

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15, 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 Gillian 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. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Fire Department submitted its report for September 2002.
The Department of Health and Safety submitted its report for September 2002. Commissioner Walsh stated that the summary information submitted with this report was much appreciated and long overdue.
Public Works submitted its report for September 2002.

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 \$650,739.99.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Thornton motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing the execution of the annual agreement with the Cook County Department of Public Health for inspection services. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian moved that the recommendation by the Plan Commission regarding the site plan for 7418 Randolph be accepted and that the Ordinance approving a site plan in conformance with the zoning ordinance be passed. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

RECOMMENDATION BY THE PLAN COMMISSION REGARDING THE SITE PLAN FOR 7418 RANDOLPH AND ORDINANCE APPROVING A SITE PLAN IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR 7418 RANDOLPH

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone suggested that the Resolution approving and authorizing the construction of a municipal parking lot on the property located at 7418 Randolph Street be tabled, due to the fact that the Village has not as yet gone out for bids. There were no objections from Council members.

**TABLED:
RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AT 7418 RANDOLPH STREET**

Commissioner Gillian moved that the Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the Ferdinand Avenue Resurfacing Project to the second lowest bidder, F & G Contractors, Inc., in the corrected amount of \$182,717.00 be adopted. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. It was noted that the low bidder, Landmark Contractors, Inc., failed to submit acknowledgment of the addendum and the bid was disqualified. Discussion ensued regarding

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE FERDINAND AVENUE RESURFACING PROJECT TO F & G CONTRACTORS, INC.

the fact that most of the submitted bids had a read amount that differed from the corrected amount.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone suggested that Village-wide Trick-or-Treat hours be consistent to last year's established hours which were 3:30PM to 7:30PM on October 31, 2002. There were no objections from Council members.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS
ESTABLISHED: 3:30PM TO 7:30PM
ON OCTOBER 31, 2002**

Commissioner Gillian motioned to accept the Police Department's request for two replacement officers and direct the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners to appoint two candidates from their recently compiled list of candidates. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. Commissioner Walsh suggested that the soon to be appointed interim Police Chief should have a decision in this matter. Mayor Calderone stated that there has been recent discussion about part time officers and there has been no time to collect information on how to implement their activities. Commissioner Gillian stated that the Ordinance dictates that there be 38 budgeted police officer positions and he doesn't believe those numbers should decrease. Mayor Calderone stated that an eligibility list needs to be available at all times and that the Council has the authority to fill these positions tonight, or postpone that action.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR
TWO REPLACEMENT OFFICERS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Thornton, Hosty and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Walsh

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to read the Proclamation entitled "Make A Difference Day." The Governor has proclaimed October 26, 2002 as the 12th annual "Make A Difference Day" in Illinois to build the idea of volunteer participation and

**"MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY"
PROCLAMATION**

service within the community.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to accept the appointment of Carl G. Dobbs as interim Police Chief as recommended by the Mayor's Office. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. Mayor Calderone stated that the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) offers municipalities a "linebacker" program, where a retired Police Chief can be hired on a temporary basis to be a municipality's Police Chief. Mayor Calderone continued that the reasons for his recommendation to appoint a temporary and interim Chief were many and included: the person will conduct a needs assessment of officers in the Police Department; he is responsible for developing a profile that describes what characteristics a permanent Police Chief should possess in the Village of Forest Park; and the person agrees to work on a temporary basis only, for an indefinite period of time.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE
APPOINTMENT OF
CARL G. DOBBS AS
INTERIM POLICE CHIEF**

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 Chief Dobbs.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. O'Shea announced that the Village's annual Town Hall Meeting is to occur on October 29, 2002 at the Living Word Christian Church. The information fair will begin at 4:30PM with the meeting scheduled for 6:30PM. Mr. O'Shea invited all to attend this important informational meeting.

Mr. O'Shea stated that the Ferdinand Avenue Sewer and Resurfacing Project will be fully funded by a grant and that the parking lot that will be constructed at 7418 Randolph will be 90% grant funded. Mr. O'Shea stated that a Village lobbyist is aggressively utilized in Springfield to help secure grants. In addition, Mr. O'Shea stated that the Village has been working with its lawyer and engineers to provide flood relief to residents of the 800 block of Ferdinand and will soon begin a pilot project there to clean out sewers and install backflow prevention devices. The streets and curbs will then be redone. Mr. O'Shea stated that the head of the Street Department, Bob Kutak, aggressively communicated the project's particulars to affected residents.

Mr. O'Shea invited all residents to attend the Animal Care and Control Center fundraiser entitled, "Ark-Aid", to be held on Sunday morning, October 20, 2002 at Molly Malone's in town. Mr. O'Shea congratulated Elliott Serrano and the Ark's volunteers for planning the event and stated that proceeds will help to fund the needs of animals as well as the updating of the Ark's infrastructure.

Mr. O'Shea welcomed Chief Carl Dobbs and commented that he looked forward to working with him.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Olson from 7342 Randolph asked whether the parking lot planned for 7418 on Randolph would be a meter or permit lot. He stated that perhaps the Village could encourage teachers to park during the day there and open up the lot for residents at night. Mr. Olson stated that if the lot is convenient for all individuals, it would be a great help to the community. Mayor Calderone thanked Mr. Olson for his comments and stated that the Council members would take Mr. Olson's ideas and incorporate them into an overall parking plan there.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk