

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix that the minutes from the February 9, 2015, Regular meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris  
and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Claudia Medina expressed her concern about the High School and the fact that only 24 students from Forest Park attend Proviso High Schools, 14 at Proviso East and 10 at PMSA. At least 100 children graduate from Forest Park elementary school each year. In addition, Ms. Medina is concerned about the loss of members of the community due to the high schools. Only 7% of the graduates are college-ready and the district is \$76 million in the hole. Ms. Medina urged all the elected officials and all those in attendance to join her on Sunday at 1:00 for a meet-and-greet at Connie Brown's house, followed by a community walk to spread the word for a change in the district.

Mr. Nick Ardinger seconded what Ms. Medina stated and urged involvement to have the duty of public education lived up to.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Finance Department submitted its January, 2015 report and the Police Department submitted its 2014 Annual Report.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix 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 \$447,202.00.

**R-10-15  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$447,202.00  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clerk Moritz was instructed to read the Resolution honoring Linda Shrader Knysch upon her retirement. There was a joint motion and unanimous adoption of the Resolution. Mayor Calderone commented on Linda's many years of dedicated service to the citizens and officials of the village and presented her with an official copy of the Resolution. Linda then thanked everyone for recognizing her service and stated that she always tried to keep the citizens and her co-workers safe and give 110%.

**R-11-15  
RESOLUTION HONORING  
LINDA SHRADER KNYSCH  
UPON HER RETIREMENT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2014 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.

**O-07-15  
ORDINANCE ABATING TAX  
ON \$5,765,000 G.O. TAX  
INCREMENT REFUNDING  
BONDS, SERIES 2002  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2014 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.

**O-08-15  
ORDINANCE ABATING TAX  
ON \$6,745,000 G.O.  
REFUNDING BONDS,  
SERIES 2012  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Philip Mammoser of O'Sullivan's Public House requested permission to erect a tent for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade being held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. He requested to install the tent on the 6<sup>th</sup> and have it taken down no later than Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>. There were no objections and Clerk Moritz was instructed to notify Mr. Mammoser of the approval. It was discussed that the approval will also require the completion of an application, an insurance certificate and indemnification of the village.

**O'SULLIVAN'S REQUEST  
TO ERECT A TENT FOR ST.  
PAT'S PARADE MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>  
APPROVED**

Ms. Chris Everett of Everett Wealth Solutions requested permission to close Marengo Avenue from Madison to the alley south of Madison on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> in order to host a Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event. In addition, Ms. Everett indicated her desire to erect a tent in case of rain. There were no objections and the Clerk Moritz was instructed to notify Ms. Everett of the approval.

**EVERETT WEALTH  
SOLUTIONS REQUEST TO  
HOLD BUSINESS AFTER  
HOURS AND ERECT A  
TENT ON SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
APPROVED**

Mr. Fred Leinweber of Harlem Manner & Damenchor requested permission for the group to hold a German Fest, celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on June 12 and 13, 2015 in the village's picnic grove at Madison and Van Buren. There were no objections and Clerk Moritz was instructed to notify Mr. Leinweber of the approval.

**HARLEM MANNER &  
DAMENCHOR REQUEST  
TO HOLD GERMAN FEST IN  
THE PICNIC GROVE ON  
JUNE 12 AND 13, 2015  
APPROVED**

**MOTION TO RATIFY  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENTS  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix 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:

- Tiki Terrace
- Eddie Cash Show, Inc.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

None

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Hosty reported that he has begun discussions with Village Administrator Gillian about the impacts the village may feel as a result of Governor Rauner's proposed budget. If the proposal is approved, the village will realize a \$600,000 decrease in tax revenue. The commissioner and the administrator are working on identifying places to cut and try to make up for the possible reduction in revenue.

Commissioner Mannix reported that more snow is expected this season and reminded all that the snow routes are still in effect after 2 inches or more snow falls. We are expecting up to 7 inches this weekend.

Commissioner Harris reported that the Kiwanis Club is holding a soap box derby information session on Saturday at noon at the Park District for anyone interested in participating.

Mayor Calderone noted that the public comment provision of the meeting is required by statute and back in 1999 he made a decision to move the public comments from the end of the meeting to the beginning. He further noted that this part of the meeting is not designed for dialogue, but comment and if the public is requesting a reply, they will be contacted as soon as possible after the meeting to get them the answers they need. Last, Mayor Calderone congratulated Linda Shrader Knysch on her impending retirement.

**ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS:**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk