

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 25, 2016**

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 Byrnes that the minutes from the January 11, 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**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Finance Department submitted its December, 2015 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 \$662,802.00.

**R-05-16  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$662,802.00  
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 Mannix and seconded by  
Commissioner Entler that Resolution authorizing the Waiver of  
the Hiring Freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of a  
full-time Police Telecommunications Operator be adopted.

**R-06-16  
RESOLUTION WAIVING  
IMRF HIRING FREEZE  
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 resolution approving and  
ratifying an agreement for purchase by the Village of Forest  
Park of computer stored information of the Illinois Secretary of  
State be adopted.

**R-07-16  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
AGREEMENT WITH  
ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF  
STATE  
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 Novak that the Resolution approving Pay  
Request #2 (Final) for the Lathrop Avenue Water Main  
Replacement Project from Cerniglia Co. be adopted.

**R-08-16  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
LATHROP WATER MAIN  
FINAL PAYMENT TO  
CERNIGLIA CO.  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**O-02-16  
ORDINANCE ABATING TAX  
FOR SERIES 2002 G.O.  
BONDS  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2015 to pay the principal of and interest on the Village's \$5,765,000 General Obligation Tax Increment Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**O-03-16  
ORDINANCE ABATING TAX  
FOR SERIES 2012 G.O.  
BONDS  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2015 to pay the principal of and interest on the Village's \$6,745,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012, of the village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
REQUEST TO HOLD  
FOREST PARK MUSIC  
FEST JULY 15-17, 2016  
APPROVED**

The Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and Development requested permission to hold Forest Park Music Fest on Madison Street on July 15, 16 and 17, 2016 and to display banners promoting the event. There were no objections and the clerk was instructed to notify the Chamber.

There was a discussion about the issue of the current policy related to water billing allowing landlords to make their tenants responsible for the water bill. A copy of the current village code and water service application was distributed to the elected officials. The consensus was that the landlord should be responsible as they are running a business and making the village a middle-man. Staff was directed to review/recommend a time frame to notify the landlords that they will have to change their current practice of making the tenant responsible. Further, staff was asked to report on the number of customers in each billing tier. Further, the village code allows for accommodations for those who may be ill and behind on their water payments to the village. Last, Mayor Calderone reported that CEDA has notified the village that they have a program designed to provide financial assistance to those in need who may have fallen behind on the payment of their water bill. A flyer outlining the program will be distributed along with late water notices in the future.

**DISCUSSION RE: WATER  
BILLING TO TENANTS VS.  
LANDLORDS**

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

None.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes reported that he attended the Fire Department's Operation Warm Coat distribution of free coats to Forest Park families in need. He noted that there were a number of coats that were not used and the Community Center will be distributing those for the Fire Department. He commended the Fire Department on a great job done with this event.

Mayor Calderone echoed Commissioner Byrnes' commendation to the Fire Department for Operation Warm Coat. Further, Mayor Calderone reported that last week we hosted a Volunteer Forum designed to introduce Forest Park residents to the various Village Committees, Boards, and Commissions and to foster enthusiasm to obtain volunteers for these boards. He was amazed at the turnout of 42-45 people. Mayor Calderone reported that he has already received 6 or 7 completed applications to date and is thrilled with the results. He thanked Sandy Byrnes for the idea to hold the forum and added that we may host another forum including these and other volunteer opportunities.

## **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 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk