

**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 130th 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