

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
VILLAGE HALL – BOARD MEETING ROOM
November 8, 2022**

BOARD MEETING:

1. 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.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – October 25, 2022

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

1.) Payroll – Full-time/Part-Time/Officials:	\$	111,922.94
2.) Bills Payable:	\$	<u>89,476.37*</u>
3.) Total Expenditures:	\$	201,399.31

** Includes special manual check run.*

Action Requested: Motion to Approve.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek

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

7. REPORTS OF REVENUES

Cash Receipts:	\$	507,018.20
Sales Tax:	\$	63,093.46
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	46,973.74
Interest:	\$	7,0600.63
Local Gas Tax:	\$	<u>39,380.72</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	663,526.75

Action Request: None, information only.

8. DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 Letter from Administrator Dropka, discussing instituting an oversized vehicle parking area operations tax, primarily for the businesses located at 4801 Harlem Avenue and 5240 47th Street. He is proposing a \$750.00 tax per month for square footage above 100,000 square feet and \$500.00 tax per month for square footage under 100,000 square feet and is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 22-29 amending the Forest View Village Code Chapter 10, “Parking Lot Tax”.

Action Requested: Motion to approve his proposal to institute a \$750.00 tax per month for square footage above 100,000 square feet and \$500.00 tax per month for square footage under 100,000 square feet and is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 22-29 amending the Forest View Village Code Chapter 10, “Parking Lot Tax”.

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

Agenda Item # 2 Letter from Administrator Dropka, to discuss revising the licensing fee for the video gaming terminals. He is requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 22-30 amending Section 3-3-22 of the Forest View Village Code, “Video Gaming,” increasing the video gaming terminal permit sticker fee to \$500.00.

Action Requested: Motion for Board to approve Ordinance No. 22-30 amending Section 3-3-22 of the Forest View Village Code, "Video Gaming," increasing the annual video gaming terminal permit sticker fee increasing the annual license fee to \$ 500.00.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

Agenda Item # 3 Letter from Administrator Dropka, to discuss revising the penalties in the dog code 6-3-5 so that they match the amounts that we currently fine offenders in the P Ticket Code. The P Tickets Codes were increased to \$75.00 in January. He is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 22-31 amending section 6-3-5 of the Forest View Village Code to increase the penalties in connection with Title VI, Chapter 3, "Dogs" to match the current P Ticket penalties to \$ 75.00; \$150; \$300; \$500 and \$750.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-31 amending section 6-3-5 of the Forest View Village Code to increase the penalties in connection with Title VI, Chapter 3, "Dogs" to match the current P Ticket penalties to \$ 75.00; \$150; \$300; \$500 and \$750.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Agenda Item # 4 Letter from Administrator Dropka, regarding the Dental Insurance for full-time employees, spouses, and eligible children. He is requesting the Board to authorize renewing a two-year dental insurance contract with Delta Dental for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024, and to authorize the Village Administrator to sign the two-year renewal contract.

Action Requested: Motion to authorize renewing a two-year dental insurance contract with Delta Dental for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024, and to authorize the Village Administrator to sign the two-year renewal contract.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Nevarez
Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp

Absent: Trustee Ramirez
No: NA
Motion Carried.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF THE VILLAGE HALL:

Agenda Item # 5 The Forest View Park District is requesting the Board’s approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, Jan 7, 2023. The request is to host an Adult Chili Cook-Off and Trivia Night, which would be held from 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm. He is requesting to waive the rental fee.

Action Requested: Motion to approve and waive the rental fee.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Nevarez

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

Agenda Item # 6 Resident Kathy Ehresman is requesting the Board’s approval to rent the Art Treckler Room on Saturday, January 14, 2023. The request is for a Baby shower which would be held from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm with approximately 25-30 guests.

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Liska

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

10. BUILDING PERMITS

I. APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

NF 22-53 Edward Savage, 4512 Maple Ave. Replacing the existing six-foot chain-link fence on South-side of the property.

NF 22-54 David Liska, 4532 Oak Park Ave. Install new downspout with 6 ft extension.

F 22-48 Dorothy Hizny, 4517 Wisconsin Ave. Install two outside electrical outlets.

Action Requested: None, information only.

