

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 28, 2003**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach 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 with one correction, namely that **Commissioner Steinbach** motioned that Commissioner Doolin accept the duties and responsibilities of Streets and Public Improvements.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to revise the minutes accordingly.

Mayor Calderone addressed an article in last week's Forest Park Review that stated that the Mayor has the extraordinary power of veto. Mayor Calderone stated that Illinois State Statutes dictate that the Mayor in the Commissioner form of government has the right to vote on all matters and has no power to veto. Mayor Calderone stated that the newspaper was not correct in its statement.

**MAYOR HAS NO POWER TO VETO
IN COMMISSION FORM OF
GOVERNMENT**

COMMUNICATIONS

The Main Street Association requested permission to place and display flyers at Village Hall on behalf of its "Home Basics and Beyond" event during National Preservation Week, May 15th through May 18th, 2003. There were no objections from Council members.

**MAIN STREET REQUEST TO PLACE
FLYERS AT VILLAGE HALL FOR
"HOME BASICS AND BEYOND" EVENT**

The Clerk read the Proclamation honoring National Preservation Week, May 5th through May 12th, 2003. The Proclamation encourages the philosophy that

**PROCLAMATION HONORING
NATIONAL PRESERVATION WEEK,
MAY 5TH THROUGH MAY 12TH, 2003**

by investing in the preservation of the past, we help to ensure the viability of our future.

**DISCUSSION RE: MAIN STREET
FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR
2003-2004**

The Main Street Association requested an increase in its allocation for fiscal year 2003-2004 to total \$60,000. Mayor Calderone stated that no action will be taken on this matter tonight. Commissioner Gillian stated that he has had a discussion about the increased funding with Main Street's President and Director and believes funding should continue at some level. Commissioner Steinbach suggested that the Council be given a breakdown of how the money is being spent and Commissioner Gillian stated that in the near future, Main Street will submit a detailed ledger re: expenditures and revenues. Commissioner Hosty stated that Main Street should show any left over funds from last year for lack of an executive director. Mayor Calderone stated that this request will come again before the Council after Main Street submits its audit.

**DISCUSSION RE: THE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY'S REQUEST TO LEASE "THE
CHAPEL", LOCATED ON THE ALTENHEIM
PROPERTY TO BE USED AS A HISTORICAL
MUSEUM**

The Historical Society of Forest Park requested to lease "The Chapel", located on the Altenheim property, to be used as a historical museum. Commissioner Hosty suggested that the Village make sure that the plan falls into its agreement with the Altenheim. Commissioner Doolin stated that the creation of a museum within the Altenheim property would be a wonderful fit for the community. Mayor Calderone directed the Village Administrator to review the agreement between the Village and the Altenheim to investigate the feasibility of the plan.

**MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH
PROCLAMATION: MAY, 2003**

The Clerk read the Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation into the record which dictates that during the month of May, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways within the Village.

**VFW AND AMERICAN LEGION
REQUEST TO HOLD "POPPY DAY"
FUNDRAISER ON MAY 23, 2003**

The VFW and American Legion requested to solicit funds in conjunction with their "Poppy Day" fundraiser to be held on Friday, May 23rd, 2003. There were no objections from Council members.

POPPY DAY PROCLAMATION

The Clerk read the Poppy Day Proclamation into the record, explaining that the basic purpose of the annual sale of Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is to raise funds for the benefit of

disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans.

BFI NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

BFI gave notice that the monthly charges for municipal solid waste service and landscape waste services are scheduled to be adjusted, effective April 2003 and that the new prices are based on the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index. Municipal solid waste for 1-4 unit buildings will increase from \$7.95/month to \$8.19/month and condo units will increase from \$6.03/month to \$6.21/month. Landscape waste for 1-4 unit properties will increase from \$1.52/month to \$1.57/month. Discussion ensued re: the length of the original contract and the amount of increase for which the residents are responsible. Mayor Calderone stated that these questions will be answered after some research.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police Department submitted its report for March 2003. Chief Dobbs discussed the highlights of the report, including advantages of the domestic violence mediation group; activities at the St. Patrick's Day Parade; recognition of the excellent coordination with dispatchers and officers when arresting an individual; tobacco stings; and completion of budget documents. The Community Center submitted its report for March 2003. Bev Thompson stated that the senior programs are at maximum capacity and that yellow ribbons have been placed on community trees to show support for American troops in Iraq.

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 \$288,683.82. Discussion ensued re: the procedure of reviewing department bills. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she couldn't make an informed decision tonight as she just recently received all the departments' bills. Commissioner Gillian stated that he has instructed the Village Administrator in the future to share all the bills with all the Commissioners.

**R-38-03
RESOLUTION FOR THE PAYMENT
OF BILLS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone
NAYS: Commissioner Steinbach

ABSENT: None
The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bert Nuehring, of FPT&W, Certified Public Accountants, presented the annual financial report for the year ended April 30, 2002. Discussion ensued re: the timeliness of the report as well revenues and expenditures. Mr. Nuehring stated that "close out" of the year was slow due to the implementation of new accounting software as well as the departure of the finance director in late February. Mr. Nuehring also stated that the Village budgeted \$1,000,000 surplus and at the year's end, there was a \$2,000,000 positive variance. Mr. Nuehring then reviewed a management letter that described ten recommendations for future consideration. Mayor Calderone said that at a future meeting, the recommendations will be discussed in detail and acted upon. Commissioner Steinbach moved to accept the financial report for the year ended April 30, 2002. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2002
ACCEPTED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Glen Azuma, associate of City Services, Inc. provided an update on the progress of the development of the Forest Park Mall. A timeline was discussed, beginning from April of 1998 when the Living Word Church acquired the Mall to February of 2003 when a lease was signed with Ultra Foods. Mr. Azuma stated that construction of Ultra Foods is slated to begin in July, 2003 with an anticipated mid-February, 2004 grand opening of the store.

**UPDATE OF PROGRESS RE: THE
FOREST PARK MALL BY
CITY SERVICES, INC.**

Commissioner Gillian motioned that the Resolution authorizing the Fifth contractor Payout of Design Section #2 to Martam Construction for the Forest Park

**R-39-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIFTH
CONTRACTOR PAYOUT OF DESIGN**

2001 Water Main Improvement Project be adopted in the amount of \$153,812.64. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

SECTION #2 TO MARTAM CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2001 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to pass the Ordinance granting approval of a Plat of Consolidation, a Plat of Easement, and authorizing the Mayor and Village Clerk to execute said Plats. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. Discussion ensued re: need to improve vacated 14th Street and who in the Village monitors the activity in the area. The Director of Community Development stated that vacated 14th Street is already improved with a curb cut and added that the Department of Health and Safety monitors the activity within the area.

**O-11-03
ORDINANCE GRANTING APPROVAL OF A PLAT OF CONSOLIDATION, A PLAT OF EASEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID PLATS**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to accept the ZBA recommendation to deny the variance associated with 7730-7732-7734 Madison Street. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion. The petitioner, Javier Estrada, requested to place a used car lot on this property.

**DENIED:
ZONING VARIANCE ASSOCIATED WITH 7730-7732-7734 MADISON STREET**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach 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 of the Village of Forest Park associated with 7505 Madison Street. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion. Discussion ensued re: the seemingly inconsistent way of appropriating

**O-12-03
ORDINANCE GRANTING AND PERMITTING A VARIATION IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH 7505 MADISON STREET**

zoning variations associated with parking in the Village. The Director of Community Development said that the members of the ZBA look at each variation on a case by case basis and note the distinction between parking associated with residential vs. commercial developments.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to approve the 2003-2004 implementation of the Police & Fire Athletic League, the PEER Mediation Program, and the Climb with a Cop Program, utilizing the grant funding from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG) in the amount of \$39,720.00. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THREE POLICE PROGRAMS UTILIZING THE LLEBG APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to approve the fourth year implementation of the PEER and PIPE programs for our community, utilizing the grant funding from the Judicial Advisory Council of the Cook County Board through its program entitled BADGE in the amount of \$51,956.00. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PEER AND PIPE PROGRAMS UTILIZING BADGE GRANT APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to approve the Fire Department's request to purchase a Medtronic/Physio-Control Corporation, monitor/defibrillator in the amount of \$15,621.00. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion.

MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR PURCHASE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to pass the Ordinance **O-13-03**

assigning duties dealing with Collective Bargaining to the Department of Accounts and Finances

and to the Village Administrator. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. Discussion ensued

re: who the current negotiating parties

are, what role a Commissioner who oversees a particular department should have in that department's

labor negotiations, and the part a Commissioner might play in initially setting the tone of the bargaining session.

Mayor Calderone said that the Council has the last

say in negotiating the contract and sets parameters for negotiating,

but Commissioners cannot sit at the bargaining table

because of potential conflicts involving the Open Meetings Act.

He added that ratification of a contract comes before the

Village Council for approval before its implementation.

**ORDINANCE ASSIGNING DUTIES
DEALING WITH COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES AND TO THE
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to pass the Ordinance **O-14-03**

amending Article I entitled "Organization" of Chapter 3 entitled "Fire Department" of the Municipal Code.

Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. The amendment provides for one captain position within the Fire Department.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I
ENTITLED "ORGANIZATION" OF
CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED "FIRE
DEPARTMENT" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone introduced a memo from the Clerk requesting to reschedule the regular Village Council meeting of May 26, 2003 since it is the Memorial

Day holiday to Tuesday, May 27, 2003. There were no objections from Council members.

**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 26TH, 2003
TO MAY 27TH, 2003**

Commissioner Hosty motioned that the Council convene executive, closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and to consider approbable or imminent litigation. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion.

**MOTION TO CONVENE CLOSED
SESSION APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Matthew O'Shea reported that the Village budgets \$750,000 for refuse collection, and part of the revenue is obtained from the tax levy. Mr. O'Shea added that the Village definitely passes on refuse collection costs to residents via their property tax bill, but stated that the Village now must look at additionally passing on the increased refuse collection fees directly to residents via their water/refuse collection/recycling/yard waste bill.

Mr. O'Shea said that the department heads will hand in their 2003-2004 budgets at the end of the week and he will work with the finance director in order to draft proposals that will come up for approval by the Council.

Mr. O'Shea stated that the "Municipal Drive-Down" to Springfield is Wednesday, April 30, 2003 and participating elected and appointed officials will look at what ordinances up for discussion and voting will affect the Village. Mr. O'Shea stated that he will speak to our legislators in Springfield to attempt to convince them to reimplement the photo processing tax so that the Village may again partake in that increased revenue.

Mr. O'Shea thanked Commissioner Gillian, Chris Soriano, and the Clerk for assisting in tasks associated with the finance office in the absence of a finance director.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Gillian announced the hiring of Abigail Yacoben as the Village's finance director and introduced her to all assembled. He added that Ms. Yacoben has a Masters in Public Policy with a concentration in Finance and wished her well in her new endeavor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

George Isdale from 1326 Marengo commented that since the Village is so over budget, he believes the Village should incur the full refuse collection increase and not pass the increased cost onto the residents. Mr. Isdale also suggested that the water rate be printed on the water bill. In addition, Mr. Isdale said that the easement spoken about tonight at 14th Street is not really a street; it is more

accurately described as an alley. The Village Attorney pointed out that once vacated, the street was not the property of the Village of Forest Park. The Ordinance passed tonight not only allows owners access, but will also allow the Village assess as well.

Ed Olson from 7342 Randolph asked why the Village denied the Historical Society the use of the Chapel located on the Altenheim property. Mayor Calderone stated that the request was not denied, but rather further investigation of the agreement between the Village and the Altenheim needs to be done in order to discern if the Museum can be housed there. Mr. Olson asked if the Historical Society is part of the Village and Mayor Calderone stated that it is not.

Debby King from 7625 Monroe stated that the Historical Society wishes to use the Chapel as a Museum, but has no plans to leave the library at this time.

Rich Vitton, 500 Marengo, stated that the Altenheim Chapel was built in 1885 and currently is in disrepair with windows boarded up. Mr. Vitton stated that the Historical Society is writing a "Save America Grant" to restore the Chapel and stated that volunteer electricians and carpenters will pitch in to begin the restoration effort.

Jean Campos of 1305 Elgin requested that the Village Council distribute expenditure information at the regular Council meetings so that the public can see details of Village spending. Ms. Campos also suggested that the Village distribute handouts or have overheads of audit information so that the public can follow the annual audit presentation. Mayor Calderone stated that the regular Council meetings are the business meetings of the elected body and information is not public until approved by the Council.

Mayor Calderone stated that the IEPA evaluation re: J.L.G. Trucking has yet to come in. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she has no current information, has contacted the IEPA re: the need for an update, and will share any information received as soon as it is received.

The Village Council convened into the Closed Session meeting at 9:15PM.

**CLOSED SESSION:
9:15PM**

Commissioner Gillian motioned to end Closed Session and to reconvene regular session at 11:50PM. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION
AT 11:50PM**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk