

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Gillian, Thornton, Hosty, Walsh and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

**READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the minutes from the previous Council meeting be passed without reading as everyone has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Thornton, Hosty, Walsh and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Forest Park Lions Club requested to solicit donations during its annual Candy Day on October 4-6, 2002 at major intersections and establishments throughout Forest Park. There were no objections from Council members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify the Lions Club of solicitation approval.

**FOREST PARK LIONS CLUB REQUEST  
TO SOLICIT FUNDS ON OCTOBER  
4-6, 2002**

The American Legion and VFW requested permission to recognize and approve Poppy Day of Forest Park, for the year of 2003 and perpetually, to be the fourth Thursday of May, with Friday as a rain day. Mayor Calderone asked that the request be held over until the Council is satisfied that it could keep the fundraiser on the calendar perpetually. There were no objections from Council members.

**HELD OVER:  
RECOGNITION AND APPROVAL OF  
POPPY DAY FOR THE YEAR 2003  
AND PERPETUALLY**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Walsh that the Resolution providing 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 \$264,674.07.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Thornton, Hosty, Walsh and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gillian motioned to table the variation request for 600 Beloit because the owners continue to review the Community Development Director's suggestion to deconvert the basement apartment within seven years or with the sale of the property, whichever is earliest. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**TABLED:  
VARIATION REQUEST FOR  
600 BELOIT**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Thornton, Hosty, Walsh and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gillian moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing the First Contractor Payout of Design Section #1 to Martam Construction for the Forest Park 2001 Water Main Improvements Project. The payment is \$183,948.30. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
FIRST CONTRACTOR PAYOUT OF  
DESIGN SECTION #1 TO MARTAM  
CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2001 WATER  
MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Thornton, Hosty, Walsh and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk read the Mayor's Proclamation re: "September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001" into the record. Mayor Calderone invited all to a ceremony honoring our nation's heroes to be held in Constitution Court, Madison Street and Thomas Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois on September 11, 2002 at 8:30AM.

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2001  
PROCLAMATION**

Commissioner Gillian moved to promote Lt. Robert Santelli to the position of Fire Captain and firefighter James Urban to the position of Fire Lieutenant. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion.

**LT. ROBERT SANTELLI, PROMOTED  
TO FIRE CAPTAIN  
FIREFIGHTER JAMES URBAN, PROMOTED  
TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Thornton, Hosty, Walsh and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone administered the oath of office to Captain Santelli and congratulated him on his promotion. Mayor Calderone then administered the oath of office to Lt. Urban and congratulated him on his promotion.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Gillian congratulated Fire Captain Santelli and Fire Lieutenant Urban on their well-deserved promotions.

Commissioner Thornton reported that the DesPlaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District sprayed the Village to kill adult mosquitoes this past Friday. The Village alerted the residents of the spray-day via reverse-911 and also sent out a flier to all addresses which reviewed West Nile Virus particulars. Commissioner Thornton reminded all present to protect themselves from mosquito bites by eliminating standing water on their property, keeping garbage cans closed, liberally applying insect repellent when out of doors in the evening and at night, and wearing long sleeves, especially at dusk. Mayor Calderone thanked the Department of Health and Safety for developing the informative pamphlet.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bernadette Homberger of 7530 W. Harrison stated that her basement has flooded six times in the recent past. She stated that her basement floods now from one to six inches, even when rains are not exceptional, when water comes through the drains in her basement. Plumbers she has called upon stated that the flooding is a Village problem. Ms. Homberger stated that her basement is unliveable space now because of too much water. Her neighbors have the same problem. Ms. Homberger asked, "Can the Village help us out?" She is concerned that water in her basement has already decreased her property value. Commissioner Hosty stated that currently the Village is looking into a program to insert back flow preventers, but reminded those present that rainwater will then collect in the street. Commissioner Hosty stated that the Village is working on this problem in order to fix it. Ms. Homberger asked that her property be listed as a flooding problem area on the Village flood survey. Commissioner Hosty agreed to include the 7500 block of Harrison between the 800 and 900 blocks of Lathrop and Ferdinand on the survey. The Mayor stated that the Village has a map of flood problems and the Council wants to bring relief to the residents of Forest Park. Mayor Calderone stated that every lot is plotted out, based on survey results, and consulting the map can give you an idea of how your block compares to other flooding areas. Mayor Calderone thanked Ms. Homberger for bringing this information to the Council. Bob Kutak stated that he had spoken to Ms. Homberger's neighbor, Suzanne Johnson, who has placed standpipes in and has had little water since. Mr. Kutak stated that 7500 Harrison and the 800 blocks of Lathrop and Ferdinand have been rejctted to ensure a free flowing rainwater drainage system.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to move into closed session to discuss land acquisition matters. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

**CLOSED SESSION 7:35 PM**

### **ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Thornton, Hosty, Walsh and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to adjourn closed session. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

**CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED AT  
10:00PM**

### **ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Thornton, Hosty, Walsh and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to reconvene open session. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion.

**OPEN SESSION RECONVENED  
AT 10:05PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Thornton, Hosty, Walsh and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Thornton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White  
**Village Clerk**