

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW  
April 9, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Miller at 7:04 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, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska  
Absent: NA

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 26, 2024 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

**5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES**

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures March 15 – March 31, 2024:

1.)	Payroll – Full-time / Part-Time / Officials	\$ 106,779.98
2.)	Bills Payable	<u>\$ 95,619.69</u>
	Total Expenditures:	\$ 202,399.67

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

**6. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF March 31, 2024:**

Cash Receipts:	\$	768,185.45
Sales Tax:	\$	60,646.59
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	39,960.77
Local Gas Tax:	\$	43,203.36
Interest:	\$	19,740.73
Total Revenue:	\$	931,736.90

Action Requested: None, information only.

**7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

Agenda Item # 1 - Letter from Administrator Dropka is requesting the board to approve Resolution No. R24-06 authorizing the transfer of \$30,000 to the Forest View Fire Fighters Pension Fund and Resolution No. R24-07 authorizing the transfer of \$200,000 to the Forest View Police Pension Fund for Fiscal Year 2024.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R 24-06 authorizing the transfer of \$30,000 to the Forest View Fire Fighters Pension Fund for Fiscal Year 2024.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-07 authorizing the transfer of \$200,000 to the Forest View Police Pension Fund for Fiscal Year 2024.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

No: NA  
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 - Letter from Administrator Dropka is requesting the board to approve Ordinance No. 24-04 amending section 4-1-7 of the Forest View Village Code regulating the number of kitchens in single family residences.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-04 amending section 4-1-7 of the Forest View Village Code regulating the number of kitchens in single family residences.

Motion: Trustee Grossi  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 3 - Letter from Police Chief Zarate is seeking approval to hire Neil McMahon as a Part-time Police Officer.

Action Requested: Motion to approve hiring Neil McMahon as a Part-time Police Officer.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 4 - Letter from Fire Chief Jones is seeking approval to purchase one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer 4 Door AWD from Napleton Ford in Libertyville at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. The uplifting, installation and purchase of new equipment TBD.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer 4 Door AWD from Napleton Ford in Libertyville at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

## **10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

### **A) REPORTS OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

- Mentioned that Easter Eggs were delivered to all residents by the Easter Bunny in the early morning hours of Easter morning.
- Reported that he is working on a letter to MWRD regarding the issue on Canal Bank Road that has been mentioned at previous meetings and requested MWRD put our issues on their agenda.
- Stated the red-light project continues to be ongoing IDOT and they may approve our application later this month or in May.
- Discussed a conversation with IDOT regarding the traffic light replacement and bike path that they want to install on Harlem Ave and Forest View Terminal Drive. IDOT informed him that the proposed upgrades coincide with the Wenonah Ave Sewer Extension Project and will be meeting with IDOT and Kinder Morgan again soon.
- Continues to work on the Special Service Area tax for the businesses around Central and 47<sup>th</sup> Street and the voluntary application from a business on the corner of 51<sup>st</sup> street and Central.
- Reported that we will be working on the budget due to the fiscal year ends at the end of this month. He is drafting a memo to layout the proposed timeline for us to develop the budget for next year and is looking for feedback from department heads on the proposed timeline and meeting dates in case anyone is planning vacations.
- Mentioned that last year there was a discussion about if we would have our village wide garage sale on the same day as Stickney's. He reported that Stickney's village wide garage sale is July 27<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm. He asked the board if we should schedule our garage sale on the same day as Stickney.

*Discussion ensued with the pros and cons of having both towns participating on the same day and everyone in the meeting agreed that we should schedule our event at a different time. In conclusion Administrator Dropka stated that the Forest View Village Wide Garage Sale would be on July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>.*

### **B) REPORTS FROM CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

- Trustee Liska reported that the Fun Run Pet Walk flyers for May 18<sup>th</sup> have been delivered to Home School and he is contacting pet adoption agencies and cat rescues.
- He stated that Little League is interested, and he will know more in May.
- YMCA will be calling him back.
- The Parade will line up on 46<sup>th</sup> and Maple at 9:30 am and will start at 10:00 am. Fire and Police vehicles and other vehicles and stated that there will be no parking on Maple Ave. He discussed the parade route and that it will end with a Block Party in front of the Village Hall.
- He reported that he contacted Dawn from the Park District, and they will be participating in the Pet Walk and received contact information for a face painter.

