

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW  
VILLAGE HALL – BOARD MEETING ROOM  
October 25, 2022**

**BOARD MEETING:**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President at 7:00 P.M.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska  
**Absent:** Trustee Grossi  
**No:** NA

- **APPROVE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – September 27, 2022**

**Action Requested:** Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

- **APPROVE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – October 11, 2022**

**Action Requested:** Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

**6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES – October 1 – October 15, 2022**

1.)	Payroll – Full-time/Part-Time/Officials:	\$	115,517.54
2.)	Bills Payable:	<u>\$</u>	<u>113,070.86</u>
3.)	Total Expenditures:	\$	228,588.40

Action Requested: Motion to Approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

**7. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES – Retro Earnings 7/1/21 – 8/31/22 paid 10/1/22**

1.)	Special Payroll for Police Dept (Comp, Retro)	<u>\$</u>	<u>42,416.21</u>
3.)	Total Expenditures:	\$	42,416.21

Action Requested: Motion to Approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

**8. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES – Retro Earnings 7/1/21 – 8/31/22 paid 10/18/22**

1.)	Special Payroll for Police Dept (Comp, Retro)	<u>\$</u>	<u>30,548.17</u>
3.)	Total Expenditures:	\$	30,548.17

Action Requested: Motion to Approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

**9. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES – October 16, 2022 – October 31, 2022:**

1.) Payroll – Full-time/Part-Time/Officials:	\$ 112,514.21
2.) Bills Payable:	<u>\$ 261,231.67</u>
3.) Total Expenditures:	\$ 373,745.88

Action Requested: Motion to Approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

**10. REPORTS OF REVENUES as of September 30, 2022**

Cash Receipts:	\$ 255,237.05
Sales Tax:	\$ 61,138.91
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$ 50,654.37
Interest:	\$ 5,360.94
Local Gas Tax:	<u>\$ 38,505.56</u>
Total Revenue:	\$ 410,896.83

Action Request: None, information only.

**11. TREASURER’S REPORT FOR September 2022**

Revenues:	\$ 367,115.97
Expenditures:	<u>\$ 345,849.67</u>
Revenues Exceed Expenses:	\$ 21,266.30

Action Request: None, information only.

**12. Departmental Correspondence:**

**Agenda Item # 1** – Letter from Village President, Nancy Miller, regarding the approval of Resolution No. R22-11, A Resolution in Recognition of the Retirement of Long Time Employee, John Murphey, from the Village of Forest View.

**Action Requested:** Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-11.

- Village President Miller read Resolution No. R22-11 in the board meeting and thanked John Murphey for his outstanding service to the Village of Forest

View. She mentioned that he was the Village Attorney from 1977 through 2022.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

- Village Attorney Murphey talked about his 46 years of practicing law. He commented that 45 years ago when he first started working for the Village his first meeting was in the Fire House since the new Village hall was still being built. He said that he owes everything to the Village for allowing him to grow and was very thankful to the people of Forest View. He said that he is not going anywhere and that he will still work as a council part-time for the village when they need him. He introduced Attorney Mike Hayes who was in the audience and said that he worked closely together and will be the go-to person for Administrator Dropka. In conclusion, he said that people ask him what the secret to longevity is. “Work hard, be honest, love the client, and Forest View gave him this opportunity”.

**Agenda Item # 2** – Letter from Administrator Dropka, to discuss the Red-Light Camera documentation and adopt the resolution indemnifying and holding harmless the State of Illinois for any claims that may be made to the Department of Transportation as a result of the operation of photo enforcement equipment. This documentation is needed by the Illinois Department of Transportation as we move forward toward the installation of red-light cameras at 47<sup>th</sup> street and Central Avenue.

**Action Requested:** Motion to adopt the resolution indemnifying and holding harmless the State of Illinois for any claims that may be made to the Department of Transportation as a result of the operation of photo enforcement equipment.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

**Agenda Item # 3** – Letter from Administrator Dropka with a proposal from Hub International to renew the Environmental liability/pollution insurance policy that is required on all MWRD easements and leases. He is requesting the Board approve

renewing the three-year insurance policy with Hub International at a premium cost of \$ 21,011 effective from 11/01/2022 – 11/1/2025

**Action Requested:** Motion to approve renewing the three-year insurance policy with Hub International at a premium cost of \$ 21,011 effective from 11/01/2022 – 11/1/2025

Motion: Trustee Nevarez  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

**Agenda Item # 4** – Letter from Administrator Dropka to discuss the 911 Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Cicero and the Village of Forest View. The agreement is good for 5 years, until April 30, 2028, and allows us to extend/renew the contract in 2026.

