

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 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 February 12, 2018, 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

Ms. Julianne Bonwit expressed her pleasure that the recommendation from the Safety and Traffic Committee, with regard to Jackson and Hannah, is being reviewed by the Council this evening. Ms. Bonwit further thanked the members of the committee and the Mayor for taking steps in the interim.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

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 \$590,250.52.

**R-08-18
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$590,250.52
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Michael Mencharini of the National Parks Service is in the process of gathering input from the community. He has set meetings with the Forest Park Library, the Residences at the Grove, the Community Center, the Progress Center for Independent Living, the Forest Park Arts Alliance, St. John’s church, St. Bernardine Church, the Altenheim, and the Historic Society for starters.

The Council discussed the options proposed by the Safety and Traffic Commission regarding the intersection at Jackson and Hannah. There was consensus to move forward with option #1. The solution outlined in option #1 is to install two solar powered, button activated crosswalk caution signs that will alert the motorist when the button is activated, eliminating the need for portable signs in the center lane of traffic. The use of a crossing guard will be combined with the signage effort. The crossing guard is already in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Auditing Services Agreement by and between Crowe Horwath, L.L.P. 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.

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:

CULTURAL PARK UPDATE

**SAFETY AND TRAFFIC
COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
JACKSON AND HANNAH
DISCUSSED**

**R-09-08
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AUDITING
AGREEMENT WITH CROWE
HORWATH, LLP
APPROVED**

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENTS RATIFIED**

- Park Grill
- Theatre at the Center, Inc. (2 agreements)
- Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse
- Jacob Henry Mansion Estate
- Odyssey Cruises
- Starved Rock Lodge

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 requested the Village Council set a couple dates for budget hearings and suggested after April 11th. Sally Cody will send out some proposed dates for feedback from the elected officials and the department heads.

Commissioner Mannix reminded all in attendance about the St. Patrick’s Day parade, which is being held this coming Saturday and congratulated the United States Men’s Curling Team for winning a gold medal in the Winter Olympics.

Commissioner Novak asked everyone to be safe and have fun at the parade this weekend and thanked the departments involved in running and cleaning up afterwards.

Mayor Calderone reminded everyone about the fundraising event to help the people in Puerto Rico. The fundraiser is being held this Wednesday, February 28th, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at McGaffer’s. The cost is \$10.00 for a wristband and includes pizza, pop and live music. All proceeds will go toward feeding victims in Puerto Rico through World Central Kitchen.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of collective negotiating matters between the public employers and their employees or representatives. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk