

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 24, 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. Mayor Calderone asked to pause for a moment of silence in order to honor the brave men and women serving overseas in Iraq, especially those who lost their lives in battle today.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Thornton 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 Salvation Army requested permission to conduct its annual "Donut Days" on Friday, June 6, and Saturday, June 7, 2003. "Donut Days" is a Tag Day charitable fund raising effort, commemorating the work of the Salvation Army with our servicemen during World War I. There were no objections from Council members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to contact the Salvation Army regarding event approval.

**SALVATION ARMY "DONUT DAYS"
JUNE 6TH AND 7TH, 2003**

The Forest Park Chamber of Commerce requested permission to hold "Summerfest 2003" on Madison Street on Friday, June 13 from 5 to 11:00PM and on Saturday, June 14 from noon to 10:00pm. In addition, the Chamber requested permission to sell beer during the event. There were no objections from Council members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to contact the Chamber of Commerce regarding event approval.

**THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S
"SUMMERFEST 2003" TO BE HELD
JUNE 13TH AND 14TH, 2003 ON
MADISON STREET**

Commissioner Hosty motioned to accept the Forest Park Library recommendation to appoint Andrea Blaylock to the Library Board to fulfill the term vacated by Amy Huynh. The term runs through April, 2004. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

ANDREA BLAYLOCK APPOINTED TO THE FOREST PARK LIBRARY BOARD

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Blaylock thanked the Library Board and the Council for their approval and stated that she hoped to be a valuable asset to the Library Board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Community Center submitted its report for February 2003.

The Department of Streets and Public Improvements presented information about the Madison Street Bridge Reconstruction Project. Director Bob Kutak gave an overview on the project, stating that work will begin on March 24, 2003 and continue through October 31, 2003. He stated the work will affect not only the Village of Forest Park, but our neighboring Villages of River Forest and Maywood as well and described alternate travel routes. There were no questions from Council members.

The Police Department submitted its report for February 2003.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Thornton 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 \$189,216.06.

**R-27-03
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

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Thornton motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing Acceptance and Execution of an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Individual Work Permits on State Highways located within the Village of Forest Park. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**R-28-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF
AN AGREEMENT WITH IDOT FOR
WORK PERMITS ON STATE
HIGHWAYS IN FOREST PARK**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to pass the Ordinance correcting certain Scrivener’s Errors in the Legal Description attached as “Exhibit A” and “Exhibit B” to Ordinance O-38-02 of the Village of Forest Park. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

**O-07-03
ORDINANCE CORRECTING CERTAIN
SCRIVENER’S ERRORS IN THE LEGAL
DESCRIPTION ATTACHED AS “EXHIBIT A”
AND “EXHIBIT B” TO ORDINANCE O-38-02**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to pass the Ordinance Granting and Permitting a Variation in the Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance associated with 528 Beloit as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion. The variance permits the modification to the existing first floor porch and allows the construction of a second story porch on a legal nonconforming two flat.

**O-08-03
ORDINANCE GRANTING AND
PERMITTING A VARIATION IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING
ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH
528 BELOIT**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Matthew O’Shea stated that the Village has received \$180,000 in promised grant monies to fund street repair for the 800 block of Ferdinand.

Mr. O’Shea reported that the Public Works and Health and Safety Departments are addressing the trash problem in Village alleys. He stated that these departments have divided the Village into

zones to make sure all alley debris can be cleared. Mr. O'Shea encouraged residents to do their part to clean up around their property.

Mr. O'Shea described the photo processing tax that Springfield legislators rescinded last year, costing the Village of Forest Park \$40,000. He stated that State Senator Dillard is in the process of returning these monies to the municipalities, and Mayor Calderone and Mr. O'Shea will work to push this legislation, benefiting municipalities, through the Illinois Municipal League and then through the House of Representatives.

Mayor Calderone stated that it is hard to get residents to claim ownership of debris in an alley and it is difficult to determine who left the debris there. Mayor Calderone described a process known as "fly dumping" where individuals toss debris out of moving vehicles and stated that the problem is evident all over town. Bob Kutak suggested that the Cook County Sheriff's SWAP team could be utilized to clean up and suggested that school organizations may volunteer to collect debris. Mayor Calderone added that Girl and Boy Scouts, like the Lyons Club, could "adopt an alley" or other area of the Village in order to clean up the community. Mayor Calderone encouraged homeowners to get involved in the commitment to clean up Forest Park.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Gillian congratulated members of the Fire Department involved in the resuscitation of a close neighbor and friend. He thanked Lieutenant Bob McDermott, the paramedics involved, and the whole shift for their prompt, efficient, and successful resuscitation effort.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Olson, 7342 Randolph, thanked Commissioner Bryan Walsh for a job well done during his term serving the residents of Forest Park. Mr. Olson commented that it grieves him to see so many Americans complaining about the war in Iraq. He stated that it is terrible not to know freedom, and that people in the United States live in a democracy where people are free to say what they wish to say.

Marilyn Garapolo, 7726 Monroe, thanked the Council members on behalf of her neighbors on the 7700 block of Monroe, for cleaning the north side of their street with a street sweeper. In addition, Ms. Garapolo liked the idea of residents being responsible for cleanup and suggested that posting signs that detail a penalty for littering may be advantageous in decreasing the amount of debris throughout the Village.

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 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk