

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
May 13, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting of the Village of Forest View was called to order by Village President Liska 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, Nitka, Nevarez

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 22, 2025 to be approved as read:

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Sudkamp, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi, Hubacek
No: NA
Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures April 1 – April 15, 2025:

Payroll- FT /PT/Officials	\$	94,869.74
Bills Payable	\$	325,313.98
Total Expenditures:	\$	420,183.72

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Hubacek
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Hubacek, Ramirez, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi, Sudkamp
No: NA
Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF REVENUES AS OF MARCH 31, 2025:

Cash Receipts:	\$	373,612.86
Sales Tax:	\$	61,347.93
Home Rule Sales Tax:	\$	35,000.41
Local Gas Tax:	\$	47,877.25
Interest:	\$	<u>8,682.27</u>
Total Revenue:	\$	526,520.72

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

7. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Letter from Interim Village Administrator DuRocher requesting the board approve Ordinance No. 25-09 , 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 effective June 1, 2025.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-09, 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 and increase 4% effective June 1, 2025.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Ramirez

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Ramirez, Nitka, Nevarez, Grossi, Hubacek
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 2 – Letter from Interim Village Administrator DuRocher to discuss by statue, terms of certain positions that expire with the term of the Village President. Per our code of ordinances, he is requesting the board approve the reappointment of the following positions:

- Laura McGuffey, Village Clerk/Treasurer
- John Murphey (Odelson, Murphy, Frazier, McGrath), Village Attorney
- Baniel Zarate, Chief of Police
- Mark Jones, Fire Chief
- Tanner Miller, Public Works/Water Superintendent

- Joy Conklin, Village Accountant
- Lucy Vogt, Office Manager
- Josh Brniak, Building Commissioner

Action Requested: Motion to approve the reappointment of the positions listed above.

Motion: Trustee Ramirez
Second: Trustee Nevarez

Yes: Trustees Ramirez, Nevarez, Nitka, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek
No: NA
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 3 – Letter from President Liska on behalf of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 37-25 and is requesting the board support and approve a Proclamation highlighting May 18th – May 24th this year 2025, as National Safe Boating Week in the Village of Forest View, Illinois, urging all residents to always practice safe boating techniques while on our lakes and waterways.

Action Requested: Motion to support and approve a Proclamation highlighting May 18th – May 24th this year 2025, as National Safe Boating Week in the Village of Forest View, Illinois,

Motion: Trustee Nevarez
Second: Trustee Grossi

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

Agenda Item # 4 – Letter from Police Chief Zarate requesting approval to transition Officer Jessica Sokolovic from a full-time officer to part-time with the Forest View Police Department effective May 15, 2025.

Discussion ensued. Her new employer would not allow her to work part time.

Agenda Item removed.

8. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

F 25-06 - Emmanuel Shamoun, owner of The Parking Spot 5200 W. 47th Street is install 4,700 square feet for the new roof system. Approved at Board meeting on 4/22/25 which was pending approval from Building Commissioner.

Action Requested: None, information only.

9. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT:

NF25-05 – Manuel Ramirez, 4530 Maple Ave. Replacing existing blacktop and concrete sections of driveway, patio and walkway leading to front door and adding a gate on the driveway.

NR25-06 – Blankenship Properties LLC., 4507 S. Home Ave. Tear off and replace garage roof and replace with shingles.

NR25-7 – Alex Blankenship, 4507 S. Home Ave. Remove and replace asphalt driveway.

NR25-08 – Amanda Stankus, 4616 Maple Ave. Replace sliding patio doors.

F25-05 – Martin & Lynn Sorice, owners of No Name Pub, 4511 Harlem Ave.

Replacing fence that was removed previously without a permit and resulted in a fine which was paid in full.

F25-07 – Carlos Gomez, 4528 Maple Ave. Install a concrete slab 292 inches by 90 inches

Action Requested: None, information only.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A) REPORTS FROM INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR:

Interim Village Administrator DuRocher discussed the following:

1. Update from MWRD regarding 47th Street Berm

Bids will go out in the spring/summer on the 47th Street Berm and anticipate completion in the fall.

2. Update regarding email that MWRD sent to IDOT regarding traffic signal at Harlem/Forest View Terminal Drive.

3. Discuss the vacant lot at 4515 Clinton and liens that the village has on the property.

Owner called stating he wanted to settle the Liens but did not come in. The Liens on this property are over 60k.

4. Update on the Fire Protection contract with GCP property located at 51st Street in the unincorporated part of town.

Village was informed that GCP in unincorporated 51st Street will now be going through Central Stickney for their fire protection with all the other properties in this area.

5. Update on the West Central Municipal Conference that he and President Liska attended.

Stated that he and President Liska met with State Senator Cervantes with a list of priorities.

6. Discuss the 2025- 2026 Budget appropriations.

B) DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Water & Public Works Tanner Miller reported:

- Thanked everyone at the meeting for their patience and the roads are good.
- Reported ABT will be coming out next week to install the new audio.
- Mentioned that he will be attending the Smart Hydrant training tomorrow.
- Planning on installing Village signs and flags.
- Will be sending out a code-red next week before they stripe the streets.

Corporal Erik Kulaga :

- Reported there was an incident over the weekend involving 100 cars and spectators shooting off fireworks at police vehicles and doing a street take-over on 47th and Central between 2:00 – 3:00 am. There were a few tow and impounded cars.
- On Monday they tried to do another street take-over, but it failed due to police presence.

Interim Village Administrator John DuRocher spoke on behalf of Fire Chief Mark Jones:

- Reported that on Friday the Forest View Fire Department was dispatched to a significant incident at 4805 Harlem Ave, the site of Apex Oil Company. A fuel tank experienced an implosion, and the insulation between the inner and outer tank ignited. The Fire Dept observed the imploded tank and promptly activated the Hazardous Materials team alongside a Foam Task Force from the City of Chicago. The MABAS Box Alarm was engaged, facilitating the deployment of a drone for aerial reconnaissance and summoning support from additional Fire Department within the area. Forest View Police Dept and Public Works also provided crucial assistance.
- President Liska told Administrator DuRocher to notify Home School in case of an evacuation.
- Village Clerk Laura McGuffey posted a Community Alert on the village website advising of the ongoing incident and that the situation was under control and the community was safe.
- Office Manager Lucy Vogt put out a Code Red Alert once the Code Red System came back up.
- In conclusion, John asked residents to call 911 first before recording videos and posting online.

C.) REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES

- Trustee Nevarez commented that during an event at the Park District Recreation Center the Police were called after they noticed someone park the car in the Park District Parking

Lot and walk up on the tracks. Police stated that the car had been stolen from an impound earlier. In conclusion, Park District was asked to keep their doors locked.

- Trustee Grossi asked John about the resident who did concrete construction without a permit. John told him that the resident was instructed to remove the concrete and then he submitted another building permit to install concrete.
- Discussion ensued and trustees would like to update the ordinances so in the future if there is a building permit violation, the village would implement a 6-month waiting period before another permit is granted.

D.) REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT LISKA:

- Discussed updating our Code of Ordinances and told the board that they should go through the codes before the next board meeting and make suggestions on how they can get this done. He said we will need to seek out legal advice on vetting Solicitors. Providing a notice information them that they will need to have their credentials checked out first and have waiting period before they are issued a solicitors badge.
- Reported that he met with Principal Bailey and told her that in the past the Village had a tight relationship with Home School. She told him that the 4th grade class is studying government focusing on taxes and the roles of the government and we have 11 village employees who are volunteering to visit the school to be interviewed by two or three 4th grade students.
- He complimented Lucy, Joy, and Laura from redoing the village hallway.
- Friday everyone that Friday the Forest View Police Department will be participating in the Cop On A Roof Top at dunking donuts in support of Special Olympics from 5am – Noon.

11. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dawn from the Forest View Park District wanted to thank everyone for the additional space in the village hallway for her park literature.
- Village Clerk McGuffey mentioned that Public Works Week is next week and next Thursday forty-three Home School fourth grade students will be visiting the Village Hall to visit our Public Works Department.

12. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

14. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Agenda Item # 5 - Section 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) of the Open Meetings Act to consider setting a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body .

Motion Requested: None, information only.

15. MOTION TO GO INTO REGULAR SESSION:

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek, Ramirez, Nitka, Nevarez
No: NA

16. ROLL CALL

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

17. ADJOURNMENT:

To adjourn at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk