

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
January 14, 2025**

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.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Miller 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, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska
Absent: Trustee Hubacek

4. SWEARING CEREMONY

Swearing in ceremony is being postponed until the January 28, 2025 board meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 10, 2024 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Liska, Sudkamp, Grossi, Nevarez
Abstain: Trustee Ramirez
No: NA
Motion Carried.

6. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS SPECIAL MINUTES

That the minutes of the special board meeting of December 18, 2024 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees Liska, Grossi, Nevarez, Sudkamp
Abstain: Trustee Ramirez
No: NA
Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures December 16 – Dec 31, 2024:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	102,370.75
Bills Payable	\$	<u>332,688.85</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$	435,059.60

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp
No: NA
Motion Carried.

8. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures January 1 – January 15, 2025:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	102,512.63
Bills Payable	\$	<u>524,776.58</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$	627,289.21

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Nevarez, Grossi, Ramirez, Liska
No: NA
Motion Carried.

9. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF December 31, 2024:

Cash Receipts:	\$	912,797.10
Sales Tax:	\$	64,523.38
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	41,674.81
Local Gas Tax:	\$	52,121.89
Interest:	\$	<u>9,170.37</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	1,080,287.55

Action Requested: None, information only.

10. TREASURERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024:

Revenues:	\$	360,990.60
Expenses:	\$	<u>2,170,705.51</u>
Expenses Exceeds Revenues	\$	(1,809,714.51)

The Board was notified that there were two large pay requests made for the Wenonah Sewer Project in the amount of \$1,897,455.82 and \$75,993.96 for the street resurfacing project. Requests have been submitted for reimbursement and payment is due soon.

11. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 Village Administrator DuRocher to discuss replacing Administrator Dropka as the authorized check signer and is requesting the Board approve Village Clerk/ Treasurer Laura McGuffey be substituted as an authorized signer.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Village Clerk/ Treasurer Laura McGuffey as an authorized check signer.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustee Ramirez, Sudkamp, Grossi, Nevarez, Liska
No: NA
Motion Carried

Agenda Item # 2 Village Administrator DuRocher is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 25-01, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Surplus Personal Property, a 2002 Elgin Street Sweeper Serial # P3885S that is no longer necessary or useful and will be sold in an amount of not less than 1,000 to Standard Equipment of Elmhurst.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-01, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Surplus Personal

Property, a 2002 Elgin Street Sweeper Serial # P3885S to Standard Equipment of Elmhurst.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustee Nevarez, Ramirez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp
No: NA
Motion Carried

Agenda Item # 3 Memo from Police Chief Zarate seeking the Board's approval to hire Elizabeth Summer Garcia for the position of Part-Time Record's Clerk.

Action Requested: Motion to approve hiring Elizabeth Summer Garcia for the position of Part-Time Record's Clerk.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustee Sudkamp, Nevarez, Ramirez, Liska, Grossi
No: NA
Motion Carried

12. NEW BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

Agenda Item # 4 Letter from Village Administrator DuRocher requesting the board issue a business license to John Napolitano, owner of Chicago Transload, LLC to open a business office at 5240 47th Street, Unit # 14 in Forest View. This business involves transloading, which allows product coming in from his Wisconsin location to be transferred to containers, then picked up and distributed from this location.

The board discussed this business license and the following two and were in favor of voting on all three together.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a business license to John Napolitano, owner of Chicago Transload, LLC to open a business office at 5240 47th Street, Unit # 14 in Forest View.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustee Sudkamp, Liska, Grossi, Ramirez, Nevarez
No: NA
Motion Carried

Agenda Item # 5 Letter from Village Administrator DuRocher requesting the board issue a business license to Raed Khatab owner of Khatab Enterprise Group, LLC dba CW Freight at 5240 47th Street, Unit # 10 in Forest View for an office and trucking / motor freight business.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a business license to Raed Khatab owner of Khatab Enterprise Group, LLC dba CW Freight at 5240 47th Street, Unit # 10 in Forest View for an office and trucking / motor freight business.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustee Sudkamp, Liska, Grossi, Ramirez, Nevarez
No: NA
Motion Carried

Agenda Item # 6 Letter from Village Administrator DuRocher requesting the board issue a business license to Christian Papano owner of Fine Brands International, LLC to open a business office at 5240 47th Street, in Forest View. He is starting a wholesale wine distribution business and would like to have an office at this location and distribute wine to restaurants and retailers.

