

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
VILLAGE HALL – BOARD MEETING ROOM
August 10, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Miller at 7:02 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Liska
Absent: None

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 27, 2021 be approved as read:

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CHECK REGISTER:

- A. To approve the check register from the payroll of the July 27, 2021 board meeting in the amount of \$ 89,127.63

Check # 31458-31464
Voided: None

- B. To approve the check register from the accounts payable of the board meeting in the amount of \$ 80,579.86

Check # 31465-31506
Voided: None

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Ramirez

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

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES:

- A. To approve the village payroll in the gross amount of \$ 89,324.47. This payroll covers the period from August 1-15, 2021 for regular full-time employees. Also covered is the Officials payroll from August 1-31, 2021 and the part-time payroll from July 16-31, 2021.
- B. To approve the accounts payable as listed in the amount of \$ 20,208.58
- C. Total Expenditures: \$ 109,533.05

Action Requested: Motion to approve

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

7. REPORTS OF REVENUE – As of July 31, 2021:

Cash Receipts:	\$	261,066.18
Sales Tax:	\$	65,853.24
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	26,869.03
Interest:	\$	66.43
Local Gas Tax:	\$	<u>17,126.90</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	370,981.78

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1- Letter from President Miller considering the appointment of Midalia Nevarez to fill the board vacancy for Village Trustee.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Midalia Nevarez as Village Trustee.

To approve Agenda Item # 1

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Liska

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 - Letter from Mike Dropka, Village Administrator regarding COVID Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and the approval of Ordinance No. 21-07, an ordinance pertaining to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-07, an ordinance pertaining to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Village Administrator Dropka spoke regarding Ordinance No. 21-07 authorizing him to fill out the NEU Awards Terms and Conditions and the Assurances of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements. In order to receive the COVID Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, the Village needs to approve the attached Ordinance.

To approve Agenda Item # 2

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3 - Letter from Mike Dropka, Village Administrator requesting the boards' approval for the Block Party to be held on August 21, 2021 in the 4600 block of Grove Avenue between the hours of 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Block Party to be held on the 4600 Block of Grove on August 21, 2021 between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M.

Discussion ensued regarding updates on the Block Party Application. This will not affect this Block Party, as the application states the party will be ending at 9:00 p.m.

To approve Agenda Item # 3

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 4 - Letter from Marcelo Perez, Interim Chief of Police advising the board that John Conley has resigned his position as Part-Time Police Officer.

Action Requested: None, information only

Acting Police Chief Zarate spoke regarding our Interim Chief of Police Perez who is currently on leave. We have lost three Part-Time Officers due to Full-Time offers they have accepted elsewhere. We also have a Full-Time Officer who has given us a two week notice as of today.

Discussion ensued regarding applications currently being reviewed and Officers getting ready to go out on the street for training.

Agenda Item # 5 - Letter from Marcelo Perez, Interim Chief of Police requesting boards' approval to appoint John Zalatoris as a Part-Time Police Officer.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint John Zalatoris as a Part-Time Police Officer to the Forest View Police Department.

Discussion ensued regarding Officer John Zalatoris helping with internal and detective work.

To approve Agenda Item # 5

Motion: Trustee Hubacek

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 6 - Letter from Marcelo Perez, Interim Chief of Police requesting boards' approval to appoint William Margalus as a Full-Time Police Officer.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint William Margalus as a Full-Time Police Officer to the Forest View Police Department.

To approve Agenda Item # 6

Motion: Trustee Ramirez

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 7 - Letter from Jack O'Donohue, Superintendent of Public Works and Water regarding the Village Hall Grounds Beautification and requesting boards' approval to approve Tamelings' quote for stone and mulch not to exceed \$ 2,000.00.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Tameling's quote for stone and mulch not to exceed \$ 2,000.00 for Village Hall Grounds Beautification.

Discussion ensued regarding beautification, weed control and a future option to lay sod. The stone and mulch are a part of phase one. In the spring, we will look into phase two, planting additional flowers and bushes to continue beautifying the Village Hall grounds.

To approve Agenda Item # 7

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 8 - Letter from Alan Dudek, Deputy Fire Chief advising the board that Adam Lavery has resigned his position as a Firefighter/Paramedic.

Action Requested: None, information only.

Agenda Item # 9 - Letter from Deputy Fire Chief, Alan Dudek requesting boards' approval to appoint Sean Buckley as a Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Sean Buckley as a Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic.

Deputy Fire Chief Alan Dudek mentioned that we had many dedicated Firefighter/Paramedics leave at the same time due to their Full-Time Departments not allowing secondary employment.

To approve Agenda Item # 9

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

NF21-25 Rosario Pressler, 4500 S. Kenilworth Avenue, Replacing One Window and One Skylight.

NF21-26 Jose Ramirez, 4511 S. Wenonah Avenue, Replacing Bathroom Tub and Wall Tile.

- NF21-27 Joseph Cervantes, 4519 S. Harlem Avenue, Replacing Siding and Gutters. Tuckpointing Work in the Front of the Building.
- NF21-28 David Figueroa, 4559 S. Grove Avenue, Replacing Privacy Fence along 46th Street.
- F21-39 Blanca Villarreal, 4606 S. Grove Avenue, Installing a Privacy Fence.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A.) Reports from Department Heads

1. Village Administrator Mike Dropka
 - Explained the Parking Tax increase, Penny Push Tax and the development of the new tax forms for both of these taxes.
 - Azavar is working on the audit to pick up any additional revenue for the Village.
 - Met with Department Heads regarding appropriations and revenues along with long term planning. Items will be brought to the Board in the future as we discussed in the appropriations meeting and have budgeted for.
 - Met with BP regarding the upgrading of their location, as well as the sharing proposal that John presented to you.
 - Continued issues with dispatch for the Fire and Police Departments. We met with Justice to discuss ongoing issues. Our contract will expire February 1, 2022.

2. Superintendent Water & Public Works Jack O'Donohue
 - On July 28, 2021, we experienced a slight water break in a service line. The break was isolated, no residents were affected and estimated water loss was minimal.
 - Thanked all of the residents who participated in the lead & copper water sample program. Results will be shared once they have become available.

3. Interim Fire Chief AJ Aiardo
 - Fire Prevention Bureau updates; six inspections for August with very positive feedback from the business owners. We will be updated on the inspections.
 - Receiving quotes for the software for the inspections.
 - We will be getting free smoke detectors for our residents from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
 - Working with the owner of No Name Pub regarding the issues with the roof.
 - Working with the businesses along 47th Street regarding clean up.

4. Acting Police Chief Zarate
 - Checking into a couple of squad cars. One squad was confirmed, once approved, we will send it to Crestwood to be outfitted. We will look into a possible grant for the second police vehicle.
 - Checking into adding a wireless modem to add the internet and gps into the squad cars.
 - Looking into a grant for police vehicle dash cams.
 - The Police Officers are working hard, doing a great job.

The Village Board would like to send best wishes to Interim Police Chief Perez.

B.) Reports from Village Trustees

No reports at this time.

C.) Report from the Village President

Village President Miller wanted to share with the Board that the blight information in the packet is being addressed.

Discussion ensued regarding the action, and reaching out to family as a courtesy.

11. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:28 P.M.:

Agenda Item # 10 - To consider the appointment of public officers pursuant to Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion: Trustee Liska
Second: Trustee Hubacek

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

12. MOTION TO GO OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 8:45 P.M.:

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Liska

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

13. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:50 P.M.:

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Grossi

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 10 - To consider the appointment of public officers pursuant to Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act.

To approve Agenda Item # 10

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp

Second: Trustee Liska

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Discussion ensued regarding a business, home businesses and street parking.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTIONS:

Village Clerk Conklin stated there were no comments or questions via email or left in the drop box.

No other comments were received.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:53 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Grossi

Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Conklin
Village Clerk