**Action Requested:** Motion to approve the 911 Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Cicero and the Village of Forest View. The agreement is good for 5 years, until April 30, 2028, and allows us to extend/renew the contract in 2026.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

**Agenda Item # 5** – Letter from Police Chief Stelter requesting approval to hire Jorge Sanchez as a part-time Police Officer.

**Action Requested:** Motion to approve hiring Jorge Sanchez as a part-time Police Officer.

Motion: Trustee Liska  
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

**Applications for use of the Village Hall:**

**Agenda Items # 6** - Resident Bee Kirchgatterer is requesting the Board’s approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, December 10, 2022. The request is for a Christmas Party to be held from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for approximately 80 guests.

**Action Requested:** Motion for the Board to approve the rental of the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, December 10, 2022, to Bee Kirchgatterer from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for approximately 80 guests for a private event.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

• **Applications for Permits:**

**A. Residential Building Permit Applications:**

- F 22-45 Tom and Laverne Cichon, 4511 Wisconsin Ave. Install electrical outlets on the front of the house outside and in the living room. Change the existing light fixture on the porch.
- F 22-46 David Figueroa, 4559 S. Grove. Demolish garage. Build a 20’ x 22’ detached garage and install electric and concrete floor.
- NF 22-51 Linda Waszak, 4529 Clinton Ave. Replace the roof on the house and garage. Replace all existing flashings and install new ice and water shield.
- NF 22-52 Laura McGuffey, 4600 S. Wenonah. Replace the existing furnace.

**Action Requested:** None, information only.

**B. Commercial Building Permit Applications:**

- F 22-47 CAT Scale Company (BP), 4701 S. Central Ave. Installation of a Certified Commercial Truck Scale/Foundation and Overhead Internal Sire Directional Sign direly above the truck scale.

**Action Requested:** Motion to Approve Commercial Permit # F 22-47 to CAT Scale Company (BP).

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Hubacek

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska, Ramirez  
Absent: Trustee Grossi

No: NA  
Motion Carried.

- ✓ Trustee Sudkamp inquired if the Village will be able to use their truck scales

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### **A.) Reports from Department Heads**

#### **Village Administrator Dropka reported:**

- He met with our benefit insurance representatives and Joy Conklin to go over our employee medical insurance plan options for the upcoming Open Enrollment. Currently, employees are only offered the HMO plan with a high deductible. He reported that a number of employees asked if they could be offered another option such as a PPO plan. Representatives from the benefits insurance company will present other options that will be available to our employees and will answer any questions they may have on November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Chief Stelter and he continue to meet with Conduent, the company that we hired to install the red-light cameras at 47<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue to meet deadlines and make sure that the project continues on time.
- Discussed that the project on 47<sup>th</sup> and Central regarding the village taking over the sanitary and sewer system continues to be ongoing.
- Current Technologies and Mercury Technologies continue to perform different tasks to address different issues and deficiencies with our systems.
- Informed the Board that the Army Corps of Engineers is scheduling an inspection of the completed portion of the Forest View Levee (north of 47<sup>th</sup> Street) in the next few weeks and is looking forward to meeting face-to-face with them to talk about completing the overall levee project on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.
- Detailed that he is working on a several items for the November Meetings that will include the Annual Audit, the institution of a truck parking tax, fees for the Fire Department and addressing the calls they respond to. Instituting a performance guarantee for projects that are completed for the village, an increase in video gaming terminal taxes, an update to the towing ordinance and an update to our P-Ticket ordinance.
- Announced that the Veterans Day program is coming together. A quest speaker will be the Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks from Brookfield. Our keynote speaker will be Staff Sgt. Adrian Del Toro from the Illinois National Guard. The Home School Elementary School Choir will sing the national anthem. We will have taps and a rifle salute followed by refreshments. The program will take place outside by the flag pole at 11 am on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Halloween house decorating contest has ended. The judges went out the past few nights and the totals have been tallied. There were seven households that signed up for the competition. The first-place winner was 4524 Wisconsin Ave, second-place winner was 4503 Wenonah Ave. and third-place winner was 4526 Wisconsin Ave. The winners

received a Halloween blanket, a gift bag full of assorted goodies, and twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars or fifty (\$50.00) dollar gift card from Shell.

- Provided information regarding the Santa letters and our agreement with the North Pole will be published in our next newsletter. We are inviting all kids in the village to write letters to Santa Clause. Then drop them off at the Village Hall anytime between November 14 and December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will get the letters up to Santa himself and he will even provide kids with a response!

#### **Public Works Assist Superintendent Miller:**

- Reported that internet has been installed at the pump house and now Public Works will be able to set up cameras that are motion detected and be able to monitor the pump house from the village hall and also set up the new door lock system.
- With the internet they will also be able to upgrade the SCADA / Alarms system water treatment. The current system is outdated and the alarms are not working properly. They will be able to monitor from a remote location. They have received one quote and are waiting on one more before deciding what size system to go.
- Passed out leaf bags to residents in the village and mentioned that they have some extra bags in Public works if anyone needs extras. Also commented that one resident who has lawn care service returned her bags.
- Reported that with the help of Chief Jones they borrowed a pump from Homeland security to attempt to pump out the water in the tunnel shaft using two 30-foot hoses but it did not work and said that they need to get a solid 60-foot hose to pump the water out of the shaft.
- Tim reached out to Riccio about getting jersey barriers to revamp the Salt piles and we plan to mount a cover over the pile that will be a permanent structure.
- Commented that the new tractor was delivered.
- Andreas will replace 5 remaining sidewalk squares.
- New Bobcat for sidewalk snow removal should be delivered by the end of October.
- The tree trimming is almost complete except for 46<sup>th</sup> and Maple and Wisconsin Aves.
- The 2002 street sweeper went down and will be repaired next Tuesday. Last year only the arms were repaired, and they did not inspect the entire machine. Stickney will do our street sweeping this Friday.

#### **Police Chief Stelter:**

- Commented that both Chief Jones and him are pleased with the dispatch center transitions.
- Reported that for the next two weeks we will have Cicero dispatchers coming to the station at various days and times to do ride-a-longs with our officers and become familiar with the town.
- Communicated that he has five individuals who interested in the new Corporal position for the midnight shift. He will administer a written test on November 21<sup>st</sup> and after a few days there will be an interview panel and hopefully we will have two new Corporals for the Police Department.

#### **Fire Chief Jones:**

- Communicated that on Saturday they had their Open House and had about 30 to 40 people filter in to the Fire house. They were able to see the firehouse and had a demonstration



using the new extraction tools they had purchased and show them how and why they do these auto extractions.

- Reported on his department calls for September, 4 Fire-Station tours and 476 hours of training for the department.

**B.) Reports from Village Board Trustees:**

- Trustee Liska inquired if the budget next year would include updating the Art Treckler Room and also including the Village Website in the budget.
- Discussion ensued between Chief Stelter and Trustee Ramirez regarding the Forest View Police Departments Facebook page.
- Trustee Nevarez suggested that for the Christmas Decorating contest the board invite the winners to pick up their contest prize at the board meeting so we have their pictures for the newsletters.
- Chief Stelter was asked by the Trustees if he would be hiring a second dispatch person to work the afternoon shift. Chief stated that he has been interviewing a candidate of interest.
- Discussion ensued between Chief Stelter and Trustees Nevarez and Trustee Ramirez regarding the parking passes and an older resident who received a parking ticket.
- Discussion ensued with the Board regarding plans to distribute refrigerator magnets with the village phone numbers.

**C.) Reports from Village President:**

None

**1. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

Resident Bee Kirchgatterer reminded everyone that the Park District will be having Bunco night at the Park District in November 7<sup>th</sup>. She commented that a resident suggested on Facebook that the Village have a Chili Cook-Off. She said that the Park District will be scheduling a Chili cook-off and trivia night at the Village Hall on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.

**3. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

To adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey  
Village Clerk