

**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
January 26, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Powell at 7:07 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

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

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 12, 2021 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 January 12, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 100,654.62

Check # 30893-30899
Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the January 12, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 75,080.58

Check # 30900-30936
Voided: None

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Stimach
Second: Trustee Miller

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 \$ 95,096.06. This payroll covers the period from January 16-31, 2021 for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Officials payroll from January 1-31, 2021 and the part-time payroll from January 1-15, 2021.
- B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 95,287.08
- C. Total Expenditures: \$ 190,383.14

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Stimach
Second: Trustee Miller

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

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Letter from Chief of Police, Gary Wiseman Jr., requesting the official appointment of William Margalus as a Part-Time Police Officer to the Forest View Police Department.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint William Margalus as a Part-Time Police Officer to the Forest View Police Department.

Police Chief Wiseman spoke regarding his request for the Boards' approval to hire Part-Time Police Officer William Margalus. Officer Margalus is retired after thirty-three years of service with the Cook County Sheriff's Office. He retired in December 2020 with the rank of Sergeant. William Margalus is currently employed as a Part-Time Police Officer with Palos Park and was previously employed as a Part-Time Police Officer in Forest View from 2010-2016. A background check and fingerprints were completed. The Cook County Sheriff's Office said that he was a good and reliable Officer.

A Trustee asked why Officer Margalus was refused when he wanted to return to the Forest View Police Department after his 2016 departure.

Police Chief Wiseman mentioned that he was not aware of this situation.

To approve Agenda Item # 1

Motion: Trustee Kirchgatterer

Second: Trustee Miller

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

- F21-01 Jose Hernandez, 4610 S. Kenilworth Avenue, Residential Solar Panel Installation.
- F21-02 Park 'N Fly/Avail by Allstate, 5200 W. 47th Street, Modular Structure for Car Sharing Business at the Park 'N Fly Facility.
- F21-03 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC)/Kinder Morgan, 4811 S. Harlem Avenue, Remove Waste Oil Tank.
- F21-04 Fed Ex Freight Distribution Facility, 4800 S. Central Avenue, Install Electric Service to Four Data Closets on the Dock Floor.

A Trustee asked why MWRD received a fine on their permit.

Village Administrator Masciola stated that MWRD completed the work without a permit. The Village was waiting for the Certificate of Insurance from the contractor. The work was completed on December 1, 2020. The contractor did not submit the Certificate of Insurance until December 7, 2020.

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

1. Village Administrator Mark Masciola
 - We had an inspection at Old Dominion for the terminal expansion. The project is proceeding well. The walls, roof and floor are in. They are continuing on schedule.
2. Superintendent Water & Public Works Jack O'Donohue

- Thanked the Public Works crew, William Hughes, Tanner Miller and Victor Dantino for the outstanding work clearing the snow. They worked late, came in early and did a great job. Their work is greatly appreciated.
- Reminder for our Residents; please do not throw the snow back in the street after Public Works has cleared the roads. This makes the roads unsafe for travel.

A Trustee asked if the levee was done also.

Superintendent O'Donohue stated there is still snow on the levee.

Village President Powell thanked Public Works for doing a great job keeping the Forest View streets very clean.

A Trustee mentioned how the Forest View streets are always clear and cleaner than any of our surrounding towns.

Village President Powell mentioned a sign located at 46th Street and Oak Park Avenue that has graffiti on it.

Superintendent O'Donohue stated that they will take a look at the sign.

3. Police Chief Gary Wiseman Jr.
 - Thanked Public Works for an outstanding job. Their work is appreciated.
 - Provided Police Reports for January 12th – 25th.
4. Fire Chief Tom Heller
 - As Village Administrator Masciola stated, we had an inspection at Old Dominion and a second inspection for plumbing. The project is moving forward.
 - Assisted McCook with a factory fire.
 - Thanked Pubic Works for their work.

B.) Reports from Village Trustees

A Trustee asked if an email was sent to our firefighters regarding a letter.

Village President Powell stated that he has been very busy with work and has not sent the email yet.

A Trustee stated that he felt Village President Powell was dishonest with the Board and the residents as he has not spoken to the Mayor of Stickney or the lawyers as previously stated.

Village President Powell stated that the attorneys spoke to us and we informed them that we are not interested in the Village of Stickney taking over our Fire Department. The lawyers were relaying that information to the Village of Stickney.

A Trustee mentioned that he thought we were checking to see if that letter was authentic. He felt there were no steps taken to do that.

Village President Powell stated that he will not be investigating the letter. The letter was not signed and no one came into his office to address the letter or concerns.

Discussion ensued about the letter, the time frame since the letter was received and not knowing who wrote the unsigned letter.

A Trustee asked a question regarding the two Police Officer complaints.

Village President Powell stated that the Union could not make the January 18th meeting so it was rescheduled. The Trustees can't be involved with this situation until it is resolved between the Officers and the Union. After the meeting and the situation is resolved, the Trustees will be informed.

C.) Report from the Village President

No report at this time.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

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

No public comments or questions from the audience.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 7:30 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Kirchgatterer

Second: Trustee Stimach

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Conklin
Village Clerk