

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW  
February 27, 2024**

**1. PRO TEM**

*Meeting started at 7:00 pm*

Agenda Item # 1 – Letter from Village Administrator Dropka regarding the absence of Village President Nancy Miller at the February 27, 2024 Board Meeting. The Illinois Compiled Statutes 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-35 paraphrased states, “In the absence of the president, the corporate authorities may elect one of their members to act as a temporary chairman. The temporary chairman shall have only the powers of a presiding officer and a right to vote only in the capacity as trustee on any ordinance, resolution, or motion.”

Action requested: The Illinois Compiled Statutes 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-35 and 1-7-4 of the Village Code. Motion to choose to elect one of their members to act as a temporary Chairman.

✓ *Motion was made to elect Trustee Grossi to act as temporary Chairman in President Millers absence.*

Motion : Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Liska

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

**2. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Trustee Mike Grossi (Pro Tem) at 7:01 P.M.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Mike Grossi (Pro Tem) led the Board Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. ROLL CALL**

The Roll Call of Board Trustees by Clerk McGuffey is as follows:

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

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 13, 2024 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

**6. SWEARING IN CEREMONY (Police Department)**

*Records Clerk Maria Guzman was sworn in as a Full Time Police Officer by Village Clerk McGuffey. Family, friends, and residents were present to congratulate and take photos.*

*Officer Jorge Sanchez was sworn in as a Corporal Police Officer by Village Clerk McGuffey. Family, friends, and residents were present to congratulate and take photos.*

**7. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES**

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of February 29, 2024:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	98,094.93
Bills Payable	\$	<u>289,901.03</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$	387,995.96

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Liska

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

**8. TREASURERS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024:**

Revenues:	\$	516,242.10
Expenses:	\$	<u>707,025.94</u>

Exceeds Expenses \$ -190,783.84

Action Requested:None, informational only.

**9. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

Agenda Item # 02 - Letter from Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec seeking to finalize and approve M and Q Construction Co. bid for \$1,962,675.00 for the work to be performed on the Wenonah Ave, sewer project.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Wenonah Ave Project bid M and Q Construction Co.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez  
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 03 - Letter from Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec seeking to go out to bid for the Village of Forest View's street resurfacing project. The village is looking to re-pave the 4500 blocks of Maple, Wisconsin, Kenilworth, and Grove Avenues.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Public Works and Novotny Engineering to start the bid process for the 2024 street resurfacing project.

Motion: Trustee Liska  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 04 – Letter from Village Administrator Dropka regarding the requests by village trustees to further discuss the purchase of speed bumps and speed humps. Based on previous discussions with the board he is requesting to purchase both speed bumps and speed humps to see which product will work better in the village.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the purchase of five (5) temporary Speed Bumps and five (5) temporary Speed Humps.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

## **10. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS:**

Agenda Item # 05 - F24-06 - PNF MDW TPS Parking MG (Business Name: The Parking Spot) 5200 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Replacement of all signage and branding from previous business (Park N' Fly) to new business (The Parking Spot).

Action Requested: Motion to approve Commercial Permit # F24-06.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

## **11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

### **A) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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

- Everyone is working hard organizing all the Photos and new paper clippings going back from 1950. It has been time consuming because everything was just stuffed in boxes .
- We have been filing all the photos and new articles in binders for each year and they will be laid out on the tables upstairs during our Photo Gallery Walk A Thon.
- Reminded everyone in the meeting that the Poster Contest ends March 4<sup>th</sup>. As of today, we received one entry and asked everyone to remind their neighbors to submit their posters. There will be a contest winner from each of the four categories and the prizes will be a \$ 25.00 gift certificate.
- I emailed all residents our Save the Date Event List and there are copies in the lobby.
- We are planning to decorate the Art Treckler room the week of March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup> so that the room is ready for our Wall Gallery Walk a Thon for the week of March 18<sup>th</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- We have ordered Balloons with the Centennial Logo printed on them and are looking to place an order for the other decorations, small giveaway items, such as bags and jar openers with the logos printed on them.

- Committee Member Midalia Nevarez has been purchasing some other decorations and we have another person coming in on March 1<sup>st</sup> to work with us on plans to put up some balloon arches and other items.
- Midalia is working on selecting t-shirts and sweatshirts with the Forest View Logo to purchase from the village.
- Public Works and Mike have been setting up the tables, chairs and the three wooden display cases that Mike received from the State of Illinois building at no cost.
- We have been gathering up other badges, uniforms, stars, and other items. The uniforms that we received will be displayed on two manikins. We are hoping to be done with the photos books and news binder and then we will be putting photos in frames and getting locks for the cabinets.
- Committee Member John Marbes is working on a PowerPoint presentation and will give a short historical lecture on the history of the village. We will have several guest speakers who will also lecture on the Police and Fire Department and then the artist who created the Chicago Portage monument will lecture about the Chicago Portal .
- Since the event will not start until 6pm we plan to serve cupcake's that will have a centennial chocolate coin, cheese and crackers, and a veggie tray and fruit tray coffee and water.

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

Police Chief Zarate reported:

- Reported on the Police Department Activity report for the month of January 2024. They issued 18 Traffic State Citations, 15 Parking Tickets, 19 P Traffic (Ordinance) Tickets, 7 Accident (Crash) Reports, for a Total of 132 Service Calls. There were 6 arrests, 4 misdemeanors, and 0 Felonies.
- Monies generated by the Police Department-Paid Parking/Ordinance Tickets \$1,500.00, 2 Tow Seizures at \$1,500.00, Truck enforcement \$75.00 for a total combined of \$3,075.00.
- Commented that his department did not have any major incidents.
- Briefly discussed that the protesting is still going on but has not had an effect on the village.

Fire Chief Jones reported:

- Reported that the Fire House dog Cinder is becoming very sociable and has been playing with other dogs.
- He commented that her checkup went very well and said that she was born on Halloween.
- Reported that Engine # 1 was towed to a mechanic to get an estimate on getting it back in shape.
- Mentioned that his department was busy assisting Summit with the Hazmat call on I55 and with the shooting in McCook.

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Filec reported:

- Reported on two water main breaks in the village on 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> blocks of Wenonah Ave.
- Met with our engineer early last week and looking at designs for landscaping renovations. They are going out for grants for the landscaping as well as grants to renovate the village hall upstairs and modernize the Art Treckler Room and the restrooms.
- Working on a process to get the generator outside replaced.
- Public Works Street Sweeper is in the shop getting looked at by Standard Equipment.

**D) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

- Trustee Grossi talked about when he first moved into the village 30 years ago and was visited by a Village Trustee who came to his house to welcome him and his family. He said that he would like to start this up again where we visit the new residents as they move in and bring them the welcome packet, briefly talk about the village, parking rules, etc. and answer any questions that they may have. He feels that this could be done in rotation between the seven members on board (six trustees and the president).
- Trustee Nevarez asked about the ordinance for the public parkway. Administrator Dropka stated that the ordinance will be brought to a future board meeting.

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

- Discussion ensued when a resident complained about her neighbor. Administrator Dropka and Chief Zarate told her that the resident was given a warning notice and that they have visited this property and have not found any violations. They told her that if she sees something again, she should call 911 or 411. Another resident stated that she is seeing someone living in a trailer in the back yard.
- Resident asked about the blocked streets in Stickney.
- Resident asked about the Village of Forest View signs. Superintendent Filec stated that he has been working on a design and it will be brought up to the board soon.

**13. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp  
 Second: Trustee Liska

**19. ROLL CALL:**

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

**20. ADJOURNMENT:**

To adjourn at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Laura D. McGuffey  
 Village Clerk