

**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 12, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Powell at 7:02 P.M.

Village President Powell wished everyone a Happy New Year.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller, Stimach, Kirchgatterer
Absent: None

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 24, 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 MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 15, 2020 be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Kirchgatterer
Second: Trustee Stimach

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

6. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CHECK REGISTER:

- A. To approve the check register from the payroll of the December 15, 2020 board meeting in the amount of \$ 95,787.22.

Check # 30811-30817

Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the December 15, 2020 board meeting in the amount of \$ 68,819.08.

Check # 30818-30856

Voided: None

- A. To approve the check register from the payroll of the December 22, 2020 board meeting in the amount of \$ 88,955.94.

Check # 30857-30864

Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the December 22, 2020 board meeting in the amount of \$ 99,461.49.

Check # 30865-30892

Voided: None

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Kirchgatterer

Second: Trustee Stimach

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES:

- A. To approve the village payroll in the gross amount of \$ 100,654.62. This payroll covers the period from January 1-15, 2021 for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Officials payroll from January 1-31, 2021 and the part-time payroll from December 16-31, 2020. Also included is the quarterly drill pay.

- B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 75,080.58.

- C. Total Expenditures: \$ 175,735.20

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Kirchgatterer
Second: Trustee Miller

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

8. REPORTS OF REVENUE – As of December 31, 2020:

Cash Receipts:	\$	301,853.59
Sales Tax:	\$	32,419.92
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	25,599.73
Interest:	\$	166.98
Local Gas Tax:	\$	<u>17,270.42</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	377,310.64

Action Requested: None, information only.

9. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Mark L. Goddard as a Full-Time Police Officer to the Forest View Police Department.

Police Chief Wiseman spoke regarding the request to hire Officer Mark Goddard as a Full-Time Police Officer. He mentioned that Officer Goddard is a Part-Time Officer with the Village of Forest View as of October, 2020, and has worked an excessive number of hours to cover shift shortages in the Police Department. Officer Goddard has prior experience as a Full-Time Security Protection Officer; Full-Time Police Officer with the City of Chicago; and is an Air Force Combat Veteran with two deployments to Iraq. Our Full-Time Officers stated that he is very knowledgeable and would be a great asset to the Police Department.

Trustees expressed concern about the full-time appointment of Officer Goddard. They made a few suggestions such as the option to wait until April to hire any Full-Time Police Officers; a request to include background information for new hires in the Board Packets for review in the future; and the timeframe that Officer Goddard has been employed with Forest View.

Police Chief Wiseman stated that the department was down two Police Officers, explained the need to hire Full-Time Officers and our Police Officers felt Officer Goddard was experienced and ready to go full-time.

A Trustee asked how long the probationary period lasts.

Police Chief Wiseman indicated there is an eighteen-month probation period.

A Trustee made it clear that the Police Chief would make any decisions during that time, not the Board of Trustees.

Questions were asked and discussion ensued regarding the reason Officer Goddard had left the City of Chicago's Police Department.

Police Chief Wiseman stated that he is very experienced and left the City of Chicago on good terms.

Village Administrator Masciola noted that background information was provided to the board in the October 27, 2020 memo.

Village President Powell stated that a Full-Time Police Officer would help financially due to less overtime for the officers having to cover open shifts.

To approve Agenda Item # 1

Motion: Trustee Kirchgatterer

Second: Trustee Stimach

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Stimach, Kirchgatterer, Village President Powell

No: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Miller

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 – Letter from Village Administrator, Mark C. Masciola and Village Accountant Joy M. Conklin regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Financial Report.

Action Requested: None, information only.

Village Administrator Masciola presented the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Audit Report to the board. Any questions can be directed to Village Administrator Masciola or Village Accountant Conklin.

10. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

None

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

1. Village Administrator Mark Masciola

- The Village has received a reimbursement of \$127,171.33 from Cook County for our allocation of the Corona Virus Relief Fund under the Cares Act.
2. Superintendent Water & Public Works Jack O'Donohue
 - No new news to report at this time.
 3. Police Chief Gary Wiseman Jr.
 - Provided Police Reports for December 15, 2020 - January 11, 2021.
 4. Fire Chief Tom Heller
 - We had 599 calls for year 2020.

B.) Reports from Village Trustees

A Trustee had a question regarding a letter discussed in a prior Closed Session.

Village President Powell stated that he was in contact with the Mayor of Stickney and the Village Attorney regarding the letter. All of the Forest View Firemen will receive an email and we will move forward from there.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeframe and the reason we could not have an Executive Meeting regarding this matter. Also discussed was the letter that was sent to the Mayor of Stickney and the letter that was sent to the Village from Stickney's Legal Department.

Village President Powell stated that the Attorneys are in touch and this matter is being looked into.

A Trustee asked if there were any updates from Village Attorney Murphey regarding the ongoing investigation.

Village President Powell stated that there was a meeting scheduled with the Union and Police Officers regarding this matter.

A Trustee asked when we expect to have the surplus vehicles sold.

Village Administrator Masciola stated we are making arrangements with Gov Deals to get the vehicles posted and start the bidding. We hope to move the vehicles by next month.

A Trustee asked when they would receive the updates for their Code Books. The last update was done in 2018.

Village Administrator Masciola stated the Code Books are updated once per year. The Ordinances to be codified have been sent to American Legal, the company that took over

for Sterling Codifiers. Once we receive the updates, we will get them in all of the Code Books.

Village Clerk Conklin stated that things are taking longer due to the Pandemic. Many people are working remotely, causing longer delays.

C.) Report from the Village President

Nothing to report.

12. 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 7:33 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Kirchgatterer

Second: Trustee Miller

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Conklin
Village Clerk