

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW  
January 13, 2026**

**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. ROLL CALL**

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

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez  
Absent: Trustee Hubacek

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

On behalf of Police Chief Ritz, Sergeant Erik Kulaga presented Officer Daniel Lepkowski with a Department Life-Saving Award in recognition of excellent service regarding an incident on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Family, friends, and co-workers were present to offer their congratulations and take photos.*

*In the meeting Sergeant Kulaga stated that Officer Dickerson and Officer Annon also assisted.*

**5. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 9, 2025 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Grossi  
Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

## 6. APPROVAL OF THE 2025 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

- December 10, 2025
- November 3, 2025
- June 12, 2025
- May 20, 2025
- April 29, 2025

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025, November 3, 2025, June 12, 2025, May 20, 2025, and April 29, 2025.

Motion: Trustee Grossi  
Second: Trustee Castanuela

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Castaneula, Nitka, Nevarez, Castanuela

No: NA

Motion Carried.

## 7. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures December 16 - December 31, 2025:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$ 112,252.33
Bills Payable	\$ 374,960.65
Total Expenditures:	\$ 487,242.98

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Castanuela

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi

No: NA

Motion Carried.

## 8. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures January 1 – January 15, 2026:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$ 108,480.49
Bills Payable	\$ 330,425.87
Total Expenditures:	\$ 438,906.36

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Grossi  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez  
No: NA  
Motion Carried.

## **9. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Cash Receipts:	\$ 721,289.30
Sales Tax:	\$ 52,215.08
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$ 40,447.48
Local Gas Tax:	\$ 52,575.24
Video Gaming Tax:	\$ 27,954.13
Interest:	\$ <u>7,740.36</u>
Total Revenue:	\$ 902,251.59

Action Requested: None, information only.

## **10. TREASURERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025**

1) Revenues:	\$ 389,283.07
2) Expenses:	\$ 435,589.35

Action Requested: None, information only.

## **11. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

Agenda Item # 1 – Letter from Administrator Wiak requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 26-01, amending section 1, part K: of the Salary Ordinance, Executive and Legislative- Village Building Commissioner, increasing the budgeted hours for the position from six (6) hours per week to fifteen (15) hours per week, amending the salary ordinance to reflect this increase in compensation and update the title of the position from Building Commissioner to Building Compliance and Consulting Specialist in FY26-27 with a retroactive pay adjustment effective January 1, 2026.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-01 amending section 1, part K: of the Salary Ordinance, Executive and Legislative- Village Building Commissioner, increasing the budgeted hours for the position from six (6) hours per week to fifteen (15) hours per week, amending the salary ordinance to reflect this increase in compensation and update the title of the position from Building Commissioner to Building Compliance and Consulting Specialist in FY26-27 with a retroactive pay adjustment effective January 1, 2026.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez  
Second: Trustee Nitka

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Nitka, Grossi, Sudkamp, Castanuela  
No: NA

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2- Chief Ritz is requesting authorization from the board to hire candidate Joseph Robinson as a Full-time - Lateral Police Officer on the Forest View Police Department.

Action Requested: Motion to approve hiring Joseph Robinson as a Full-time - Lateral Police Officer on the Forest View Police Department.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Castanuela, Sudkamp, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi  
No: NA

Motion Carried.

## **12. APPLICATION FOR NEW BUSINESS LICENSE:**

Agenda Item # 3 - Letter from Administrator Wiak on behalf of Anastasiia Bodner and Manager Ivan Kostenko, business owners of Elvis Aguilera Trans. LLC that will be located at 5240 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Forest View, IL. for a truck transportation business.

*In the meeting Trustee Ramirez asked how many businesses are at this location and was told that Building Commissioner Kutt inspects. It was reported that there are approximately 9 businesses.*

Action Requested: Motion to approve a business license to Anastasiia Bodner and Manager Ivan Kostenko, business owners of Elvis Aguilera Trans. LLC that will be located at 5240 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Forest View, IL. for a truck transportation business.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Castaneula, Sudkamp, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi  
No: NA

Motion Carried.

## **13. APPLICATION FOR NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDING REQUEST:**

Agenda Item # 4 – F25-23 Crosswest Beech Forest View LLC. 5504 W. 47<sup>th</sup> St. Forest View, IL. Install Fire Sprinkler System.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Commercial Permi F25-23 Crosswest Beech Forest View LLC. 5504 W. 47<sup>th</sup> St. Forest View, IL. Install Fire Sprinkler System.

Motion: Trustee Nitka  
Second: Trustee Castanuela

Yes: Trustees Nitka, Castanuela, Grossi, Sudkamp, Nevarez

No: NA

Motion Carried.

#### **14. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING REQUEST:**

NF25-47 Daniel Sanchez-Vollalobos, 4621 Kenilworth. Replacing existing furnace and Air Conditioner.

NF25-49 Omar Marquina and Maibel Mendez, 4530 Wisconsin Ave. Replacing soffit, fascia, trim and gutters.

NF25-50 Dennis Tettens, 4533 Wisconsin Ave. Remove and replace furnace.

NF25-51 Miguel and Michelle Garcia, 4503 Maple Ave, Replacing soffit, fascia, trim and gutters.

Action Requested: None, information only.

#### **15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

Village Administrator Wiak:

- Discuss an update provided by MWRD on the Lyons/McCook Levee with a targeted completion date of Spring 2017.

