

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
VILLAGE HALL – BOARD MEETING ROOM
August 24, 2021**

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.

Village Attorney John Murphey was in attendance.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Liska
Absent: None

4. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY: Village Trustee Midalia Nevarez

Trustee Midalia Nevarez was sworn in by Village Attorney John Murphey.

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 10, 2021 be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Liska, Grossi
No: None
Abstain: Trustee Nevarez
Motion Carried.

6. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CHECK REGISTER:

- A. To approve the check register from the payroll of the August 10, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 89,324.47.

Check # 31508-31517
Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the August 10, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 20,208.58.

Check # 31518-31549

Voided: None

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Ramirez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp

No: None

Abstain: Trustee Nevarez

Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES:

- A. To approve the village payroll in the gross amount of \$ 90,902.33. This payroll covers the period from August 16-31, 2021 for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Officials payroll from August 1-31, 2021 and the part-time payroll from August 1-15, 2021.

- B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 46,424.67**
****Includes 3 manual checks totaling \$550.11**

- C. Total Expenditures: \$ 137,327.00

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek

No: None

Abstain: Trustee Nevarez

Motion Carried.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 - Letter from President Miller requesting the board's approval to appoint Laura McGuffey as the Village Clerk/Treasurer.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Laura McGuffey as the Village Clerk/Treasurer.

Village President Miller is requesting the appointment of Laura McGuffey as the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Treasurer to the Fire & Police Pension Boards and Village Representative to the Police Pension Board.

To approve Agenda Item # 1

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez

No: None

Abstain: Trustee Nevarez

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 - Letter from Village Administrator Mike Dropka requesting the board's approval to appoint Mark Jones as the Fire Chief of the Forest View Fire Department.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Mark Jones as the Fire Chief of the Forest View Fire Department.

Discussion ensued regarding how many applications were turned in, interviews and the probation period.

To approve Agenda Item # 2

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Liska

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Ramirez, Liska

No: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp

Abstain: Trustee Nevarez

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3 - Letter from Village Administrator Mike Dropka regarding the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program and Grant.

Action Requested: Motion to proceed with ComEd Energy Efficiency Program and Grant, and to approve the village portion of the grant not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Discussion ensued regarding the Lighting Project, a Grant, a refund from ComEd for the water tower electric bills, negotiation timeframe and installation timeframe.

To approve Agenda Item # 3

Motion: Trustee Hubacek

Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Liska, Grossi

No: None
Abstain: Trustee Nevarez
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 4 - Letter from Acting Police Chief Biana Zarate requesting to purchase a new squad car: 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor Utility AWD, including equipment, graphics, modem and Dell Rugged 14 laptop.

Action Requested: Motion to approve purchasing a new 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor Utility AWD, equipment, graphics, modem and Dell Rugged 14 laptop in an amount not to exceed \$ 52,500.00

Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of the new vehicle, availability and timeframe for graphics to be completed.

To approve Agenda Item # 4

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Ramirez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp
No: None
Abstain: Trustee Nevarez
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 5 -Letter from Village Administrator Mike Dropka regarding a Comcast Business Upgrade from residential services to business services in Village Hall.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Comcast Business Upgrade at a cost not to exceed \$ 1,500.00 and to allow the Village Administrator to sign all documents related to the upgrade.

Discussion ensued regarding Comcast business service compared to the residential service that we currently have, outages and future upgrades for the phone system. We will compare AT&T Business to Comcast Business before upgrading.

To approve Agenda Item # 5

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek
No: None
Abstain: Trustee Nevarez
Motion Carried.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

- NF21-29 Ana Trinidad, 4502 Maple Avenue, Replacing Tile & Grout.
NF21-30 Ron Witt, 4514 Grove Avenue, Replace Shingles in one area.
- NF21-31 Cindy Medina, 4521 Home Avenue, Replace Kitchen Cabinets, Bathroom Ceramic & First Floor Flooring.
- F21-40 Graham Enterprise, 4701 Central Avenue, Building approximately a 3000 square foot addition and an Exterior Face Lift.
- F21-41 Graham Enterprise, 4701 Central Avenue, Demolishing Existing Car Wash.
- F21-42 Azteca Foods, Inc., 5005 Nagle Avenue, Repave Existing Asphalt Only.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

1. Acting Police Chief Zarate
 - One of our longtime residents had passed away.
 - One Officer was released from FTO Training, another will be ready for duty.
 - Assisted ISP with a fatal crash on I55 near Cicero Avenue.
 - School patrol is out making sure the kids are safe as school is back in session.
 - Full-Time Police Officer Cipriani has resigned.

Police activity and the amount of stops in town was discussed.

2. Fire Crew on Duty
 - No news to report at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding the Block Party and the bouncy house.

Village President Miller mentioned that the Fire Department stopped at the Block Party to visit, hose the kids down, pass out hats and wristbands and take a group photo that we will include in the Fall Newsletter.

3. Tanner Miller, Water Operator
 - Lakeshore Recycling called, they could not close their fire hydrant. Public Works arrived and had to shut it down in the ground. Contractors use this hydrant, and if the proper wrench is not used, they could strip it causing an issue with shut down. A supplier will be coming out to see which parts are

needed. The Fire Department has a key on the truck to open the fire hydrant if needed for an emergency.

- On August 18, 2021 we received an alarm at three a.m. for a low chlorine level at the pump house. After testing the levels, everything looked good. At four a.m. we received an alarm again. Upon inspection, the chlorine level had to be raised. In the morning, we noticed some lines were clogged. The lines were changed and everything is working. No residents were affected.
- We have raised the No Semi sign on 46th & Harlem Avenue. We ordered the Con Global Entrance sign with their entrance address to be installed under the No Semi sign. Hopefully this will cut down on truck traffic.
- The property north of the pump house was contacted and trees were cut and removed away from the pump house fence line.
- There was a shipping incident with the lead & copper testing samples. We will be resubmitting samples.

4. Village Administrator Mike Dropka

- Sent a letter to MWRD regarding the possibility of using their truck scale to begin implementing an overweight truck ticketing program with the Police Department. We would enter into an intergovernmental agreement.
- Initial results are starting to come in from Azavar. We found three places that are giving sales tax to Chicago instead of Forest View. Work is continuing on this.
- Working with Brad Clark on putting together a plan to televise and clean the storm and sanitary sewer and water pipes. A request for proposals will be put together by Hancock Engineering. This has not been done in approximately twenty years. The condition of the pipes should be viewed before any street resurfacing is done. This may have to be completed in two phases.
- Brad Clark came out and we walked the levee. As confirmed and initially discussed, the levee is not complete and still needs work to be done. Brad and I will be restarting the conversation with the Army Corps of Engineers to get this going.
- Met with BP on August 12, 2021 regarding the upgrade of their location as well as the proposal that was presented. Working together with Joy and researching numbers to see how this plan will benefit the Village.
- We had our initial Oktoberfest meeting. Met with the Park District and we will be working together on this event. Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Found a Forest View Fire Department trailer parked in the garage at Kinder Morgan. The trailer has been there for years.

B.) Reports from Village Trustees

No reports at this time.

C.) Report from the Village President

No reports at this time.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

Sergeant Salvador Rodriguez's wife spoke regarding her husband.

Village President Miller stated that this should not be discussed at an open meeting.

12. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:52 P.M.:

To consider individual employee personnel matters, pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez
No: None
Abstain: Trustee Nevarez
Motion Carried.

13. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:45 P.M.:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Liska, Nevarez
No: None
Motion Carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Conklin
Village Clerk