

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 27, 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.

Mayor Calderone addressed the issue of disruptive conversation occurring in the audience during Village Council meetings. Mayor Calderone stated that he has appointed Village staff to monitor the disruptive behaviors during meetings, and if that conduct is noted, the offenders will be removed from Council Chambers by the Sergeant at Arms, the Police Chief, who is designated as such in the local ordinance. Mayor Calderone stated that this procedure will be instituted, if necessary, beginning with the next Council meeting on June 9, 2003 and further stated that Council meetings are business meetings of the Village Council, not debating opportunities that may happen at an open house.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian 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. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police Department submitted its report for April 2003.
The Department of Streets and Public Improvements submitted its report for April 2003.
The Community Center submitted its report for April 2003.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin 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 \$419,629.08.

**R-53-03
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

Mayor Calderone stated that the BYOB Ordinance that was held over from last meeting is not ready for discussion tonight, as pertinent matters regarding fee structures continue to be investigated by staff. Mayor Calderone stated that the BYOB Ordinance will be ready for discussion and potential passage at the next Council meeting.

**HELD OVER:
BYOB ORDINANCE**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Gillian motioned to adopt the Resolution to approve the Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Forest Park and the Living Word Christian Center. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. Glenn Azuma and Ray Thomas, associated with Living Word Christian Center, and Dave Wilkinson of Ultra Foods were present to answer any questions posed by the Council. Mr. Azuma stated that the challenge of the Mall design is that it is extremely long and the existing façade is flat. He continued that the development challenge is to make the façade interesting via use of an eye-catching color palette and through the use of different textures. Mr. Azuma invited all present to view the model on display. Mr. Azuma stated that Ultra is excited that the project is beginning and current plans are such that the food store and AJ Wright will open in February or March, 2004. Mr. Wilkinson continued that this project is important to the overall streetscape of Roosevelt Road and stated that he hoped the Ultra project would be a catalyst for change. Commissioner Steinbach asked what type of landscaping and parking lot changes are planned to make the area more eye-catching. Mr. Azuma stated that the parking lot will be improved with new lighting, pillars, and landscaping, but said that the final landscaping plans are not currently approved. Mr. Azuma continued that he would keep all updated on landscaping plans as they are approved. Mr. Wilkinson from Ultra reviewed the food chain's history and stated that nationwide, the firm employs a total of 3,000 workers. Commissioner Gillian asked if local employment would be utilized at Ultra and

**R-54-03
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE
SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE
OF FOREST PARK AND THE LIVING
WORD CHRISTIAN CENTER**

Mr. Wilkinson stated that Ultra hopes to employ 175 people at the food store and stated that he will hire as many people from the community as he can.

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 Ordinance providing for the Economic Incentive Agreement, by and between the Village of Forest Park and SVT, LLC, an Indiana limited liability company. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**O-18-03
ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT,
BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF
FOREST PARK AND SVT, LLC.**

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 Amended Salary Ordinance. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion. Commissioner Doolin asked if the Council was amending Deputy Chief I today. Ms. O’Shea, legal counsel, stated that the salary noted in the salary ordinance is the same as in the previous ordinance and continued that it pertains to Jeff Oswalt only. Commissioner Steinbach asked if the Council is reiterating Section II regarding the Deputy Chief 2 in this Ordinance and Mayor Calderone answered that the first step was to change the Code followed by removing the position from the salary ordinance. Commissioner Steinbach suggested that staff makes certain that all Ordinances that pertain to the same issued are changed or updated for accuracy and completeness. Mayor Calderone stated that he would consider the suggestion, but simultaneous revision of Ordinances cannot always be accomplished.

**O-19-03
AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty moved that the ZBA recommendation approving a variation for 7401 Madison be accepted and an Ordinance Granting and Permitting a Variation in the Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance associated with 7401 Madison be passed. Commissioner Doolin seconded the motion. The Ordinance provides for a reduction in the number of required off-street parking spaces.

**O-20-03
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AND
PERMITTING A VARIATION IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING
ORDINANCE RE: 7401 MADISON**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to approve the purchase of a Fire Truck. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion. Commissioner Gillian stated that \$300,000.00 of the truck's total cost is being paid for by Illinois First grant funding. Total cost for the Fire Truck is \$816,276.00.

