MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
October 27, 2026

BOARD MEETING:

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

Village President Liska 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, Castanuela, Nitka, Nevarez
Absent: Trustee Hubacek

4. PRESENTATIONS

- Honorary Sign Presentation – Ranee Sudkamp

Trustee Jim Nitka presented the Honorary sign to Ranee Sudkamp. Nitka stated he presented to the board his thoughts about creating honorary signs. Ranee is a long deserved, she is a longtime resident and is fantastic person who takes time out of her day to help others. He went on to say this is a small token of our appreciation and stated that the Honorary sign will be hung on 45th and Clinton Ave.

Ranee thanked the village and said that there were many other residents before her and there will be many after her and that Forest View is a nice place to live.

- Appointment / Swearing in Ceremony – Philip Rutka Patrol Shift Corporal

Corporal Rutka thanked everyone and said that he will be here for quite a few more years. Photos were taken with Deputy Kulaga and several officers for the Forest View Police Department.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

6. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES

To approve the village payroll and accounts payable expenditures as of September 30, 2026:

1)	Payroll - FT / PT / Officials	$ 106,247.33
2)	Bills Payable	$ 81,725.24
3)	Total Expenditures:	$ 187,972.57

Action Requested: Motion to approve.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

7. TREASURERS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2026:

1)	Revenues:	$ 468,756.35
2)	Expenses:	$ 509,485.00

Action Requested: None, information only.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Item # 1 – Administrator Creer to discuss with the board implementing a Special Service Area for Harlem Ave and Terminal Drive Intersection.

Administrator Creer stated that for the last few years, IDOT has stated they will be removing the traffic signals at Harlem Ave and Terminal Drive as part of the roadway widening project starting in 20267. The Village has maintained IDOT should pay for the improvements, and the Village would not participate. Recently Superintendent Miller and Creer met with the effected businesses and proposed a special service area to pay for the signal. Apex and Kindermorgan agreed to the concept. This will be the Village's first special service area which is a special property tax that pays for certain improvements or maintenance of a defined geographic area.

The advantage of this approach is that those who benefit most from the improvements will pay for them, rather than placing the cost on the town's taxpayers. The signal is expected to cost $750,000, and the businesses have agreed to cover the entire cost over a 25-year period. The Village would issue a bond backed by the SSA Tax Levy to pay off the initial cost and pay off the bond by charging the property owners on their tax bills. The SSA process requires a public hearing that has been scheduled for November 10th with the property owners in the area who are invited,

Action Requested: Discussion only.

Agenda Item # 2 – Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-35, Amending Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 5 regarding Construction Hours.

Discussed in the meeting changing the construction hours on major projects.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-35 Amending Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 5 regarding Construction Hours.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 3 – Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-36 Amending Title 3, Adding Chapter 29 regarding Tobacco Licenses.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-36 Amending Title 3, Adding Chapter 29 regarding Tobacco Licenses.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Castanuela

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

Agenda Item # 4 – Administrator Creer and Police Chief Ritz are requesting the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-37 Amending Subsection 9-1-3 B of the Forest View Municipal Code regarding P-Ticket Citations.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-37 Amending Subsection 9-1-3 B of the Forest View Municipal Code regarding P-Ticket Citations.

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 5 – Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve Resolution No. R26-16. A Resolution adopting the Village of Forest View Public Rights - Of -Way Accessibility Transition Plan.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R26-16. A Resolution adopting the Village of Forest View Public Rights - Of -Way Accessibility Transition Plan.

Motion: Trustee Castanuela
Second: Trustee Nitka

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

Agenda Item # 6 – Administrator Creer is requesting the Board approve Resolution No. R26-17. A Resolution Authorizing the Village President and Village Administrator to sign the necessary documents for utilization of MFT Funding up to $60,000 for street maintenance.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution No. R26-17. A Resolution Authorizing the Village President and Village Administrator to sign the necessary documents for utilization of MFT Funding up to $60,000 for street maintenance.

Motion: Trustee Nitka
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

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

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Administrator Zachery Creer:

- Reported he received a quote for an appraisal of the property that is in the triangle next to the Water Tower at a cost of $3500.00. He stated that he received one quote from an unsolicited buyer for 400k. President Liska mentioned that we should find out what the cost would be to hire a real estate broker.
- Reported that our IT company is recommending a new software email archiving software.

13. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Superintendent of Public Works Miller:

- Reported that he received two quotes on restoring the Leopardo. The cost for restoring the Police Department Bathroom would be $54,937 and the cost for restoring the Art Treckler Room is $75.00. Discussion ensued.
- Reported that the SafeStep sidewalk saw cutting is completed. He is waiting for a final report and putting together a list of sidewalks we need to replace.
- Reported that M.E. Simpson completed our leak survey. There is one small leak on a service line located on the 4600 block of Maple estimated to be 3-5GPM. The final report will be included in the next board packet.
- Met with Paces Milestone expert on Thurs 10/22 and they were able to login to the server and create access for remote support.
- Mentioned that Com Ed has scheduled the Pole replacement in the Public Works yard for December.
- Mentioned that he has been following some webinars now that JULIE will be changing their reporting system.
- Reported that there is a new law requiring door lock monitoring systems in Elevators. The village has seven years to comply if not ready. The next inspection is scheduled and will inquire when they were be coming here.

Police Chief Ritz:

- Deputy Chief Kulaga spoke on behalf of Chief Ritz who was not at the meeting. Kulaga reported that there was one incident on Sunday early morning where a Gaming Crew broke into the BP Amoco. There was damage to the machines but no injuries.

Fire Chief Stewart:

- Mentioned that the Fire Department was a great success. They appreciated everyone who attended and helped make the event an enjoyable for the community. Cinder received many gifts, including toys and treats in celebration of her birthday.
- Reported that dates have been set for the community CPR classes, which will begin in January 2027. One class is planned for January 19th and January 22nd with two classes on January 30. Two additional classes are planned for February 3. Emails will be sent to those who expressed interest in attending. Class times will be determined once the number of participants are confirmed.
- Announced that the Fire Department will participate in Home Schools Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 30, 2026.
- Reported that at the most recent MABAS Division 10 Chiefs meeting, the division fire chiefs voted to welcome the Forest View Fire Department back as an associate member. This is an important step in strengthening regional partnerships and supporting coordination, mutual aid, and emergency preparedness for the benefit of Forest View and our neighboring communities.

14. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Nitka attended the Fire Department open house They did a great job, it was run well and all the Fire Fighters were so nice.
- Trustee Nevarez asked if there are recycle bins upstairs in the Art Treckler room. Superintendent Miller stated that there is a recycled can and garbage cans upstairs but there are people who just throw the items in both cans and do not separate.
- Trustee Grossi as concerns regarding a man who has been sitting at the bus stop on Harlem and is wandering in and out of traffic by the Shell Station. Another resident spoke to the board about this person and stated that he has a problem.

15. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT LISKA:

- Reported that the board would be going into Executive Sesson to discuss FOP and personnel matters.

16. REPORTS FROM FOREST VIEW VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

Committee Chairman thanked everyone and stated that she was able to sell $ 80.00 at the Bingo Event. She said that they had collected a total of $330.00 for the two bikes. A resident in the village won the girls bike for her granddaughter and another resident had won the boys bike and then gave it to another resident. It was very nice and wanted to thank Toys for Tots for their donation, Forest View Park District, and the Stickney Forest View Lions Club for helping the Veterans Memorial. At the meeting she reported that the committee has collected a little over $13,000.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

- A representative from Moraine Community College was present and spoke to the board. The board told him that Moraine Valley is not part of Forest View and was not on the current ballot.
- Park District Activity Director Dawn Cichon thanked everybody and said the Veterans Bingo Night was a huge success.
- Announced that the Park District is participating in the Brookfield Zoo tree decorating event on November 7. The Park District will be decorating the ornaments with a 250-year theme.
- Reminded everyone to vote for the pumpkins in the hallway.

18. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:48 P.M.:

Motion: Trustee Sudkamp
Second: Trustee Grossi

Yes: Trustees Sudkamp, Grossi, Castaneula, Nitka, Nevarez,
No: NA
Motion Carried

21. ROLL CALL:

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Agenda Item # 7 – President Liska to review with the board employee personnel matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Agenda Item # 8 – Attorney John Murphey to update the board regarding the FOP Contract pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)2 of the Open Meeting Act.

Agenda Item # 9 – President Liska to review with the board employee personnel matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act.

22. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Board returned to regular session at 8:35 P.M.

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

Yes: Trustees Grossi, Sudkamp, Castaneula, Nitka Nevarez,
Motion Carried.

22. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- None

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Trustee Grossi
Second: Trustee Sudkamp

14. ROLL CALL:

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

15. ADJOURMENT:

To adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk