

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING APRIL 10, 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 March 27, 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

Mr. Kemau Jones spoke in support of the village adopting a Welcoming Resolution and expressed his disappointment and feelings that the Village Council is not taking this seriously. Mayor Calderone assured Mr. Jones that the proposed resolution is being taken seriously and is being reviewed by our village attorney.

Ms. Kate Webster, Chair of the Diversity Commission, stated that she has been informed that the Village is working on a revised draft of the proposed Welcoming Resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police Department submitted its January and February, 2017 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 \$325,474.68.

**R-22-17
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$325,474.68
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 the Ordinance authorizing and ratifying the execution of a Joint Purchasing Requisition for the purchase of rock salt for the Village of Forest Park, Illinois be adopted.

**O-09-17
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
PURCHASE OF ROCK
SALT
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 authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch 9-1-1 System and terminating the operation of the Village of Forest Park Emergency Telephone System Board be adopted.

**R-23-17
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AGREEMENT FOR 911
DISPATCH WITH WESCOM
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-24-17
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AGREEMENT WITH IDOT
FOR MODERNIZATION OF
RANDOLPH AND
DESPLAINES
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution approving an agreement for participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the modernization of the Traffic Control Signal at Randolph Street and Desplaines Avenue, Forest Park be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-25-17
RESOLUTION WAIVING
IMRF HIRING FREEZE
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of full-time Civilian Police Information Management and Desk Clerks and part-time Clubhouse Counselors be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENTS
RATIFIED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on the following agreement associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center:

- Broadway in Chicago Group Sales (3 agreements)
- R-Gang Band
- Nick Pontarelli Band
- Rosewood

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone introduced two additional items for discussion, stating that no action would be taken at this meeting.

The developer of the Dollar Tree Store at Roosevelt and Troost requested that Troost Avenue be made a two-way street from Roosevelt to the east-west alley. The reasoning is to allow traffic to flow to Roosevelt Road from Troost rather than from the curb cut from their parking lot onto Roosevelt. There were no objections and the issue will be referred to the Safety and Traffic Commission.

**REQUEST FOR TWO-WAY
STREET AT TROOST AND
ROOSEVELT
REFERRED TO SAFETY
AND TRAFFIC
COMMISSION**

The Cub Scouts Pack 109 is interested in doing a Spring Clean-up event in Forest Park. Mayor Calderone asked the Village Commissioners if they would consider designating a week as Spring Clean-up Week. There was unanimous consensus to designate the week of May 20 through May 27th, including both weekends. This would encompass the electronic recycling event that we are holding as well as to allow time to plan and promote the event.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP EVENT
DISCUSSION**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Byrnes reported that he attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the re-opening of the Ferrara Pan Candy Store today. Ferrara Pan has always been a good business and community partner and they announced that all proceeds from the store have been earmarked to provide ten \$5,000 scholarships for the children of Ferrara Pan Employees.

Commissioner Entler reported that the Public Works is getting ready for the annual spring tree planting. Anyone interested in having a tree planted on their parkway can email publicworks@forestpark.net. In addition, the Community Art / Circle Bridge project is no longer taking applications as all spaces have been filled. We are still accepting donations for sponsoring artists to sign up for the project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Mannix moved to adjourn into closed session to for the semi-annual review of closed session minutes and to discuss litigation and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. Commissioner Entler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk