

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

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 November 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 Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler  
and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Amber Ladeira expressed her thanks to Mayor Calderone for attending the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Altenheim celebration. In addition she thanked the village for purchasing the property at the Altenheim. Last, she wished all those in attendance Happy Holidays.

Mr. Brett McNeil stated that he presumes that the village is still in the process of performing a complete review of the handling of his recent complaint about the village's conduct in the aftermath of his mother's untimely death. Mayor Calderone assured Mr. McNeil that this is the case and that some of the key players were on vacation. Mr. McNeil should expect a call to set up a meeting in the near future.

**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 \$2,051,568.06.

**R-106-15  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$2,051,568.06  
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:**

Mr. Bob Grapenthien of Crowe Horwath LLP presented the FY2015 audit to the Village Council. An overview was handed out to the elected officials. The audit revealed a clean opinion of the financial statements of the village and the net position of assets shows an increase of three million dollars. Next year, the pension funds will add ten to twenty million dollars in liability to the balance sheet, due to changes in the statutes. Further, management made adjustments to expenses to correspond with changes in revenues throughout the year. In summary, the audit revealed

**PRESENTATION OF  
FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDIT  
BY CROWE HORWATH LLP**

- No fraud was suspected or detected
- There were no significant or unusual transactions entered into during the year.
- There were no significant accounting policies adopted by the Village.
- The estimates in the financial statements have been tested and have concluded that they are reasonable.
- There are no uncorrected misstatements that were found during the audit.
- All adjusting journal entries are provided as part of the SAS114 letter.
- There were no significant difficulties encountered.
- There were no significant disagreements with management during the audit.

There were no questions or comments from the Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution honoring Firefighter Craig Marousek upon his retirement be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-107-15  
RESOLUTION HONORING  
CRAIG MAROUSEK UPON  
HIS RETIREMENT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution honoring Fire Lieutenant Scott Popelka upon his retirement be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-108-15  
RESOLUTION HONORING  
SCOTT POPELKA UPON  
HIS RETIREMENT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution approving a Local Public Agency Agreement for federal participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation and a Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. regarding Madison Street right-of-way improvements be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-109-15  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
AGREEMENTS WITH IDOT  
AND CHRISTOPHER  
BURKE ENGINEERING FOR  
MADISON STREET  
IMPROVEMENTS  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution approving Pay Request #1 for the Lathrop Avenue Water Main Replacement Project from Cerniglia Co. be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-110-15  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PAY REQUEST #1 FOR  
LATHROP WATER MAIN  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the Resolution authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of a full-time chauffer be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

None – Excused absence

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. In addition, he expressed his gratitude to Finance Director, Letitia Olmsted and Village Administrator, Tim Gillian for their help with the village audit.

Commissioner Mannix wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Novak wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Entler wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and further congratulated the Public Works Department on the great job they did cleaning up the first big snow of the season.

Mayor Calderone wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and hoped that everyone can spend some quality time with their family, further hoping for peace on earth.

**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 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk