

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING MARCH 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. Mayor Calderone acknowledged that Commissioner Mannix and his wife, Beth, became the proud parents of John Jerome Mannix yesterday morning. Everyone in attendance congratulated the Mannix family on this exciting event.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix that the minutes from the March 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**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Finance Department submitted its February, 2015 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 \$795,226.55.

**R-18-15  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$795,226.55  
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:**

Ms. Bridget Lane of Business Districts, Inc. gave a presentation summarizing the Economic Development Final Report. A copy of the report was distributed to the elected officials and is available on the village’s website. It was discussed that Forest Park is positioned very well to support business development on Madison Street and Roosevelt Road. The data shows that there is an abundance of customers and employees in the area of Forest Park, which is great news. It was discussed that the next steps are to use the report to inform stakeholders about the supporting data for their use in marketing. It was also suggested that Forest Park is in a good position to “own” Halloween in the area by promoting events and the season in connection with our Casket Races. It was further discussed at the Economic Development Committee that we should focus on our existing businesses to improve their profits so that all of the business community in Forest Park can help each other.

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT  
INITIATIVE PROJECT  
DOCUMENTATION FINAL  
REPORT PRESENTED BY  
BRIDGET LANE OF  
BUSINESS DISTRICTS, INC.**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix that the Resolution approving a Licensing Agreement with JNS Power & Control Systems, Inc., to permit the construction and operation of a vehicle charging station in the Village of Forest Park, Illinois be adopted.

**R-19-15  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
CHARGING STATION  
LICENSING AGREEMENT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone advised that he proclaimed May, 2015 as “Older Americans Month” and in particular, the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> is hereby designated as “Celebrating Seniors Week.”

**OLDER AMERICANS  
MONTH AND  
CELEBRATING SENIORS  
WEEK PROCLAMATION**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
REQUEST TO HOST MUSIC  
FEST  
MOTION APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins to approve a request from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce for permission to host Forest Park Music Fest on Madison Street on July 17, 18 and 19, 2015, as outlined in their March 17, 2015 correspondence.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**MOTION TO DIRECT  
BOARD OF FIRE AND  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
TO APPOINT ONE POLICE  
OFFICER CANDIDATE  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix to direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Police Officer Eligibility List to fill a vacancy.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**SALVATION ARMY  
REQUEST TO HOLD  
FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS  
MOTION APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix to approve the February 12, 2015, request from The Salvation Army to conduct their Donut Day and Red Kettle Campaign events in 2015.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**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:

- Broadway in Chicago Group Sales

**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 congratulated Commission Hoskins on the news that his son has been accepted to Notre Dame University

Commission Hoskins reported that he met with Chief Glinke and the Cook County Department of Environmental Services to walk through the chapel building at the Altenheim property. A consultant will be paid through the grant coalition to update our estimates for demolishing the buildings on the property. He further stated that the latest estimates we have are several years old and this building is hazardous and a liability for the village.

Commissioner Mannix reported that the Public Works department had to clean up another 6-inch snowfall today, hopefully the last one of this season. Commissioner Mannix further wished all a Happy Easter.

Commissioner Harris reported that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago has a rain barrel program, for which Forest Park could be eligible. The program requires an intergovernmental agreement with the MWRD and oversight by village staff. If qualified, a property owner could receive rain barrels free of charge. The normal charge is \$58.00 per rain barrel. Mayor Calderone noted that we have had a rain barrel program here in Forest Park in the past, however interest waned and the program was discontinued due to lack of involvement by the residents.

Mayor Calderone announced that the Progress Center for Independent Living is holding a Legislative Training event at their location at 7521 Madison Street on Tuesdays from March 17<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup>. They are also holding the training in Spanish and English at the Progress Center at 12940 S. Western Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor on Wednesdays from March 18<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is training for persons with disabilities and is designed to teach them how to speak up politically about their issues and get funding for programs to help stay independent. Anyone wishing to sign up should call Marina Marquez at 708-388-5011.

**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 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk