer
Second: Trustee Stimach

Yes: Trustees Miller, Stimach, Kirchgatterer, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek,
No: None
Motion Carried.

- C. Total Expenditures: \$ 249,685.24

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Letter from Village Administrator, Mark C. Masciola, requesting the adoption of Ordinance No. 20-05, the FY 2020–2021 Annual Appropriations for the upcoming year.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-05, the FY 2020-2021 Annual Appropriations.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget. Requests to table Agenda Item #1 until the first meeting in June were made. A meeting in person instead of Zoom was requested to discuss this item further.

To table Agenda Item # 1
Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Miller

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller

No: Trustees Stimach, Kirchgatterer
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 – Letter from Village Administrator, Mark C. Masciola, regarding water rates effective June 1, 2020.

Action Requested: Motion to freeze water rates at the July 1, 2019 and October 1, 2019 levels and waive late and penalty fees due to the economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic for our residential, commercial, industrial and municipal water customers until such time that the current economic situation improves.

Village Administrator Masciola explained that each year we receive a water rate increase from the City of Chicago. The water rate increase this year will be 2.5%. In the past, we would pass that increase onto the water customers. Village Administrator Masciola is requesting that we absorb the increase and freeze the water rate for the residential, commercial, industrial and municipal customers. The amount we would absorb is approximately five thousand dollars. In addition, he proposed waiving all late fees and offering a payment plan for anyone that cannot pay their water bill on time.

To approve Agenda Item # 2
Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Miller

Yes: Trustees Kirchgatterer, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller, Stimach
No: None
Motion Carried.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

- NF20-07 Marcos Francia, 4612 S. Wenonah Avenue, Reroof House and Garage.
- NF20-08 Guadalupe Martinez, 4608 S. Grove Avenue, Replace Kitchen Floor and Countertops.
- NF20-09 Palumbo, 4527 S. Maple Avenue, Reroof House.
- F20-11 Dan Bachman, 4612 S. Kenilworth Avenue, Replace and Expand Existing Wood Deck.
- F20-12 Alexander Murray & Lourdes Becerra, 4500 S. Oak Park Avenue, New Brick Paver Patio.

F20-13 Lazaro Cerdan, 4612 S. Maple Avenue, Reconstruct Deck, Install Basement Drain Tile, Foundation Repair, Driveway Repair.

Action Requested: None, informational only.

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

1. Village Administrator Mark Masciola
 - Letters have been delivered announcing the start of the 45th Street Reconstruction Project. Email notifications were sent to all residents that have provided an email address.
 - We are working on the Reopening Plan.
 - The purchase of the Fire Engine from the Village of Stone Park should be completed this week. We did request maintenance records and pump test records. We sent over a sample Bill of Sale. The Village of Stone Park is approving a Surplus Equipment Ordinance at their meeting tonight.
 - Questions were asked regarding sidewalk square removal. Village Administrator Masciola stated that the appropriate pitch is needed. The Village Engineer marked the concrete for removal. Questions were asked on how the engineer chose which driveways would be replaced. These questions will be brought to the attention of the Village Engineer.

2. Superintendent Water & Public Works Jack O'Donohue
 - On Sunday, May 17, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. an alert was received from the Police Department regarding the heavy rain. Superintendent O'Donohue and Public Works assisted the Police Department with the closure of North Bound Harlem at I-55. We were able to barricade Harlem, 46th street and Harlem, 45th Street and Oak Park along with 45th Street and Maple. We were able to slow the water down.
 - We then assisted the Police Department with traffic control allowing only residents in and out of town.
 - As Village Administrator Masciola stated, the 45th Street Project is underway and it looks good.
 - Questions and discussion ensued regarding the river level. The level was monitored, and based on readings has now gone down. Village President Powell stated that he did call the Federal Railroad Association regarding the debris in the river.

3. Police Chief Gary Wiseman Jr.
 - With the help of Public Works during the heavy rain, roads were closed and the water was controlled.
 - Provided Police Reports for May 1st through May 25th.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the time frame for cleaning up graffiti.

- A question was raised by one of the trustees regarding the need for lighted keyboards on the computers installed in police vehicles.
- Discussion ensued regarding the article on Fox News. Trustees requested that the article be printed and included with the agenda packet so that it may be reviewed prior to and discussed at the next Board Meeting.

4. Fire Chief Tom Heller

- Provided the Fire Department Reports.
- We have been participating in Drive-By Birthdays and Graduations for our residents.
- We are working with Home School on the End of the Year Celebration. We will participate in the parade through Forest View and Stickney.
- We went door to door on a few streets that were experiencing flooding.
- Delivery of the Fire Engine should be this week. The mechanic will be here and our firefighters will be training with the truck.

B.) Reports from Village Trustees

- A question was raised for Village President Powell regarding a complaint from a resident. A brief discussion ensued as to how the situation was addressed.
- A question was raised for Fire Chief Heller regarding how we handle the Fire House staffing needs when a Fireman is sent home for any reason. The question was asked if the Fire Chief fills an empty spot, can Police Chief Wiseman do the same? Discussion ensued regarding the fire and police department schedules.
- Village President Powell confirmed that we are covered at all times with the ambulance.

C.) Report from the Village President

- The flood water was two and one-half feet from the top of the new Levee.
- The signs on the post at the Levee are not accurate. The Village Engineer will be doing a survey and moving those signs to the appropriate area where they should be posted.
- A question was asked if there will be any issues with the river. Village President Powell stated that he asked Public Works to place sand bags for precaution, but did not expect any issues as the water is going down.
- He thanked the Police and Fire Departments for going door to door and handling the excessive rain fall situation.
- Discussion ensued regarding an incident concerning haircuts at the Police Department.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:02 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Stimach

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Conklin
Village Clerk