Action Requested: Motion to approve a business license to Christian Papano owner of Fine Brands International, LLC to open a business office at 5240 47th Street, in Forest View. He is starting a wholesale wine distribution business and would like to have an office at this location and distribute wine to restaurants and retailers.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustee Sudkamp, Liska, Grossi, Ramirez, Nevarez
No: NA
Motion Carried

13. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

NF 24-44 Justina Brownell, 4511 Maple Ave. Remove existing roof and install new asphalt architectural shingles with code upgrade.

F25-01 Lucia Valadez, 4504 Wisconsin Ave. Com Ed Weatherization Program. Air Seal & insulate attic, insulate banjoists, replace bath exhaust fan, insulate exterior walls, replace exhaust fan vent kit.

Action requested: None, informational only.

14. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) REPORTS FROM INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR:

Interim Administrator John Durocher discussed the following items:

Item # 1 Village Administrator DuRocher to inform the Board that we will be having a public hearing and potential vote on the annexation of the Combined Warehouse facility on Central Ave.

John told the board that more information will be discussed at a Public Hearing on January 28, 2025.

Item # 2 Village Administrator DuRocher to discuss a request from Mr. Mohammed Nafe who submitted a preliminary application to develop a Potential Gas Station at the Northeast Corner (NEC) at 4529 S. Harlem Ave.

Discussion ensued. John stated that the current zoning code would have to be changed, there would be a decrease in residential property values. In conclusion the board told John that they are not in favor of a second gas station built on this property.

Item # 3 Village Administrator DuRocher to discuss criminal background checks done on all businesses that were brought up in the last board meeting. He would like consensus from the Board that we look to modify our business license application with advice from our Village Attorney.

Discussion ensued and the board is in favor of modifying the business license application process and implementing background checks for all businesses.

Item # 4 Village Administrator DuRocher announced that that our reimbursement request for \$100,000 for the 46th the State of Illinois has approved Street Reconstruction Grant. This is 100% of the grant money.

John told the board that the Grant check for \$100,000.00 is forthcoming.

Item # 5 Village Administrator DuRocher to discuss the West Central Municipal Conference and a number of their subcommittees.

Superintendent of Water & Public Works Miller reported:

- Mentioned that there was a water break last week, a called in a surveyor to located the leak along the train tracks by APEX. Riccio replaced a valve and MWRD will need to make the repairs.

Police Chief Zarate reported:

- Reported on the Police Department Activity report for the month of December 2024.

They issued 20 Traffic State Citations, 96 Parking /Ordinance Tickets, 11 Accident Reports (Crash), for a Total of 166 Service Calls. There were 5 arrests, 3 misdemeanors, and 0 Felonies. Monies generated by the Police Department Total Paid Parking/Ordinance Tickets \$ 1,550.00, 4 Tow Seizures at \$ 3,000.00, Truck Enforcement \$ 0.00, total combined \$4,550.00.

- Reported that EPA and County are working on several issues with a company on Forest View Terminal Drive.
- Announced in the meeting that Officer Gerardo Martinez had graduated from the academy and was congratulated by everyone who attended the meeting.
- Reported on an incident in town where there was a loud party during the holiday.
- Mentioned that two new police vehicles are ready for pickup and were in the budget.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Reported on the Fire Department Activity report for the month of December 2024. They received a total of 51 calls that included 18 EMS calls, 20 Fire calls, 10 motor vehicle accidents, and 3 Fire other calls for invalid assists / stand by-fill ins. The Fire Department did 0 fire station tours and completed 435 hours of training.

C.) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Liska

- Commented that he welcomed new residents in the village and gave them a welcome packet and brought cookies from Webbers Bakery Cookies.

Trustee Sudkamp

- Inquired about when an employee can be eligible for IMRF and was told that employees are eligible for IMRF after they have worked 1000 hours.

Trustee Nevarez

- Asked Chief Zarate if they could install one-way signs. Trustee Grossi stated that the police should go after the vehicles that have bad plates and broken taillights.

Trustee Sudkamp

- Asked Chief Zarate about a camera on the South side of 47th street near the river. The Chief stated that that it is owned by the Village of Lyons and is part of the Flock Camera System.

D.) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

No reports

11. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Forest View Park District Recreation Director Dawn Walzak

- Stated on behalf of the Stickney Forest View Lions Club that they would like to host a Fun Walk in the park on April 12th to support Diabetes. More details to follow.

18. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

14. ROLL CALL

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

20. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk