

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
January 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 7:00 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, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska
Absent: Trustee Hubacek

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 12, 2024 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of December 31, 2023:

1.) Payroll – Full-time / Part-Time / Officials	\$ 115,949.33
2.) Bills Payable	<u>\$ 435,205.96</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$ 551,155.19

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of January 15, 2024:

1.) Payroll – Full-time / Part-Time / Officials	\$ 129,265.68
2.) Bills Payable	\$ 96,639.11
Total Expenditures:	\$ 225,904.79

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Liska

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

7. TREASURERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2023:

Revenues:	\$ 391,282.69
Expenses:	\$ 566,202.07
Exceeds Expenses:	\$ -174,929.38

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023:

Cash Receipts:	\$ 882,747.94
Sales Tax:	\$ 51,394.41
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$ 36,615.88
Local Gas Tax:	\$ 45,093.38
Interest:	\$ 18,391.22
Total Revenue:	\$ 1,034,242.83

Action Requested: None, information only.

9. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 - Letter from Administrator Dropka informing the board that California Auto/Chicago Liquors owners will be at the meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the property next door to their current business at 5201 – 5205 W. 47th Street. They are requesting the board’s approval to build on their own property at 5219 W. 47th Street and create another video gaming café, with a large parking lot to alleviate parking issues at their current business.

Action Requested: Motion to approve their plans subject to all appropriate permits, fees and plans are submitted.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Liska

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

Agenda Item # 2 - Letter from Administrator Dropka is requesting the board approve the Wenonah Avenue sewer easement agreement for ComEd so that we can perform work underneath the railroad tracks at the end of Wenonah Ave and pay a permit fee from ComEd of \$3,000.

Action requested: Motion to approve the Wenonah Avenue sewer easement agreement for ComEd so that we can perform work underneath the railroad tracks at the end of Wenonah Ave and pay a permit fee from ComEd of \$3,000.

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 3- Letter from Administrator Dropka requesting the board to authorize the village engineer to prepare an application to continue to seek funding for roadway improvements on 46th Street from Harlem Avenue to Oak Park Ave and to approve Resolution No. R24-01 authorizing the submittal of an application for funding of roadway improvements through the surface transportation Invest in Cook program. Through Central Regional Council of Mayors.

Action requested: Motion to approve authorizing the village engineer to prepare an application to continue to seek funding for roadway improvements on 46th Street from Harlem Avenue to Oak Park Ave and approve Resolution No. R24-01 authorizing the submittal of an application for funding of roadway improvements.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

Agenda Item # 4 - Letter from Administrator Dropka requesting the board approve Resolution No. R24-02 authorizing our village engineer to prepare an application for the West Central Council on Mayors asking for funding for resurfacing Oak Park Avenue.

Action requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-02 authorizing our village engineer to prepare an application for the West Central Council on Mayors asking for funding for resurfacing Oak Park Avenue.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from Administrator Dropka requesting the board approve Resolution No. R24-03 authorizing our village engineer to prepare an application to the West Central Council on Mayors asking for funding for installing lights on 47th Street.

Action requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-03 authorizing our village engineer to prepare an application to the West Central Council on Mayors asking for funding for installing lights on 47th Street.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Liska

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

Agenda Item # 6 - Letter from Administrator requesting the board's approval to replace the air compressor at the fire department with Air Comfort at a cost of \$8,716.

Action requested: Motion to approve replacing the air compressor at the fire department with Air Comfort at a cost of \$8,716.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 7 - Letter from Police Chief Zarate requesting the board's approval to hire Lynette Granger for the position of Part-Time record clerk.

Action requested: Motion to approve hiring Lynette Granger as a Part-Time Record clerk.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 8 - Letter from Public Works Superintendent Filec requesting to replace the outdated water fountain in the Village Hall main foyer with a new model to be installed by Preferred Plumbing, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Action requested: Motion to approve replacing the outdated water fountain in the Village Hall main foyer with a new model to be installed by Preferred Plumbing, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 9 - Letter from Public Works Superintendent Filec requesting approval for Lyons-Pinner Electric to replace the existing electrical panel in the pump house intake room and upgrade to a new weatherproof NEMA-4x panel at a cost of \$8,400.00.

Action requested: Motion to approve Lyons-Pinner Electric replacing the existing electrical panel in the pump house intake room and upgrade to a new weatherproof NEMA-4x panel at a cost of \$8,400.00.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

10. VILLAGE HALL ART TRECKLER ROOM RENTAL REQUEST:

Agenda Item # 10 - Resident Alejandra Chervinko is requesting to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm for approximately 50-80 guests for a birthday party.

Action requested: Motion to approve the rental of the Art Treckler Room to Alejandra Chervinko on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm for approximately 50-80 guests.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 11 - Resident John Marcynczak is requesting to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for approximately 35-40 guests for a birthday party.

Action requested: Motion to approve the rental of the Art Treckler Room to John Marcynczak on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for approximately 35-40 guests.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 12 – President Nancy L. Miller is requesting to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for approximately 15 guests for a baby shower.

Action requested: Motion to approve the rental of the Art Treckler Room to President Nancy L. Miller is requesting to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for approximately 15 guests.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Liska

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

11. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

NF23-40 Marge Bouma, 4501 Kenilworth Ave. Complete all repairs per scope of work and listed on the residential real estate inspection dated 12/07/23.

NF23-41 Adam & Kate Russell, 4601 Maple Ave. Complete all repairs per scope of work and listed on the residential real estate inspection dated 11/6/23.

Action requested: No action, information only.

12. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

- Reported that they had a good turnout for the Business Christmas Party on December 13th, and it was nice that the event gave the business owners a chance to get together and meet with each other and the office staff at a cost less than \$300.00.
- Reported that the new stop light at 49th and Central will be up and running by the end of fall this year after being on hold since 2017 and they have started to being work on this since all the plans and permits have been approved and recapped that FedEx is reimbursing the village for the cost of the construction.
- He stated that at the next board meeting he is hoping to have the Special Service Area Tax put together so that it can work through the process and eventually be implemented on the businesses on 47th Street.
- The Christmas House decorating contest had nine entries. The First-Place Winner was 4500 Maple; the Second-Place Winner was 4603 Clinton; and Third-Place Winner was 4608 Maple. Judging was done by a fireman, a policeman, and a resident during the week of Christmas. The winners received a Christmas gift package which included a gift card for Shell. All of the winners had prior commitments and could not come to today's board meeting to be presented with their prizes.
- Reported that we have been having routine Centennial Planning Committee meetings and things are progressing on that front. We should be able to present some dates for upcoming events soon.
- Reported that he heard back from his contacts with MWRD regarding the ongoing levee project. MWRD has finalized the scope of work with their consultant, and they expect that the remaining work to be done on the levee should begin this summer as long as everything makes its way through the permitting process.
- Commented that the WCMC Legislative Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 10th in Elmwood Park and asked the Board to please respond to him or Lucy by Friday if they would like to attend.

13. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec reported:

- Reported that Public Works repaired a big main break last week on our transmission lines on 51st Street which borders the CN track line. It was a three-day process to expedite a permit, complete the work, and have ATS come out and fix the water system.

- Reported that Public Works is ready for snow removal and salting the roads early that morning.
- The Salt dome is still a work in progress. He and our engineer have been pushing them to get it completed.

Police Chief Zarate reported:

- Commented they did not have any major incidents and that their officers are on the streets keeping everyone safe and secure.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Commented that his department has a baby seat car technician on staff and residents will be able to call them to have a car seat put in for them in March.
- Announced that he was delighted to inform the board that he found a two-month-old Dalmatian puppy. She will be able to grow into our environment, learn tricks and be a comfort dog.
- Reported that five members of his department will be taking the American Heart Association training to be CPR/First Aid instructors and then roll it out by March 1st. They plan to set up community classes every couple of months for anyone who wants to go through the training to be certified.

B) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Sudkamp stated he would like to see speed bumps all through the village.

C) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

- No reports.

14. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There were two complaints from residents who live in corner lots who were issued tickets for parking two feet on the sidewalk, who wanted to know what the ordinance is for parking in their driveway. Discussion ensued and they were told that the village parking code regulation states that parking is prohibited on sidewalks or cannot block more than two feet of a sidewalk. Trustee Grossi stated that per state law vehicles parked in driveways cannot block the sidewalks or the courtesy walks making wheelchairs and baby strollers inaccessible.
- A resident asked if the village will be posting photos and the winners of the Christmas House decorating contest. President Miller said that she would look at the photos to see if they are clear enough to post them in the newsletter.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:10 PM.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Liska

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

16. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Ramirez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Nevarez

Also Present: President Miller, Administrator Dropka, Clerk McGuffey

Absent: Trustee Hubacek

17. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Agenda Item # 13 – Requesting the board consider releasing or not releasing the Closed Session Minutes from 1/24/23, 5/24/23, 6/13/23, 6/27/23, 7/11/23, 7/25/23, 8/1/23, 8/22/23, 9/12/23, 11/14,23 pursuant to Section 2 (c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act that were approved in open session on December 12, 2023.

18. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:32 PM:

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

19. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska

Absent: Trustee Hubacek

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Action Requested: Motion to release or not release the Closed Session Minutes as discussed. (The final motion was approved by the Board to Release the Closed Minutes from 1/24/23, 5/24/23, 5/25/23, 7/25/23, 9/12/23, Redact and Release the Closed Minutes from 6/13/23, 8/1/23, and 8/22/23 and Not Release the Closed Minutes from 6/27/23, 7/11/23, 8/1/23, and 11/14/23).

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Grossi

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

20. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Ramirez

21. ROLL CALL:

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

22. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey

Village Clerk