*In the meeting she stated that she attended an online seminar last month and it was discussed that the listing will be in March or April should be completed the Spring of 2027.*

- Discuss meeting with Attorney Murphy to discuss rental properties in the Village, which will include yearly inspections.

*In the meeting she stated that Murphey is researching this and will be updating Tim with the information .*

#### **16. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Superintendent of Public Works Miller:

- Reported that we had 2.3 inches of rainfall during the storm on Thursday 1/8/26. There was some minor flooding on streets during the heaviest rainfall but nothing severe. The

wind and heavy rain caused some debris to make its way to the sewer inlets which restricted drainage at times.

- Public Works painted the Police Chiefs office.
- Maintenance and deep cleaning have been completed on the Sweeper and mower.
- Riccio repairs the sewer basin in the municipal parking log. A sewer ring was collapsing on one side and was creating a pot hole.
- Pinner will be out this week to fix the 2 street lights on 46<sup>th</sup> Street that are out.
- Lucy and he will be working on the new CodeRed flyer this week. He created all the contact groups according to block for the entire town and a group for village employees and officials and one for businesses.
- Report that his next project will be to rent a lift to fix air hose lines in the Fire Department. And paint the Village Hall main hallway.
- Reported that he received the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of lead sample results. One house was over the limit of 15ppb and is waiting for the next steps from EPA since this house was previously over the limit during the 1<sup>st</sup> round of samples and may be required to change their service line.

Sergeant Erik Kulaga reported on behalf of Police Chief Ritz:

- Reported that Part Time Officer Tony Mathews gave his resignation effective December 26, 2025 to take a full-time position elsewhere.
- Discussed that Officer Jorge Sanchez will be taking a full-time position with Burbank Police Department on January 15<sup>th</sup> and his status with Forest View will change to part-time effective January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Sergeant Kulaga reported that there have been several smash and grab incidents at Chicago Liquor involving stolen cars.
- Reported that tomorrow the Forest View Police Department is hosting an MCAT Meeting. Reported that Adjudication hearings are scheduled for next Tuesday at 2:00 pm.

Fire Chief Jones:

- Discussed that he is working on a poster for CPR training that will be in our newsletter and is anticipating ten (10) people to sign up.
- Reported that his department was at the call on the 27<sup>th</sup> and to assist the fire department on the crash on 155.
- Reported on fire at the Stickney shell station on 39<sup>th</sup> and Harlem when a car hit a pole.

## **17. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

- Trustee Sudkamp commented about residents putting their garbage cans out on the curb before 5pm the night before and not bringing the cans back in their yards by 8:00 pm after garbage is picked up. Also, it was reported that there are vehicles that are still blocking the sidewalks and wanted the ordinance reviewed.
- Trustee Nitka spoke about the E Bikes.
- Trustee Nevarez asked if we could get rid of the large table upstairs in the hallway.

- Sergeant Kulaga stated that he is planning to move the table into their new investigation room once it is cleared out.

## **18. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

- President Liska stated that we are reviewing our code ordinances for Public works to hand out flyers to residents.
  - Information on the new E-Bike Ordinance.
  - Laura, Lucy, and Tanner are creating three brightly colored violation stickers, that public works will be placed on residents garbage cans as a warning if the cans out on the curbs too early (before 5 pm the night before garbage pickup) or left out after 8 pm after garbage pickup.
    - Bright Green - 1<sup>st</sup> violation
    - Bright Yellow - 2<sup>nd</sup> violation
    - Bright Hot Pink - 3<sup>rd</sup> violation pink and will include a fine.
- Reported that he had met with Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar regarding funding our streets, water main but it has not come yet.

## **19. PUBLIC COMMENT, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR QUESTIONS:**

- Dawn from the Park District mentioned the Park District and the Stickney Lions Club will be having a tent in the park for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diabetes Walk. Asked the board if it would be okay for the Police Department to block the front walk of the park as they did last year.
- Asked everyone in the meeting if they would be interested in having another Heros on the Field this summer.
- Mr. Cichon asked about the garbage cans and thought he could put them out at 4pm the night before garbage pickup. He was told that they should not be put out before 5pm the night before and must be removed from the curb by 8 pm on garbage night.
  - President Liska and Administrator Wiak will speak with Lucy and Laura about getting the flyer set up with the ordinance as a reminder and have public works deliver the flyers.

## **20. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION At 7:35 P.M.**

Motion: Trustee Nevarez  
 Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees Nevarez, Grossi, Sudkamp, Castanuela, Nitka  
 No: NA  
 Motion Carried.

## **21. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION at 8:00 pm**

Motion: Trustee Castanuela  
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustee Castanuela, Nevarez, Grossi, Sudkamp, Nitka  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

## **22. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Agenda Item # 5 - To review with the board employee personnel matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. (Fire Department).

Action requested: Motion requested to approve as discussed in executive session. The board approved to reassign Metro Paramedic employees Dan Cortez and Dakota Ibrahim and remove them as part-time employees.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

Agenda Item # 6 - Letter from Administrator Wiak to discuss a resolution to extend the FOP contract from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

Action requested: Motion requested to approve the extended FOP contract from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 as discussed in executive session with a salary increase of 3.5%.

Motion: Trustee Grossi  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp  
Yes: Trustee Grossi, Castanuela, Sudkamp, Nitka, Nevarez  
No: NA  
Motion Carried.

## **23. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Trustee Grossi  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

## **24. ROLL CALL:**

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

**25. ADJOURNMENT:**

To adjourn at 8:18 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura D. McGuffey  
Village Clerk