**APPROVED:
PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK**

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 Resolution in honor of retiring Fire Captain, Robert Santelli. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion. The Clerk read the Resolution into the record. Mayor Calderone thanked Cpt. Santelli for his 24 years of dedicated fire service, and along with Commissioner Gillian, presented him with a plaque for his long-standing efforts, and a shadowbox, in which were displayed his many firefighting badges. Chief Rehor thanked Cpt. Santelli for his hard work on behalf of the entire Fire Department. Cpt. Santelli stated that he was fortunate to work at a job he truly loved and thanked the Council for allowing him to work with this outstanding Fire Department.

**R-55-03
RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING
FIRE CAPTAIN ROBERT SANTELLI**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING
FIRE CHIEF TIMOTHY REHOR**

Commissioner Hosty motioned to adopt the Resolution in honor of retiring Fire Chief, Timothy Rehor. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion. The Clerk read the Resolution into the record. Mayor Calderone stated that it has been a pleasure working with Chief Rehor over the years and wished him the best of luck in his next career. Mayor Calderone, along with Commissioner Gillian, presented to Chief Rehor a plaque, thanking him for his 27 years of dedicated service and a shadowbox, in which were displayed his many fire badges. Commissioner Gillian congratulated Chief Rehor on his retirement, and stated that the Chief always had the best interest of the Fire Department and the residents of the Village at heart. Chief Rehor thanked all the employees of Public Works, Code, and the Clerk's Office for their friendship over the years. Chief Rehor thanked the Chamber of Commerce, Forest Park Schools, Main Street, department heads, firefighters, Council members, and lastly, his family, for all their support.

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 Blue Cross Blue Shield health and dental insurance contracts for employees have been reviewed and signed. Mr. O'Shea stated that much negotiation among BCBS, Near North Brokerage, and the Village was done, and the renewal increase, which opened at 20.9% was finally decreased to 14.9%. Mr. O'Shea said that he is pleased with this contract renewal rate, as many municipalities are withstanding a 20-25% renewal increase. The total premium cost to the Village is \$1,400,000.00 per year with employees paying \$250,000.00 in co-payments to defray the cost of that insurance. Commissioner Doolin stated that he would like copies of the renewal materials ahead of time.

Mr. O'Shea stated that Ark Director, Elliott Serrano, has coordinated two successful fund raising efforts. The proceeds of these fundraisers total \$4,414.00, and these monies go into the general fund.

Mr. O'Shea stated that the Village has applied for an additional \$100,000.00 in grant funding, to be applied to the fire truck purchase.

Mr. O'Shea stated that the French Market has increased its vendors from 18 to 28, and that foot traffic on Madison Street and business visibility is on the increase. The Village is excited about this new endeavor.

Mr. O'Shea stated that the position of Operational Supervisor for Public Works was eliminated tonight due to fiscal constraints. Mr. O'Shea congratulated out-going Supervisor, John McGee, on his excellent service in that position.

Mr. O'Shea congratulated Captain Santelli on his retirement and stated that he would be missed within the Village.

Mr. O'Shea thanked Chief Rehor for his assistance with numerous Village projects and management issues and stated that it was an honor to work with Chief Rehor.

Mayor Calderone stated re: the fire truck that the Village had \$300,000.00 appropriated to its purchase in grant funding and added that an additional \$100,000.00 in grant money had been requested. Commissioner Steinbach asked if the Village would still get the low interest rate of 4.25% if it borrows less money. Mr. O'Shea stated that the Village would still get the low interest rate.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Gillian commended the Council on its quick, fire truck purchase, as that equipment is much needed within the Fire Department. Additionally, Commissioner Gillian commended Mr. O'Shea and Captain Glinke for their efforts in putting the purchase package together.

Commissioner Hosty congratulated retiring Cpt. Santelli and Chief Rehor and wished them the best of luck in future endeavors.

Commissioner Doolin stated that the Public Works employees worked two out of three weekend/holiday days to assist with the Public Works Open House and the Memorial Day Parade. Commissioner Doolin awarded special thanks to John Stewart and Bob Kutak for their exceptional service.

Commissioner Steinbach reiterated what Commissioner Doolin said about the dedication of the Public Works staff. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the staff is a great group of guys that really cares about our Village and its residents. Commissioner Steinbach thanked the economic development team and Mr. O'Shea re: answering her many questions related to the Mall Development Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Olson from 7342 Randolph commended Cpt. Santelli and Chief Rehor on their many years of dedicated service to the community. Mr. Olson commended John McGee, a member of the Verden Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, on his good service and outgoing personality.

James Papa from 612 Ferdinand stated that it is his opinion that the next Police Chief be hired from within the current department, as former good police chiefs were hired from within. Mr. Papa continued that it would be a slap in the face to current department members to hire from the outside.

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 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk