

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING MARCH 28, 2016**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the minutes from the March 14, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Village Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Noel Eberline, Mr. Larry Cima and Mr. Frank DiFebo spoke against the potential of the Village of Forest Park allowing video gaming. Mr. Eberline further requested that the village conduct a public forum similar to the educational session held recently in Riverside

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department submitted its February, 2016 report, the Police Department submitted its January-February, 2016 report as well as its proposed Narcan Policy. Chief Aftanas explained that if the policy is adopted, each officer will carry 2 doses of Narcan and will be trained on the administration of this anti-overdose treatment. Early treatment of a heroin overdose can save a life.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The Commissioner of Accounts and Finance has reviewed the bills as applicable to each department and found the aggregate amounts to be correct and recommends payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$730,531.34.

**R-17-16
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$730,531.34
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Novak and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 2016 Alley Improvement Program, CDBG Project 1506-015 be adopted.

**R-18-16
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2016
ALLEY IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Village Engineer, Jim Amelio, gave a presentation outlining the 2016 Infrastructure Plan, the estimated cost and the local match requirements. In addition, Mr. Amelio brought an illustration outlining the location and type of improvements. It was noted that the cost per alley is approximately \$170,000.00.

**PRESENTATION BY
VILLAGE ENGINEER
JAMES AMELIO**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution in support of an application by the Villages of Forest Park, Oak Park and River Forest for a United States Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Act Grant be adopted. It was discussed that the grant has been applied for every year and it is for the purpose of making improvements to the viaduct at Harlem and Circle. There is an indication that the funds may be available this year.

**R-19-16
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF TIGER GRANT FOR
HARLEM AND CIRCLE
VIADUCT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Ordinance amending Section 1-6B-1, entitled "Department Created; Members," of Article B, entitled "Police Department," of Chapter 6, entitled "Village Departments," of Title 1, entitled "Administration," of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**O-05-16
ORDINANCE REDUCING
THE NUMBER OF POLICE
SERGEANTS FROM 8 TO 7
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to select two candidates from its Police Lieutenant Eligibility list, one candidate from its Police Sergeant Eligibility list, and two candidates from its current Police Officer Eligibility list to fill vacancies.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION DIRECTING BFPC
TO SELECT TWO POLICE
LIEUTENANTS, ONE
POLICE SERGEANT AND
TWO PROBATIONARY
POLICE OFFICERS
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution approving and ratifying the execution of a Sound and Lighting Equipment contract for Ribfest between Sound Works Productions, Inc. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-20-16
RESOLUTION APPROVING
CONTRACT WITH SOUND
WORKS PRODUCTIONS
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Lite Software Maintenance Agreement with American Computer & Communications, Inc. for the Tele Ticket Lite Software for the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-06-16
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
LITE SOFTWARE
MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the request from Opportunity Knocks to host their annual block party fundraiser event in the municipal lot on Thomas Avenue on Saturday, June 25, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. be approved.

**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS
FUNDRAISING REQUEST
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the request from Livfit to use Rieger Park on Sunday, May 22nd, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to sponsor a fundraising event be approved. It was discussed that all necessary paperwork and indemnifications will be obtained by staff.

**LIVFIT FUNDRAISING
REQUEST
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Mannix

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Novak

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on the following agreements associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center staff:

- City of Evanston
- Spirit Cruises

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENTS
RATIFIED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Byrnes reported that he went to the Riverside forum on Video Gaming recently and that Commissioner Entler also attended. They went to educate themselves and found out that there is a lot of mis-information circulating. Commissioner Byrnes feels that Forest Park should hold a community forum on this subject.

Commissioner Entler thanked the public who came today and spoke their opinions about video gaming and stated that she would like to move forward with a public forum. Commissioner Entler would like staff to get started on preparations for a forum so that the Village Council can weigh their options and include the public in the process.

Mayor Calderone commended the Commissioners for raising the topic and stated that he has felt the anxiety in the community and agrees that the Village Council should stand up and get in front of it. Mayor Calderone invited the Village Council to offer up preliminary direction for staff to start working on this. The following questions/data was suggested for staff to begin with:

1. Find out what authority a non-home rule municipality has for regulating/banning exterior signage promoting VG.
2. What are the projected revenues
 - a. Gambling
 - b. Licensing
3. Suggested allocation for such revenues.
4. Crime statistics and the impact of VG on the communities that currently have VG.
5. The impact of VG on home values (if any) in communities that currently have VG.
6. Check with other Communities' Chambers of Commerce/Businesses to find out the effect of VG on those businesses who do not qualify for VG licensure.
7. Forest Park Chamber of Commerce's position on VG in Forest Park.
8. Demographics of the players who use the VG machines.

It was discussed that this would be a good start and the Village Council agreed to keep this a topic of discussion. Further it was agreed that the topic would not be on the agenda for action any time soon. Last, the clerk was instructed to provide the Village Council with the above points for their use.

Commissioner Mannix reported that with the landscaping season almost upon us, that residents who have noticed overgrown grass/weeds around town can report the address to the Department of Public Health and Safety at 708-615-6276.

Commissioner Novak thanked the public for their comments tonight and reported that ComEd has been installing the new LED alley lights and they are nice and bright.

Commission Entler reported that she has received permission from IDOT to move forward with the Community Art Project. This project is for beautification of the interior portion of the Circle Bridge. The area would be divided into sections and different groups and community organizations would create their murals. She is soliciting names to form a committee for researching the proper materials and processes to use as well as for approving artwork submissions. In addition, Forest Park will host another electronics collection for residents potentially the week of May 21st. More information will follow.

Mayor Calderone reported the following:

- The Chamber is holding their Spring Wine Walk and Shop on April 9th.
- The 22nd Annual Forest Park Pride Awards will be presented on May 4, at the Chamber's Annual Dinner, being held at McAdam Landscaping on Desplaines. Nominations are being sought.
- The West Cook Solid Waste Agency is hosting an Electronics Collection event on April 16th in Westchester. The event will take place at the Westchester Water Tower from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. For more details contact the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency at 708-453-9115.
- Forest Park National Bank is holding a Community Shredding Event on May 7th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. This is a free event and participants will be able to shred up to two boxes of sensitive documents. Forest Park Police will also be in attendance to answer Identity Theft and Financial Scam questions.
- Our waste hauler will begin Yard Waste pick-up on April 1st.
- The Forest Park Police will be participating in the "Cop on a Rooftop" fundraising event for the Special Olympics of Illinois on May 20th at the Dunkin' Donuts on Harlem and Circle. Those making donations will receive a free donut.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Mannix moved to adjourn into closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Commissioner Entler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk