

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 23, 2017**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 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 January 9, 2017, 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

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Police Department submitted its November/December, 2016 Report

**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 \$692,450.31.

**R-03-17  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$692,450.31  
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:**

Ms. Bridget Lane of Business Districts, Inc. gave a presentation outlining the Economic Development activities that occurred during the past couple of months. These activities included documenting a detailed opportunity assessment and highlighting 2017 opportunities for Madison Street, Roosevelt Road and Harlem Avenue. Highlights included the Library’s national award for working with small businesses, focusing on adding daytime customers to Madison Street, promoting Roosevelt Road to the 4.2 million people within a 30-minute drive and the effect of the Rush Emergency Room in Oak Park.

**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT UPDATE  
BY BRIDGET LANE**

It was moved by joint motion of the entire Village Council that the following individuals be appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the village’s property at Altheheim:

**MOTION APPOINTING AD  
HOC ALTENHEIM  
COMMITTEE  
APPROVED**

- Ralph DiFebo
- David Show
- Kathleen Garness
- Todd Peterson
- Ryan Nero
- Kimberlee Rostello
- Patricia Marino

**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 Novak that the Resolution approving the specifications for the Village of Forest Park 2017 Design Build Alley Improvement Program be adopted.

**R-04-17  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
2017 ALLEY  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
SPECIFICATIONS  
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 to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature an agreement with Margaritaville Chicago for Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENT 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 Novak expressed his appreciation for the Economic Development report and requested that the Village Council invite the Chamber of Commerce to the next Council meeting in order to give the village an update on the results of the funding provided.

Commissioner Entler reported that the "Cover our Rust" project committee has been working diligently planning the community art project event and requested permission to include a flyer in the vehicle sticker renewal mailings and to display a banner promoting the project. There were no objections.

Mayor Calderone initiated a discussion regarding the Village Administrator's request for the Village Council to consider raising the fees for annual vehicle stickers. The fees have not been increased since 2004 and Forest Park's fees are comparatively lower than neighboring communities. If supported, the village attorney will be directed to draft an ordinance for the next meeting so the renewal notices can be mailed to residents in a timely fashion. The administrator reported that a \$10 increase would realize close to \$100,000 in new revenue for the village. After discussion, there was support from the Village Council and the Village Attorney was directed to draft an ordinance for the next meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>, where the issue will be considered for adoption.

Further, Mayor Calderone reported that Proviso Township High Schools District 209 and superintendent, Dr. Jesse J. Rodriguez, are hosting a town hall meeting tomorrow, here at village hall, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk