

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 12, 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 Steinbach 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, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone displayed a large gavel to all assembled and stated that he received the object as a going away gift from the WCMC upon his conclusion this month as president of the organization

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk read the Proclamation in honor of National Aquatic Week, July 13-19<sup>th</sup>, 2003, into the record.

**PROCLAMATION HONORING  
NATIONAL AQUATIC WEEK  
JULY 13-19<sup>TH</sup>, 2003**

The Clerk read the Proclamation in honor of National Public Works Week, May 18-24, 2003, into the record.

**PROCLAMATION HONORING  
NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK  
MAY 18-24<sup>TH</sup>, 2003**

Bob Kutak, Director of Streets and Public Improvements, announced that the Public Works Department will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual open house on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003 from 1:00PM until 4:00PM at the Public Works Facility, located at 7343 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

**PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE  
MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2003**

All the public is invited to attend.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The Department of Public Health and Safety submitted its report for April 2003.

Nancy Hill, Director of Community Development, stated that the coach house located at 1430 Circle that was damaged by a previous fire has been demolished. In addition, Ms. Hill related that Illinois had the highest number of West Nile Virus cases last year and the largest number of deaths in the nation. Ms. Hill stated that the DesPlaines Valley Abatement District, of which Forest Park is a part, did an excellent job in controlling the mosquito population last year by larvaciding coverts and spraying Village streets when necessary and is ready again this year to prevent the spread of West Nile Virus. Ms. Hill stated that residents will be informed about the virus via a detailed newsletter and informational brochures available at the Library and Village Hall.

Commissioner Doolin asked when the Altenheim Steering Committee will convene public meetings re: use of the Altenheim property. Ms. Hill stated that the Committee has set no dates of yet, since its members must work with the schools to hold the meetings, and the schools will soon be closed for summer vacation.

The Fire Department submitted its report for April 2003.

### **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 \$396,883.34.

**R-40-03  
RESOLUTION FOR THE PAYMENT  
OF BILLS**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Steinbach asked about the status of the BFI discussion that began during the last Village Council meeting. Mayor Calderone stated that nothing is prepared for presentation tonight, but anticipated answers to the Commissioner's questions re: BFI will be forthcoming at the next Council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**R-41-03  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR  
NIPC'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION**

Commissioner Hosty motioned to adopt the Resolution providing for NIPC's annual contribution in the amount of \$2,843.00. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion. Sandy Radke, a representative from the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, stated that the Commission is the official planning organization for the City of Chicago, suburban Cook County, and the Counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will. Ms. Radke explained that NIPC is a public agency, but has no source of funding on its own, hence the need for community and municipal financial assistance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to adopt the Resolutions honoring eleven retiring District 91 teachers. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion. The eleven retiring teachers are: Barbara Rupp, Kenneth Racine, Fred O'Connor, Barbara Piper, Katherine Lombardi, Rita Giudice, James Murray, Jo Ella Martin, Robert Ahlgrim, Marguerite Mellin, and Mary Fedorski.

**R-42-03, R-43-03, R-44-03, R-45-03,  
R-46-03, R-47-03, R-48-03, R-49-03,  
R-50-03, R-51-03, R-52-03  
RESOLUTIONS HONORING ELEVEN,  
RETIRING DISTRICT 91 TEACHERS**

**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 Police Department request to purchase a police vehicle to replace Squad #272, which was severely damaged as a result of being rear-ended by a drunk driver. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion. The total cost to the Village after payment from the insurance company (in the amount of \$16,225.00) is \$5,287.00. Commissioner Hosty suggested that the Village be able to acquire more monies/services from the offender's insurance company. Clerk White stated that the offender's insurance rep has granted a loaner administrative vehicle to the Police Department for a 30 day period, and the

**APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO  
PURCHASE A POLICE VEHICLE  
TO REPLACE SQUAD #272**

Clerk is also looking into the insurance company's responsibility to pay the salary of the substitute officer taking the place of the officer injured in the accident.

**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 Correcting Certain Scrivener's Errors in the Legal Description attached as "Exhibit A" (Roosevelt Road and Hannah Avenue Redevelopment Area) to Ordinances O-41-02, O-42-02, and O-43-02.

Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion.

Commissioner Steinbach asked why there appears to be repeated errors in some ordinances. Village Attorney, Sharon O'Shea, stated that since the Mall has a complicated legal description, legal counsel associated with the County of Cook wanted more information about the description, in ordinance form.

**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 Correcting Certain Scrivener's Errors in the Legal Description attached as "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B" (Forest Park Mall Redevelopment Area) to Ordinance O-38-02. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**O-15-03**  
**ORDINANCE CORRECTING CERTAIN**  
**SCRIVENER'S ERRORS IN THE LEGAL**  
**DESCRIPTION ATTACHED AS "EXHIBIT A"**  
**TO ORDINANCES O-41-02, O-42-02, AND**  
**O-43-02.**

**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 Ordinance amending Section 7-17B entitled "Class 'E' Licenses" of Article IV entitled "Number of Licenses" of Chapter 7 entitled "Alcoholic Liquor" of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion. The Ordinance provides that

**O-17-03**  
**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION**  
**7-17B ENTITLED "CLASS 'E' LICENSES"**  
**OF CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC**  
**LIQUOR" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE**

the number of beer and wine licenses in the Village increase from 2 to 3. Commissioner Steinbach questioned the number of the chapter, stated in the middle portion of the ordinance, as 7-14 and stated that she believed it should read 7-17 Class 'E' Licenses. Ms. O'Shea, legal counsel, concurred and the Ordinance was changed to read 7-17B Class 'E' licenses. Commissioner Doolin asked what persons would hold the license. Mayor Calderone stated that 3 people would hold the license: Robert Marani, Barbara Weigand, and Guy DiBenedetto. Ms. Weigand distributed information about the applicants to Council members for review. Mayor Calderone stated that it is the duty of the Village Council to dictate the number of licenses only, and it is the duty of the liquor commissioner, not the Village Council, to check the worthiness of the applicants. Commissioner Doolin asked to see the license application before ruling on the issue and Mayor Calderone stated that viewing the application was not possible, as it is the Village Council's duty to set the number of licenses only, not to determine who should or should not get the license.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner Doolin

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone presented a draft ordinance to the Council members entitled, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 entitled "Alcoholic Liquor" of the Municipal Code, allowing for a conditional "BYOB" license, where a restaurant may allow its patrons to bring into the premises beer and wine for their personal consumption while being served a meal in said establishment. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village does not currently license BYOB and introduced Amy Pragh, owner of Dish Restaurant on Madison Street to speak on the subject. Ms. Pragh stated that she and her staff decided to go with BYOB with certain rules attached: only beer and wine can be consumed on the premises and customers open their own bottles and the occasional leftovers are dumped out by the customer in a receptacle in full view of diners. Ms. Pragh stated that she has a separate insurance policy re: BYOB and added that she has had a great response from the community re: the practice. She said that since the ordinance banning BYOB by the Village was passed, there has been a noted drop-off in customers. Ms. Pragh

**DRAFT ORDINANCE DISCUSSED:  
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7  
ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR"  
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE (BYOB)**

stated that she doesn't know if the business can continue without BYOB and encouraged the Council to license and regulate it. Ms. Pragh stated that she called 40 neighboring communities and every single one has BYOB and not one Village regulates it. Mayor Calderone stated that some issues that need investigation re: the draft ordinance include the fee to be charged for licensing and the amount of insurance the licensee needs to hold to qualify for a BYOB license. Commissioner Gillian stated that he has no problem with the idea, but asked that the type of requirements re: background check applicable to new applicants should be clear in the ordinance. Commissioner Gillian stated that he believes a background check of the applicants should be done for BYOB licensing, as if the Village licenses the operation, it accepts liability. Commissioner Gillian asked Ms. Pragh why she doesn't simply apply for a beer and wine license. Ms. Pragh stated that BYOB is different and sets her apart from all the others. Commissioner Hosty suggested that perhaps an application fee should be charged, followed by a license fee for the successful applicant. Commissioner Doolin asked if BYOB is an amendment to the ordinance. Ms. O'Shea stated that in order to grant BYOB, a new ordinance would be adopted and the total Liquor Ordinance would need to be appropriately amended. Commissioner Steinbach suggested that the Council move swiftly on this issue since not having BYOB has been a detriment to business and added that beer and wine enhance a meal. Mayor Calderone suggested that legal counsel prepare this ordinance with requirements for licensure and associated fees noted so that the Council can vote on it. There were no objections from Council members.

Commissioner Steinbach introduced an Ordinance fixing the salaries for the Officials of the Village of Forest Park, from and after May 1, 2007. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she believes the previous Council was remiss in its duties as evidenced by not rescinding the raises it voted to be awarded to the newly sworn Council, beginning May 1, 2003. Commissioner Steinbach added that the Village Administrator has communicated to her that the Village will sustain a \$1.5 million decrease in revenues this year, and the raises are not in good faith to keep expenditures down. Commissioner Steinbach agreed that the position of Village Administrator facilitates a smooth functioning of Village processes, and stated that Commissioners are policy makers, who have time constraints and therefore don't work as many hours for the Village as does the Administrator. Commissioner Steinbach concluded by saying that she believes the raises to be excessive, and although the current Council cannot currently change the law, she wishes to introduce the Ordinance to fix salaries, effective May 1, 2007, to read thus: Mayor = \$4,000.00 per year; Local Liquor Commissioner =

**DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND:  
ORDINANCE FIXING THE  
SALARIES FOR THE OFFICIALS  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST  
PARK FROM AND AFTER  
MAY 1, 2007**

\$4,000.00 per year; Commissioner = \$3,000.00 per year. Mayor Calderone stated that all of the 5 members of the previous Council voted to increase the salaries and asked, therefore, why they would rescind the decision. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she didn't think the previous Council was aware of the decrease in revenue at the time of discussion and voting on the issues and added that increased salaries at this time is not setting a good example when revenues are down. Commissioner Gillian stated that when the salary issue was initially taken to the Council, much soul-searching and research was done. He added that these salaries weren't increased since the late 1970's and if the salaries would have been increased to keep up with inflation, the Council wouldn't have had to grant such a large pay increase at one time. Commissioner Gillian stated that the issue of raises went out to the public for comment and added that three current, sitting commissioners have no problems with the salary increase and one candidate for commissioner, who is currently sitting on the Council, was OK with the raises, as he so stated during the candidate's night associated with the April 2003 election. Commissioner Gillian concluded that it is too early to speak of this issue now and suggested that the Council wait for the required 180 days before the issue is revisited. Commissioner Hosty stated that what motivated him to vote for the pay raises was that fact that he did not want to limit the candidate pool to independently wealthy or retired residents only. Commissioner Doolin said that he would second Commissioner Gillian's comments and stated that the \$10,000.00 he would receive over the next 12 months would not compensate him for all the time put in. Commissioner Doolin stated that his candidacy was not contingent on the amount of pay, that Village service is a civic duty, and said that the Council would need to look at the entire compensation package as a whole. Commissioner Doolin then stated that there are two elected officials that get full insurance benefits through the Village of Forest Park and that there are a lot of residual benefits also to consider like credit cards and cellular phones. Mayor Calderone stated that Commissioner Gillian is the only elected official currently on the plan. Commissioner Gillian explained that any sitting, elected official can become a member of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Care Plan of the Village of Forest Park, provided that he or she pay the premium at 100%. In addition, recently the Council passed a resolution that dictates that any elected official who has served two complete terms on the Village Council, and retires, can become or continue to be a member of the Village Health Insurance Plan, provided that he or she pay the premium at 100%. Commissioner Gillian stated that six or seven years ago some elected officials were members of the Village's Blue Cross Blue Shield policy, and there was nothing in that contract to provide for their membership. He continued that when he retired, he looked at this issue and noted former elected officials were indeed on the policy, and after a time facilitated the process to change the health contract to admit them as members at their own expense. Commissioner Doolin stated that part of his job as a Commissioner

is to monitor these things and Commissioner Gillian suggested that he research information so that it is correct. Mayor Calderone stated that it is an elected official's duty to obtain the correct answers to any questions posed, so that correct data can be disseminated at a public meeting. Mayor Calderone suggested that Mr. Bush, Review Editor, come to Village Hall in the morning to review the health plan log. Commissioner Steinbach moved to adopt the Ordinance Fixing the Salaries for the Officials of the Village of Forest Park from and after May 1, 2007. There was no second to the motion. Mayor Calderone stated that the motion dies for lack of a second motion, and no further action will be taken on this matter.

Mayor Calderone, on behalf of the Police Department, honored Daniel Novak with a plaque declaring his Citizen's Award for Life Saving. The victim, Patsy Oswald, was successfully resuscitated by Mr. Novak when her heart was fibrillating. Ms. Oswald thanked God and Mr. Novak for saving her life.

**FOREST PARK POLICE  
DEPARTMENT: CITIZEN'S  
AWARD FOR LIFE SAVING**

Commissioner Hosty motioned to convene an Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion.

**MOTION APPROVED TO  
CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. O'Shea stated that the "Municipal Drive-Down" to Springfield was Wednesday, April 30, 2003 and Mayor Calderone, Commissioner, and he, along with other WCMC members, participated in seminars and met with a number of legislators about issues that will affect labor, health and safety issues. A \$500,000.00 grant will be awarded over the next couple of months that will service to fund a number of Streets and Public Safety issues, including lighting on Madison Street.

Mr. O'Shea stated that on May 17, the French Market will open at 8:00AM and last until 2:00PM at the Elgin and Madison Street parking lot. All the community is welcome.

Mr. O'Shea stated that the Village has not passed on increased BFI garbage rates to the residents on their bills. Commissioner Steinbach asked when the BFI contract is up. Mr. O'Shea stated that the contract ends in 2005. Commissioner Gillian stated that not passing the increase on to the residents is by design.

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Steinbach stated that Public Property has been busy cleaning and striping all municipal lots, placing anchors on canopies in the parking lot associated with the French Market, posting signs at parking lots to be used, hanging banners for the event, and planting bushes and flowers at gateway signs to the Village.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Novak, 516 Hannah thanked Mayor Calderone for proclaiming July 13-19, 2003 "National Aquatic Week" and stated that the Park District of Forest Park will have a special event on July 16, 2003. Mr. Novak congratulated his son, Dan on his successful resuscitation efforts. Mr. Novak stated that the Downhill Derby will be in the fall this year.

Ed Olson from 7342 Randolph asked if Madison Street is under the direction of the State or the Village. Mr. Olson stated that something needs to be done to slow traffic down on Madison Street before somebody gets killed. Mr. Olson also stated that many drivers go through the yellow light at the intersection of Circle and Washington, causing a dangerous situation, and asked if the Village could draft an ordinance stating that drivers must stop on a yellow light. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village writes tickets in accordance with the Illinois Vehicle Code and the tickets would not be valid under the Code. Mr. Olson also complained that he has heard a rumor that children are selling dope at the Circle and Randolph Park. Mayor Calderone stated that residents should call the Police Department when they spot suspicious activity so intervention can occur.

The Village Council convened into the Closed Session meeting at 8:30PM.

**CLOSED SESSION:  
8:30PM**

Commissioner Hosty motioned to end Closed Session and to reconvene regular session at 10:20PM. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION  
AT 10:20PM**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian moved to extend the temporary 30 day appointments for all department heads and appointment officials another 90 days. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion.

**EXTENTION OF APPOINTMENTS FOR  
DEPARTMENT HEADS AND APPOINTED  
OFFICIALS AN ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to grant the proposed longevity increase of 8.5% to be added to Deputy Chief Oswald's base salary. Payment is an additional \$256.23 per pay period to be paid for one pay period only. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**GRANTED: LONGEVITY  
INCREASE OF 8.5% TO BE ADDED  
TO DEPUTY CHIEF OSWALT'S  
BASE SALARY**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to grant the proposed longevity increase of 8.5% to be added to Fire Chief Tim Rehor's base salary. Payment is an additional \$305.50 per pay period to be paid for one pay period only. Commissioner Doolin seconded the motion.

**GRANTED: LONGEVITY  
INCREASE OF 8.5% TO BE ADDED  
TO FIRE CHIEF TIM REHOR'S  
SALARY**

**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 Steinbach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Doolin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White  
**Village Clerk**