- Clerk McGuffey stated the flyers were also delivered to the library and is working with the Lions Club, Hinsdale Humane Society and Boy Scout Troop 301 to see if they will participate.
- Announced that the September 14<sup>th</sup> date for the Centennial Event in the Park was canceled due to two other conflicting events. The Event in the Park will be rescheduled for September 28, 2024 and more information will be provided at a later time.

### **C) REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec reported:

- Announced that the Village of Forest View was officially a member of Tree City USA and thank the board for passing the resolutions and ordinance's helping us.
- Reported that public works had two scheduled digs earlier today.
- Mentioned that two valves will be going in on Wenonah and he will be sending out a code Red.
- Reported that the new sweeper that the board approved will be coming in tomorrow.
- Reported that on Monday that Preferred Plumbing was called in regarding an emergency hot water replaced on the first-floor maintenance room.
- Reported that the Wenonah Ave sewer project is slated for next week. He informed the board that they will start at Forest View Terminal Drive and move towards Wenonah Avenue and will keep the board updated.
- Mentioned he had a Pre-Con regarding the 2024 Street Project with M & J to discuss a start date and project expectations with the contractor this morning.
- Commented that a contractor came out this morning to look at the 50 / 50 aprons for the six residents who were interested and should start working in May.

*Trustee Sudkamp asked Frank if he could explain the speed bumps because he had been getting questions from residents on when and where the others would be installed. Frank stated that besides the two that had already been installed next week, Monday public works will be installing them on Oak Park, Wisconsin, and Wenonah Avenues. Sudkamp asked why they are not going across the entire street. Frank said that it would not be feasible if our fire department and police departments would need to go out in an emergency and would have to slow down.*

Police Chief Zarate reported:

- Commented that his department did not have any major incidents.
- Reported that a new Flock Camera and license plate reader on 48<sup>th</sup> and Harlem will be installed the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Reported that a Live Cam will be installed at the intersection of 46<sup>th</sup> and Harlem in the next couple of months and that the electrician is working on getting the power connected to the line.
- Mentioned that the new Speed Ordinance restrictions were put in place a couple of weeks ago. He went on to say that for the past week the new signs were installed and they notified the residents on the Forest View Police Department Face Book page so that there

would not be any surprises or issues and that the residents would be aware of the new ordinance. He said that they started enforcing this past week and the fine is \$250.00.

- Commented that April is Autism Awareness Month and that his department will be wearing the new multi-colored patches on their police uniforms.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Thanked the board for their support with everything.
- Reported that Cinder is getting big and is doing really good. She will have her second day of obedience training tomorrow. Her first one went well and he noticed she seems to be calming down a little and on walks in the village, when she sees a resident she sits down and likes meeting the residents.

**D.) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

- Trustee Grossi stated that at our next agenda he would like the board to reconsider penalties for Class D License violations. Administrator Dropka stated that he is putting something together.

**E.) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

- None

**11. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A resident provided a photo of four dogs sitting in the backyard and was told that the photo will be given to the Building Commissioner to see if there are any violations.
- Resident asked if the curbs will be replaced when they redo the streets. Superintendent Filec told her that the curbs are not scheduled to be replaced.
- Resident asked if they could install a shorter speed bump because, even when driving slow over the speed bump it was too high for her car. Supervisor Filec stated that these are the lowest speed bumps.

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:54 PM:**

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

**16. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Nevarez, Ramirez, Liska  
Also Present: President Miller, Administrator Dropka, Police Chief Zarate, Clerk McGuffey  
Absent: NA

**17. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:**

Agenda Item # 10 – To consider individual employee personnel matter, pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. (Discussion only)

**18. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:22 PM:**

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Hubacek  
Motion Carried.

**20. MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion: Trustee Grossi  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

**21. ROLL CALL:**

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

**22. ADJOURNMENT:**

To adjourn at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey

Village Clerk