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A.) Reports from Department Heads

Village Administrator Dropka reported:

- He will be meeting to go over the final annual audit with our auditor from Seldom Fox and is hoping to have it prepared for the next board meeting. He asked Auditor Ed Tracy to attend the board meeting to present the audit and answer any questions regarding our finances.
- Continuing to work on the tax levy to get it finalized and stated he should have it prepared for the board on or before the first meeting in December.
- Communicated that on November 4th, he met with the Army Corps of Engineers, MWRD, and Cook County Forest Preserve representatives along with Trustee Liska, Public Works Superintendent Filec, and Public Works Asst. Superintendent Tanner. He stated that it was very informative, they asked questions about the projects and what their plans are going forward. They walked the entire levee from Joliet Road through the forest to the railroad tracks and showed the group where work still needs to be completed.
 - *Discussion ensued between the Trustees. Trustee Liska stated that MWRD and the Army Corps of Engineers do not have any sense of urgency and are not to blame. Superintendent Filec stated that the problem is that the work needs to be done around the CN and BNSF train schedules. We need the railroads to agree and approve on a work time frame. Administrator Dropka stated that he is on top of this and will continue to contact them so we can get this resolved.*
- Mentioned that he and Chief Stelter continue to meet with Conduent, the company that installed the red-light cameras at 47th Street and Central Avenue to meet deadlines, and make sure that the project continues in a timely manner.
- He mentioned the project on 47th Street and Central Avenue regarding the Village taking over the sanitary and sewer system project.
- Commented on the new Cicero dispatch center that will go into effect on December 5th.
- Current Technologies and Mercury Technologies continue to perform different tasks to address different issues and deficiencies with our systems.
- Communicated that the Veterans Day program is set for Friday, November 11th at 11 am in front of the Village Hall in front of the Flag pole. The guest speaker will be the Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks from Brookfield. Our keynote speaker will be Staff Sergeant Adrian Del Toro from the Illinois National Guard. State Representative Aaron Ortiz will also in attendance. The Home School Elementary School Choir will sing the national anthem and the 4th and 5th graders will be coming as well. We will have taps and a rifle salute followed by refreshments.

Public Works Superintendent Filec:

- Reported that Lyons Pinner was out at the pumphouse to install heating units in their intake and recording rooms and is doing electrical work to fix other issues.
- In the process of installing a radio antenna system for the new water meter system.
- Riccio is putting up a sturdier structure with concrete barriers for the salt bin.
- Commented that they are keeping up with the Wisconsin Ave and 45th & 46th street sewer digs.
- Public Works is securing quotes to pump out a 60-foot drop in the south tunnel shaft after attempts with Homeland Security's pump did not work.
 - *Trustee Sudkamp asked Filec if the tree cutting in the Village was done for the year. He was told that they were done for the year and the tree cutting should be good for the next 3 to 5 years.*
 - *Trustee Grossi asked about his neighbor's trees that were cut down. Filec stated that they did an emergency removal of the tree because while they were trimming the tree it was splitting down the middle because it was dead inside.*
 - *A resident on 45th and Wisconsin Ave asked if they are going to seal the cuts on the trees. Filec told her that the trees were cut at certain angles for the tree to heal over and the trees are cut in the fall so there is less stress on them and are less likely to get infected.*

Police Chief Stelter:

- Reported that today and tomorrow Sargent Perez, Officer Kulaga, and himself are doing the CIS training and new record management for the software company switchover to Cicero. They will do two days of training and then in two weeks leading up to the switch, they will come out to train the rest of the officers, on the record management software. They will train for two weeks and then they switch over and train the other officers.
- Mentioned that he is moving forward with the Corporal positions and on November 21st the five officers interested in this position will take the written test. The next day they will be sitting for interviews with a couple of chiefs and hopes to bring the two corporal positions to the board for approval. They will be working the midnight shifts.
- Commented that Records Clerk Ramos will be moving to the 3 pm to 11 pm shift after her training is completed.

Fire Chief Jones:

- Commented that his department has been busy with calls.

B.) Reports from Village Board Trustees:

None

C.) Reports from Village President

- Discussed that it was reported by Public Works that there are several residents in the village who continue blowing leaves in the street and leaving piles of leaves in the parkway instead of picking them up. She mentioned that a few weeks ago the Village provided compost bags to every resident to assist with their leaf collection and encouraged them to use the bags and refrain from raking and blowing leaves in the street. She has stated that residents should advise their landscapers not to blow leaves in the street to avoid a fine. She concluded with a reminder that the village has an ordinance and that this has been communicated previously in the village newsletters.

1. **QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

- A resident on 45th and Wisconsin Ave inquired why Public Works was taking down a swimming pool and cleaning a yard. She stated that the house has been vacant for over a year.
 - *Administrator Dropka stated that the village is aware of the property and that the owner of the property is being billed accordingly. Superintendent Filec stated that the number of worked hours and the type of work is documented. A Trustee stated that the village can put a lien on the property if the owner fails to pay the village.*
- There were a few residents with complaints of cars and trucks blocking the sidewalks in their driveways and aprons, parking on the grass in the parkways, and vehicles with no license plates parked in driveways.
 - Chief Stelter stated that he would have his officers look into these issues and that if residents have a complaint they should call the non-emergency phone number to make out a report.
- A resident on 45th and Wisconsin Ave complained that her neighbor's dog is digging a hole under the fence and that there is still a lot of junk in the yard.
 - Administrator Dropka stated that they are aware of the blight issues and is following a process that takes time to get resolved.

3. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Grossi

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

To adjourn at 7:53 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk