

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 14, 2003**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Calderone stated that tonight is a special occasion, as the outgoing commissioners will be discharged and the newly elected officials will be sworn into office. Mayor Calderone introduced Brenda Robinzine, a resident of Forest Park, who sang "God Bless America." Ms. Robinzine's husband has been called to active duty in the Iraqi conflict.

**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 Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian 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**

Clerk White read the Park District of Forest Park letter announcing the 30<sup>th</sup> annual "Bob Haeger All School Picnic" to be held Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003. The Park District requested continued cooperation with the Police and Fire Departments for this event. There were no objections from Council members.

**30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "BOB HAEGER ALL  
SCHOOL PICNIC" TO BE HELD  
THURSDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2003.**

Clerk White read a proclamation honoring National Volunteer Week, April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 3, 2003. National Volunteer Week is an opportunity for the community to applaud the efforts of volunteers, and to remind residents about the importance of volunteering and making volunteer service a regular part of their lives.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK:  
APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MAY 3, 2003**

Clerk White read Patrick Doolin's letter of resignation from his position as Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission, effective April 14, 2003.

**PATRICK DOOLIN'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The Fire Department submitted its report for March 2003.  
The Department of Health and Safety submitted its report for March 2003.

Mayor Calderone stated that all department heads have submitted their 2002 End of the Year reports. Mayor Calderone stated that no oral reports will be given tonight because of time constraints.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian 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 \$462,710.84.

**R-29-03  
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 to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Fifth Contractor payout of Design Section #3 to Patnick Construction for the 2001 Water Main Improvements Project in the amount of \$83,254.50. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

**R-30-03  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIFTH CONTRACTOR PAYOUT OF DESIGN SECTION #3 TO PATNICK 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.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Sixth Contractor payout of Design Section #1 to Martam Construction for the 2001 Water Main Improvements Project in the amount of \$27,324.00. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

**R-31-03  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
SIXTH 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.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing Change Order Number 2 of Design Section #2 to Martam Construction for the 2001 Water Main Improvements Project. The Change Order increases the contract amount by \$10,455.37 from the total amount of \$1,511,541.77 to \$1,521,997.14. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**R-32-03  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE  
ORDER NUMBER 2 OF DESIGN  
SECTION #2 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.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Fourth Contractor payout of Design Section #2 to Martam Construction for the 2001 Water Main Improvements Project in the amount of \$100,196.63. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion.

**R-33-03  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOURTH  
CONTRACTOR PAYOUT OF DESIGN  
SECTION #2 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.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to approve the Police Department's request to purchase a police vehicle to replace Squad #211. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. Squad #211 is considered totaled and the insurance company is paying out \$13,149.38.

**APPROVAL OF THE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST TO  
PURCHASE A POLICE VEHICLE  
TO REPLACE SQUAD #211**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to accept and approve a taxicab license for Mr. Zayyad of "Nick's Taxi." Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion. Mr. Zayyad was in attendance. Clerk White stated that Mr. Zayyad, who was recently employed by another cab company licensed with the Village, has complied with all ordinances re: taxicab inspection and bill payment.

**TAXICAB LICENSE APPROVED FOR  
"NICK'S TAXI"**

**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 approving the proposal from McAdam Landscaping, Inc. for the spring, summer, and fall installation, maintenance and watering of plant, bulb and juniper materials in the Madison Street Corridor in the amount of \$32,601.46. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion.

**R-34-03  
RESOLUTION APPROVING MC ADAM  
LANDSCAPING, INC. PROPOSAL FOR  
INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND  
WATERING OF PLANT MATERIALS IN  
THE MADISON STREET CORRIDOR**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to pass the Ordinance Granting and Permitting a Variation in the Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance associated with 7321 Madison Street. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. The variance was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 17, 2003. The variance allows for a reduction in the required number of off-street parking spaces. A member from the audience attempted public comment. Mayor Calderone stated that the Council does not take public comment re: variances and that the proper forum for public comment on this issue would have been at the ZBA meeting itself. Mayor Calderone stated that

**O-09-03  
ORDINANCE GRANTING AND  
PERMITTING A VARIATION IN THE  
REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING  
ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH  
7321 MADISON STREET**

the action taken tonight on 7321 Madison is not a unique situation, as the variance granted to Doc Ryan's recently was similar to this one. Mayor Calderone stated that Madison Street cannot accommodate the current parking directives as outlined by the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Calderone continued to state that the Community Developer did the parking calculations for the property and determined that for any person to purchase the property, he or she needed 200 to 400 parking spaces to satisfy the current zoning ordinances, should the property be a restaurant and office use. Mayor Calderone stated that for anyone to purchase the property and follow the parking regulations in the zoning ordinance is outlandish. Mayor Calderone explained that the Community Developer has included language in the Ordinance that states that the variation shall apply to the following uses only: professional, medical, dental and service offices; retail uses permitted in the B-2 District; and restaurants, taverns and liquor licensees. Commissioner Gillian stated that few properties can comply with the zoning ordinance re: parking and since the Village of Forest Park is painfully short of parking spaces, not to allow a business to open because of an impossible dictate is not in the best interest of Forest Park. Commissioner Walsh stated that he didn't see this as a difficult question, as now there is an agreeable use for that site and the variance should move forward.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

Commissioner Thornton motioned to pass the Ordinance Granting Site Plan Approval of the Zoning Ordinance associated with 317 Elgin Avenue. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. The Site Plan permits the construction of a three unit town home development at the site. Mayor Calderone stated that the developer has readjusted the project and reconfigured the design with a result that now no variances are needed.

**O-10-03  
ORDINANCE GRANTING SITE PLAN  
APPROVAL OF THE ZONING  
ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH  
317 ELGIN AVENUE**

**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 proclaiming the results of the April 1, 2003 General Election. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion. The Clerk read the results into the record:

**R-35-03  
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE  
RESULTS OF THE APRIL 1, 2003  
GENERAL ELECTION**

Mayor:	Anthony Calderone	1,506 votes
Commissioner:	Timothy E. Gillian	1,232
	Mark S. Hosty	1,034
	Laureen M. Thornton	848
	John A. Tricoci	792
	Barbara K. Crawford	896
	Theresa A. Steinbach	908
	Patrick J. Doolin	1,153
	Robert Cox	456

Therefore, the following persons are declared elected for the offices of Mayor and Commissioners:

Mayor:	Anthony Calderone
Commissioner:	Timothy E. Gillian
	Mark S. Hosty
	Theresa A. Steinbach
	Patrick J. Doolin

**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 honoring Bryan E. J. Walsh for his four years of dedicated service to the residents as Commissioner of Public Property in the Village of Forest Park. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

**R-36-03  
RESOLUTION HONORING  
BRYAN E. J. WALSH**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty stated that it was nice serving the community with Commissioner Walsh. Commissioner Gillian congratulated Commissioner Walsh on his dedicated service to the public for the last four years. Commissioner Thornton added that it has been a pleasure serving with Commissioner Walsh.

Commissioner Walsh thanked all for allowing him to serve the community and presented the Director of Public Property, Bill Heider, with a framed poster, acknowledging Mr. Heider's dedication to his duties.

Mayor Calderone presented Commissioner Walsh with a shadow box documenting his dedication to the community from 1999-2003 signed by the Mayor and Commissioners. Mayor Calderone presented Commissioner Walsh with a key to the Village and congratulated him on always putting the people first. Mayor Calderone stated that Commissioner Walsh was honorably discharged of his duties, and he was escorted to a seat in the audience.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to adopt the Resolution honoring Laureen M. Thornton on her eight years of public service as Commissioner of Public Health and Safety. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion.

**R-37-03  
RESOLUTION HONORING  
LAUREEN M. THORNTON**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thornton thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve with its members for the last eight years and thanked Commissioner Gillian and Mayor Calderone for their support. Commissioner Thornton wished the new Council the best of luck as its members strive to make Forest Park the best place to live and work. Mayor Calderone presented Commissioner Thornton with a shadow box honoring her service from 1995-2003 and stated the inscription, "It was an honor and privilege to work beside you." Mayor Calderone presented Commissioner Thornton with a key to the Village and thanked her for her guiding presence on the Council.

Commissioner Thornton was honorably discharged of her duties, and was escorted to a seat in the audience.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Judge James O'Malley administered the Oath of Office to Timothy E. Gillian. Commissioner Gillian signed his Oath of Office.

**COMMISSIONER TIM GILLIAN  
SWORN IN**

Judge James O'Malley administered the Oath of Office to Mark S. Hosty. Commissioner Hosty signed his Oath of Office.

**COMMISSIONER MARK HOSTY  
SWORN IN**

Judge James O'Malley administered the Oath of Office to Patrick J. Doolin. Commissioner Doolin signed his Oath of Office.

**COMMISSIONER PATRICK DOOLIN  
SWORN IN**

Judge James O'Malley administered the Oath of Office to Theresa A. Steinbach. Commissioner Steinbach signed her Oath of Office.

**COMMISSIONER THERESA STEINBACH  
SWORN IN**

Judge James O'Malley administered the Oath of Office to Anthony Calderone. Mayor Calderone signed his Oath of Office.

**MAYOR ANTHONY CALDERONE  
SWORN IN**

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

Mayor Calderone stated that since the elections are completed, the Council will focus its attention on the citizens of Forest Park and it is his duty to administer the affairs of the Village. Mayor Calderone stated that there is a greater good served when serving the residents of the Village and encouraged all elected officials to practice tolerance and to respect each other's thoughts and opinions so that the residents come first in order to better the quality of life here in Forest Park. Mayor Calderone congratulated all the elected officials and their families and friends. Mayor Calderone then stated that the selection of departments will now be addressed, and added that the Mayor, per Illinois state statute, is automatically the head of Public Affairs.

Commissioner Doolin motioned that Theresa Steinbach accept the duties and responsibilities of Commissioner of Accounts and Finances. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion. Commissioner Doolin stated that Commissioner Steinbach is a well qualified individual for position, noting that she holds an advanced math degree and is a PhD candidate in computer science.

**DENIED:  
MOTION THAT COMMISSIONER  
STEINBACH ACCEPT THE DUTIES  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND  
FINANCES**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach  
**NAYS:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Mayor Calderone  
**ABSENT:** None  
The motion did not carry.

Commissioner Hosty motioned that Timothy Gillian accept the duties and responsibilities of Commissioner of Accounts and Finances. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion.

**APPROVED:  
MOTION THAT COMMISSIONER  
GILLIAN ACCEPT THE DUTIES  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND  
FINANCES**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Mayor Calderone  
**NAYS:** Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach  
**ABSENT:** None  
The motion carried.

Commissioner Gillian motioned that Mark Hosty accept the duties and responsibilities of Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and Safety. Commissioner Doolin seconded the motion.

**APPROVED:  
MOTION THAT COMMISSIONER  
HOSTY ACCEPT THE DUTIES  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
AND SAFETY**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Doolin motioned that Patrick Doolin accept the duties and responsibilities of Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**APPROVED:  
MOTION THAT COMMISSIONER  
DOOLIN ACCEPT THE DUTIES  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
COMMISSIONER OF STREETS AND  
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned that Theresa Steinbach accept the duties and responsibilities of Commissioner of Public Property. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**APPROVED:  
MOTION THAT COMMISSIONER  
STEINBACH ACCEPT THE DUTIES  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned that the following act as Interim Department Heads:

**APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM  
DEPARTMENT HEADS**

- Village Administrator: Matthew O'Shea
- Village Clerk: Joan M. White
- Community Center: Beverly Thompson
- Police Department: Carl Dobbs
- Fire Department: Timothy Rehor
- Health & Safety: Nancy Hill
- Streets & Public

Improvements: Robert Kutak  
Public Property: William Heider

Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Matthew O'Shea stated that it has been an honor to work with Commissioner Thornton and Commissioner Walsh and added that it makes both his work as Village Administrator and that of the department heads better to interact with such dedicated individuals. Mr. O'Shea encouraged both Commissioners to continue their work here in the Village on a volunteer committee basis. Mr. O'Shea stated that he looks forward to working with new members of the Council to continue progress in the Village of Forest Park.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Gillian stated that the Fire Department responded to two fires recently, one at the Pavilion and the other at the Pines Restaurant. Both fires were contained quickly. Commissioner Gillian announced that Chief Rehor will retire on June 1, 2003 after many years of dedicated service. Commissioner Gillian stated that he congratulates anyone who "throws his hat into the ring to work on issues" and stated that he looks forward to future challenges that will be faced by members of the Village Council and is delighted to continue to work with Mayor Calderone and Commissioner Hosty. Commissioner Gillian thanked Commissioner Thornton for her years of dedicated service and stated, "You were always there, keeping us in line and making hard decisions. I have the utmost respect for you."

Commissioner Steinbach thanked all who supported her in the recent election and made it clear to all that her home on the 500 block of Thomas Avenue and phone are available to any and all constituents who wish to speak to her about Village business.

Commissioner Hosty agreed with Commissioner Gillian's comments and stated that he looks forward to working with all the elected officials in order to move the Village forward. Commissioner Hosty stated that it has been a pleasure to work with Commissioner Thornton and he will miss her during the next four years.

Commissioner Doolin thanked all his supporters and stated that he looks forward to the challenges that will come before the Council. Commissioner Doolin stated that all the elected officials will gel and noted that there is plenty of momentum in the Village. Commissioner Doolin stated that he is humbled to sit up on the dais this evening, and thanked all for the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Village Commissioner.

Mayor Calderone stated that what makes Commissioners Walsh and Thornton special is that they stayed in Council Chambers as the newly elected officials took their positions at the dais. Mayor

Calderone stated that they are true professionals and hoped that they will make themselves available to all the elected officials for transitional assistance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Steve Lilligan of 547 DesPlaines Avenue encouraged the Village Officials to enforce local leash laws, as lately his dog has been attacked by citizens' dogs off-leash. Mayor Calderone directed Mr. Lilligan to speak with Chief Dobbs about the incident.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White  
**Village Clerk**