

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
March 14, 2023**

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, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska

Absent: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 28, 2023, be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees

No: None

Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of February 28, 2023:

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| 1.) | Payroll – Full-time / Par-Time / Officials | \$ 114,640.37 |
| 3.) | Bills Payable | \$ <u>79,575.318</u> |
| 4.) | Total Expenditures: | \$ 194,215.55 |

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Ramirez,
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

6. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023:

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| Cash Receipts: | \$ 233,430.79 |
| Sales Tax: | \$ 84,475.82 |
| Home Rule Sales Tax: | \$ 41,013.55 |
| Local Gas Tax: | \$ 42,787.52 |
| Interest: | <u>\$ 11,131.79</u> |
| Total Revenue: | \$ 409,839.47 |

Action Requested: None, information only.

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Agenda # 1 – Letter from Village Administrator Dropka to discuss awarding a Class E liquor license to the village or another governmental body when it is a (BYOB) event in the Art Treckler Room upstairs in the Village Hall. He is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 23-02 amending the Village Code to create an additional Class E Liquor License referring to “Bring Your Own Beverage” (BYOB).

Action Requested: Motion to approve amending Ordinance No: 23-02.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda # 2 – President Miller to discuss the food pantry that was donated by the Lions Club.

✓ *President Miller stated that she wanted to talk about the Food Pantry that was donated to the village by the Lions Club and asked for comments from the Board. She said that it is currently in Public Works and that it is a small cabinet approximately 5 ½ feet by 3 feet and asked the Trustees if they had any comments on where to put the cabinet. President Miller suggested putting it upstairs in the hallway next to the coat rack and that people could bring food and take food during our*

regular business hours. Trustee Liska asked if the library or any churches provide a food pantry. President Miller said that St. Pius has one but was not sure for how long since they have consolidated with St. Leonard in Berwyn. Trustee Liska commented that he and his wife are involved with Home School and that there are families at the school who are struggling. President Miller asked if they wanted to take a vote on it. It was suggested that we try it and see if anyone uses it.

Action Requested: No action, discussion only.

Agenda # 3 – Letter from Village Administrator Dropka discussing the letter received from the City of Chicago announcing that they are raising the water rates by 5% on June 1, 2023. He is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 23-03 amending Chapter 8 “Public Ways and Property Section 8-2-1: Water Rates of the Village of Forest View Village Code to amend water rates.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-03 amending Chapter 8 “Public Ways and Property Section 8-2-1: Water Rates of the Village of Forest View Village Code to amend water rates.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

Agenda # 4 – Letter from Fire Chief Jones to discuss the Foreign Fire Insurance License Fee Act (Public Act 102-0740) and requesting the Board to adopt a resolution naming Illinois Municipal League (IML) as the authorized agent to collect and remit the Foreign Fire Insurance Fees for the Village of Forest View Fire Department.

Action Requested: Motion for the Board to adopt a resolution naming Illinois Municipal League (IML) as the authorized agent to collect and remit the Foreign Fire Insurance Fees for the Village of Forest View Fire Department.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Liska

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

Agenda # 5 – *This item was removed.*

Agenda # 6 - Letter from Police Chief Stelter regarding the shooting range proposal to repair the ventilation system. November 22, 2022, the Board approved a proposal with

Careys Small Arms Range Ventilation at the cost of \$135,000 to \$160,000. Recently, Careys submitted a new proposal of \$275,140.00 stating that they had not included the sub-contractor work. He received a proposal from (RVD) Range Ventilation Design, Inc. for the same services at a cost of \$ 175,000 to \$ 225,000 all-inclusive. He is requesting approval to change vendors and retain RVD Inc. to perform all the repairs needed to get the shooting range functional at a cost of \$225,000. This cost can be built into the 2023-2024 budget.

- ✓ *Administrator Dropka spoke on behalf of Chief Stelter regarding the increased amount. He said this item was approved previously by another vendor who is increasing the amount because they did not include their subcontractor's amount. He said that this was in the budget last year and that the additional amount would be put in this year's budget. He said that it would be a waste of space to have a workable shooting range upstairs and not be able to use it since the vendor that cleans the Village Hall ventilation system is not certified to remove the dust in the shooting range. Trustee Ramirez stated that this was too much money and wanted to table it for at least one year. Trustee Liska asked what the alternative would be. Sargent Perez stated that our officers must be certified once a year with their handguns and twice a year with AR-1 rifles. Currently, our officers practice on their own at other ranges, and when they need to be certified a range officer needs to be present. He said that Sargent Zarate schedules the AR-1 rifle practices and certifications in Lemont. It was suggested that if we had a fully functional shooting range the Village would be able to charge other villages to use our range. The Board motioned to table this item.*

Action Requested: Motion to approve changing vendors and retaining RVD Inc. to perform all the repairs needed to get the shooting range functional at a cost of \$225,000.

Motion Tabled.

Agenda # 7 – President Miller to discuss the Art Treckler Room Rental days and hours.

- ✓ *The Board discussed the use of the Art Treckler Room on weekdays. President Miller suggested to the Board changing the starting time on Fridays to 5:00 pm which is open up more parking spaces since our employees would be out of the building.*

Action Requested: No action, discussion only.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Agenda Item # 8- President Nancy Miller and Mary Anne O'Reilly are requesting the Board's approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Monday, April 24, 2023. The request

is to hold a Lions Club Meeting that will be held from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There will be 35-40 guests in attendance.

Action Requested: Motion to approve renting the Art Treckler Room to Nancy Miller and Mary Anne O'Reilly for a Lions Club Meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023 and waive the fee.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 9 - Resident Midalia Nevarez is requesting the Board's approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Sunday, June 4, 2023. The request is for a Graduation Party which will be held from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be 60-80 guests in attendance.

Action Requested: Motion to approve renting the Art Treckler Room to resident Midalia Nevarez for a graduation party on Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

Agenda Item # 10 - President Miller to hold a discussion with the Board regarding the removal of the memory bench from the front of the Village Hall.

Action Requested: Motion for the Board to vote to move the memory bench from the front of the Village Hall to a new location.

✓ *President Miller stated that the current location in front of the Village Hall was a temporary place. Discussion ensued with several trustees and the Ehresman family. In conclusion, the family stated that they would rather have the bench moved to their home and not placed in the park where kids would carve into it.*

Action Requested: Motion for the Board to vote to move the bench from the front of the Village Hall to a new location.

➤ The Board unanimously agreed to gift the memorial bench to the Ehresman family.

9. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Village Administrator Mike Dropka provided the following details:

- The Village continues to apply for grants and recently applied for a Climate Resiliency Plan Grant from Cook County that helps communities prepare for extreme events to prevent damage and losses while maintaining the well-being and health of residents, and commented that many communities already have this plan in place.
- Met with a business that purchased vacant property across the street from FedEx on 28th and Central who are looking to voluntarily annex into the Village of Forest View and will provide more details in the future.
- Mentioned that he will bring the proposals for a new website to the board's attention at the next meeting.
- Commented that Chief Stelter and he continue to meet with Conduent to make sure the red-light camera project continues on a proper timeline.
- Reported on the ongoing 47th and Central Sanitary and sewer system project and mentioned that we provided the Association with a letter that details a synopsis of past events along with a list of concerns to supplement their letter that will be sent out to all of the businesses about a possible proposal on Thursday. The Association is recommending to their members on transferring the lines to the village, however, there are certain processes that they need to go through before a formal request is sent back to us. The Association is asking for ballots back by April 6 and expects to bring everything to the Board meeting for possible approval on April 25, 2023/.
- Reminded everyone that the State of the Village would be held on Thursday, March 30th, and asked everyone to spread the word to their neighbors to RSVP so we have enough refreshments.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) Reports from Department Heads

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Frank Filec:

- Reported that he is in discussions with Corrpro regarding the Water Tower tank inspection.
- Ordered a replacement part for a hydrant damaged by a hit-and-run on Forest View Terminal Drive and commented that Public Works is doing the work in-house.
- Reported that he is in ongoing meetings with MWRD regarding the water main replacement on Canal Bank Road.
- Reported that he is in the process of applying for a Grant for Lead Service replacement line inventory and to comply with EPA regulations by 2026- 2027.

Fire Chief Mark Jones:

- Reported that he lost three (3) of his members from his department and has been interviewing and waiting for the fingerprinting to come back to bring to the board for the next meeting.

- ✓ A trustee asked if the Chief had reached out to some of the past employees. He stated that he called several of them, but most of our part-timers work full-time at other locations and they are not allowed to work the additional hours.

B) Reports from Village Trustees

- A trustee stated that he received a complaint from a resident on the 45th and Wenonah block who wanted to know if a resident was running a business out of the home. Administrator Dropka stated that the Village received a complaint before the meeting and that Building Commissioner is reaching out to the resident.

C) Reports from Village President

- None

11. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – General *(This is an opportunity for the public to make comments on any issue – 3 Minute Limit Per Person).*

- A resident made a comment that she felt intimidated by the 3-minute limit for comments. Trustee Sudkamp wanted to remove it.
 - ✓ Discussion ensued, Administrator Dropka stated that most villages have a 3-minute limit so that everyone gets a chance to speak at the meetings and that this was put into the agenda to follow the Open Meeting guidelines and Roberts Rule. Suggestions were made by several trustees that we could just leave it in the Agenda and not enforce it.
- A resident asked if there will be a Music in the Park event. President Miller stated that they have not made any plans for a music event since the surrounding towns have them and also because the parking is limited. She suggested the resident reach out to the Park District which handles the events in the park and is separate from the Village.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Liska

13. ROLL CALL

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

To adjourn at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk