

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 27, 2003**

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 MEETING

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 Thornton, Hosty and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioners Gillian and Walsh due to their absence February 13, 2003.
The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Health and Safety Department submitted its 2002 End of the Year Report.

Nancy Hill highlighted some of the department's accomplishments: 860 building permits were issued, three of these being for new construction; the jobs totaled \$ 9 million in construction costs; permit fees totaled \$160,000. The year saw lots of transfer of property with interest rates low with 344 applications for certificate of compliance stamps processed and \$52,400 in associated fees collected. As the compliance process requires one, two, or three inspections for each property, the inspectors were kept very busy.

Commissioner Thornton congratulated Ms. Hill on a well written and informative report.

The Police Department submitted its report for December 2002.

Commissioner Thornton asked if criminal investigators are currently finding our youth increasingly responsible for the crimes. Chief Dobbs said that there is no greater incidence of youth crime than in the past.

The Streets and Public Improvements Department submitted its report for December 2002.

The Community Center submitted its report for December 2002.

Beverly Thompson stated that the number of children in the DCFS-accredited day care program remains steady. Ms. Thompson stated that the busing service provided for both the senior and disabled populations continues to increase and said that spring and summer program planning is underway.

Mayor Calderone commented, "It looks like they have a great time at the senior's Christmas party." Ms. Thompson responded that there was a large group participating and all had a good time.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty 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 \$301,476.47.

**R-04-03
RESOLUTION FOR THE PAYMENT
OF BILLS**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Gillian motioned that the Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$1,760,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. Mr. Wally Stock of Mesirow Financial stated that the target of the refunding originally was to save \$40,000, but now the market is so good, the estimated net savings is \$70,461. Mr. Stock stated that the bonds would be out to 2008 at an interest rate of 2.73%. He said that that he will talk to Moody's credit agency about continuing the Village's A2 bond rating.

**O-02-03
ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,760,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING
BONDS, SERIES 2003, OF THE VILLAGE OF
FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND
COLLECTION OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX
SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF
AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**DENIED:
ZONING VARIANCE ASSOCIATED
WITH THE PROPERTY AT
1000 BELOIT**

Commissioner Hosty motioned to deny the variance associated with the property known as 1000 Beloit. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion. Mayor Calderone stated that the property would not be able to be used residentially or commercially should the variance be denied. Commissioner Walsh stated that it was a self-imposed hardship as the owner allowed the commercial use to lapse for more than six months and after that time period, per zoning ordinance, the property reverts back to its original zoning. Commissioner Thornton asked, "Would we rather see it boarded up?" Commissioner Walsh suggested that with a proposed beauty shop with two chairs and a spa, the owner needs parking. Commissioner Gillian offered that although the problem is complex, he didn't see the benefit for the Village to grant a variance for parking. Commissioner Gillian said that the owner at some point could come to the Council with a parking plan. Mayor Calderone said that the parking detriment to the Village is overnight parking, and that the detriment is not during daytime hours. Mayor Calderone said that all businesses don't conform to the parking rules on Madison Street, for example, and stated that the Council needs to remain flexible on the parking issue. Commissioner Hosty added that the area is primarily residential, and Mayor Calderone countered that historically, the property has been used for commercial purposes.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, and Walsh
NAYS: Commissioner Thornton and Mayor Calderone
ABSENT: None
The motion to deny the variance carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Gillian motioned that the Fire Department's request for two firefighter/paramedics be granted and that the Village Clerk direct the Fire and Police Commission to select the candidates from their current eligibility list. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion.

**APPROVED:
FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST
FOR TWO FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Fifth Contractor Payout of Design Section #1 to Martam Construction for the Forest Park 2001 Water Improvement Project. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion.

R-05-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIFTH CONTRACTOR PAYOUT OF DESIGN SECTION #1 TO MARTAM CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2001 WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Second Contractor Payout of Design Section #2 to Martam Construction for the Forest Park 2001 Water Improvement Project. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion.

R-06-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECOND CONTRACTOR PAYOUT OF DESIGN SECTION #2 TO MARTAM CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2001 WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Third Contractor Payout of Design Section #3 to Patnick Construction for the Forest Park 2001 Water Main Improvements Project. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion.

R-07-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE THIRD CONTRACTOR PAYOUT OF DESIGN SECTION #3 TO PATNICK CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2001 WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Payout for Village Authorized Additions to Design Section #2 to Martam Construction for the Forest Park 2001 Water Main Improvements Project. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

R-08-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYOUT FOR VILLAGE AUTHORIZED ADDITIONS TO DESIGN SECTION #2 TO MARTAM CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2001 WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Payout for Village Authorized Additions to Design Section #1 to Martam Construction for the Forest Park 2001 Water Main Improvements Project. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

R-09-03
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
PAYOUT FOR VILLAGE AUTHORIZED
ADDITIONS TO DESIGN SECTION #1 TO
MARTAM CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2001
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to adopt the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement for Village assistance regarding Tax Increment Financing or related Economic Development Programs between the Village and Kane, McKenna & Associates, Inc. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

R-10-03
**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
AN AGREEMENT FOR VILLAGE
ASSISTANCE REGARDING TAX
INCREMENT FINANCING WITH
KANE, MCKENNA & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Kokenes of the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and Dorothy Gillian and Peter Marafatsos of the Forest Park Main Street Organization introduced the concept of establishing a French Market in the Village of Forest Park. The Market would be an open-air market where vendors, selected and managed by the Bensidoun Group, would sell flowers, breads, soaps, clothing, meats, pies, as well as fruits and vegetables. The Bensidoun Group began managing open-air markets in and around Paris and over the past 45 years, Mr. Bensidoun has expanded his operations to include 60 markets throughout the Paris metropolitan area. In 1996, the Bensidoun Group expanded outside of Europe and created an American subsidiary to develop the French Market in the United States. The French Market currently exists in Villa Park, Lombard, Wheaton, and Mokena. The Chamber, Main Street, and Village Administrator, Matt O'Shea believe that the best

**INTRODUCTION ONLY:
FRENCH MARKET LICENSE AGREEMENT**

location for the Market is in the municipal parking lot at Elgin and Madison. The Market will be open each Saturday, from 8:00AM to 2:00PM during the months of May to October. Mr. O'Shea stated that the startup cost would be \$12,000 with a recurrence fee of \$7,000, but that those prices may be negotiable. Mr. O'Shea stated that since prime parking would be taken away from the street, Brown's Chicken has been contacted and seems willing to work with us regarding the use of their lot.

Mayor Calderone stated that the idea of the French Market sounds fantastic and added that since legal counsel needs to review the Agreement, the item is for introduction only at this meeting. Mayor Calderone encouraged continued discussion among all the principals involved in the French Market. There were no objections from Council members.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to adopt the Resolution outlining the names of authorized persons who can issue payment orders for wire transfers on respective accounts of the Village of Forest Park and Forest Park National Bank and Trust. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion.

**R-11-03
RESOLUTION OUTLINING THE NAMES
OF AUTHORIZED PERSONS WHO CAN
ISSUE PAYMENT ORDERS FOR WIRE
TRANSFERS ON ACCOUNTS OF THE
VILLAGE AND FOREST PARK
NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to deny licensure to Blue Line Taxi. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion. Clerk White explained that the applicant, Mr. Fanir W. Gizzatow, failed to adhere to the directive of herself and office staff as set forth in the Village Ordinance to cease all operation of his taxicab until such time as his application for a taxicab license was approved by the Council. Mr. Gizzatow, driving the Blue Line Taxi, was pulled over by the Forest Park police department after he was told to cease operations. He told the officer he was already licensed by the Village. Upon investigation by the Clerk's office, it was apparent that Mr. Gizzatow transferred a previously purchased taxicab license for another taxi to the taxi in question. Blue Line Taxi was operating without a Village taxicab inspection in regards to road worthiness and other criteria as dictated by Ordinance. Mayor Calderone asked Mr. Gizzatow, who was present,

**DENIED:
BLUE LINE TAXICAB LICENSURE**

if he had a license for the vehicle. Mr. Gizzatow said that he had, and showed Mayor Calderone his taxicab DRIVER'S license and not a license sticker for this particular Cab that he has been operating within the Village.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion to deny taxicab licensure carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone stated to Mr. Gizzatow, "You are NOT approved. You cannot operate the cab."

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hosty reminded all present that tomorrow, January 28th is the last day to register to vote before the primary election on February 25th, 2003.

Mayor Calderone stated that the 6015th Family Support Unit was activated by the president for duty overseas. He continued that the 6015th reported to the Army Reserve Center in Forest Park before deployment, and a check for \$5,000 was given to the group by the Village to defer family costs of deployment (ie: housing out of town families.) The donations were retained from the Village t-shirt sales after the terrorist attacks on 9/11 and presented to this very worthy group by Mayor Calderone, Commissioners Gillian and Hosty, and Matt O'Shea. Mayor Calderone asked the Clerk to read into the record a letter he received from Brigadier General Kirkland, U.S. Army Reserves, thanking the Mayor and community for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Olson, 7342 Randolph thanked Mayor Calderone for making a call to his home, when he was ill with pneumonia, to inquire about his health. Mr. Olson stated that Forest Park is a beautiful town and he thanked all for their kindness towards him when he was sick.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White

Village Clerk