

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 11, 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 Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the minutes from the previous Council meeting as well as those from the Public Hearing held July 28, 2003 be passed without reading, as everyone has received copies 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk read a letter, written by Daniel G. Watts of O'Sullivan's Public House, Inc., thanking Mayor Calderone and Village Commissioners for their support with the renovation of the building at 7244 West Madison Street. Mr. Watts wrote that the owners hope to repay the grant many times over through enhanced tax revenue.

**LETTER FROM DANIEL G. WATTS
OF O'SULLIVAN'S PUBLIC HOUSE, INC.
THANKING COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR
RENOVATION SUPPORT**

Mayor Calderone announced that the Regional Transit Authority in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation is sponsoring a public meeting so that citizens may learn about a new study for improving mobility in the Cook-DuPage Corridor. The meeting will take place on Thursday, August 21, 2003 at 7:00PM at the Hillside Community Center. Mayor Calderone invited all to attend.

**PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A
STUDY FOR IMPROVING MOBILITY IN
THE COOK-DUPAGE CORRIDOR TO TAKE
PLACE IN HILLSIDE ON AUGUST 21, 2003
AT 7:00PM**

Dave Novak, Executive Director of the Park District of Forest Park, thanked Mayor Calderone and Commissioners for the service assistance the Village provided the Park during the recent 35th Annual No-Glove Softball Tournament. Mr. Novak, along with Park Board member Mike Espinosa, distributed tournament hats to the elected officials and department heads in appreciation of their efforts.

DAVE NOVAK OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF FOREST PARK THANKED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ASSISTANCE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Public Health and Safety Department submitted its report for July 2003.
The Fire Department submitted its report for July 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 \$336,763.89.

**R-69-03
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 Gillian motioned that the project for the 7329 Harrison Street property, commonly known as "The Harrison Street Project", be remanded to the Plan Commission for further consideration. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. Mayor Calderone stated that there was a large public outcry against the project in the form of a petition signed by 600 residents and it is the primary responsibility of the members of the Council to do what is right and listen to the concerns of the residents. Mayor Calderone stated that by sending the project back to the Plan Commission, its members can further engage the developer and concerned residents in discussion towards a more agreeable project outcome.

**7329 HARRISON STREET:
REMANDED TO PLAN
COMMISSION FOR FURTHER
DISCUSSION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Gillian motioned to pass the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-52-02, entitled "Ordinance adopting the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax for the Village of Forest Park". Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. The Ordinance increases the telecommunication tax from 5% to 6%. Commissioner Steinbach stated that it is an unfortunate necessity that this Ordinance be passed, due to the need to support the Appropriation Ordinance. Mayor Calderone stated that the increase would not go into effect until January of 2004.

**O-29-03
ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE
NO. O-50-02, "ORDINANCE ADOPTING
THE SIMPLIFIED MUNICIPAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX FOR THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK"**

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 Awarding a Contract for the Forest Park 2003 CDBG Alley Program to MQ Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$79,026.00. Commissioner Doolin seconded the motion

**R-70-03
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT
FOR THE FOREST PARK 2003 CDBG
ALLEY PROGRAM**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to pass the Ordinance Amending Various Fees regarding Inspections of Buildings and Construction Permits. Commissioner Doolin seconded the motion.

**O-30-03
ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS
FEES REGARDING INSPECTION OF
BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION
PERMITS**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian moved to appoint Stephen C. Glinke to the office of Chief of the Fire Department of the Village of Forest Park, to serve in such office until his successor has been appointed and qualified. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion. Commissioner Gillian stated that he is honored to recommend Cpt. Glinke for the Fire Chief position, and added that Glinke did a wonderful administrative job compiling the 2003-2004 fire budget, as well as taking the lead role in the Fire contract negotiations.

**STEPHEN C. GLINKE:
APPOINTED FIRE CHIEF**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Calderone moved to the podium and administered the official oath of office to Chief Glinke. Commissioner Gillian presented the Chief's badge of office to Stephen's father, who then pinned it on Chief Glinke. Chief Glinke stated that he was humbled and grateful for the support of all, naming the assistance of coworkers Bob McDermott, Jim Urban, Joan White, and Matt O'Shea as especially encouraging. Chief Glinke then stated that he wished Marty Popelka and Cindy Lyons were here to share this moment. Chief Glinke promised to continue his aggressive management style while creating more leaders in the Fire Department and encouraging the pursuance of professional development for each firefighter.

Commissioner Hosty motioned to convene Executive Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; for collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representative; to consider the purchase or lease of real estate for the use of the public body; and to set a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Commissioner Doolin seconded the motion.

**MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Gillian reported on the water improvement project in his capacity as Village contact person responsible for auditing the punch list and said that he is confident and comfortable with all passing test results that he reviewed that apply to the area of 1200-1600 Elgin. Secondly, the actual inspection process was performed with the assistance of Bob Kutak and Commissioner Gillian stated that the contractor did not use a good finisher, and that error has cost him tens of thousands of dollars in work that needs to be repaired. Commissioner Gillian said that 439 linear feet of curbing along with 559 square feet of carriage walk were identified to be replaced. In addition, 543 square feet of courtesy walk and 639 square yards of bituminous asphalt need replacement. Commissioner Gillian stated that the contractor "got sloppy" and added that every item he identified to be repaired or replaced was already on the punch list. Commissioner Gillian said that the contractor will perform the work the week after next, and will have one week to finish all the work. Commissioner Gillian said that our system of checks and balances is working. Mayor Calderone asked if the outstanding work identified on inspection would cost the Village anything extra and Commissioner Gillian stated that it would not. Mayor Calderone asked if enough money has been retained to cover the repairs and replacements in the event that the contractor leaves town and Commissioner Gillian stated that there is enough money retained in the process to pay another contractor, if need be, to do the work. Commissioner Gillian added that there is another cement contractor coming into town for another public works project and suggested that the water project contractor tap into its resources re: finishers.

Commissioner Gillian stated that he, in conjunction with the finance director, is currently seeking input regarding implementing a purchase order system throughout the Village to gain greater control of expenses.

Commissioner Gillian commended the Fire Department on its prompt and efficient response to two fires in town, one at 328 Des Plaines, and the other on the 800 block of Circle.

Commissioner Doolin stated that the Traffic and Safety Committee meeting is held the second Thursday of each month and issues concerning signage, streets, and traffic congestion are discussed there. Commissioner Doolin encouraged the public to send him a note detailing any problems associated with traffic and safety issues so that it can be discussed at the meeting. Commissioner Doolin stated that the employees of the public works department are doing a good job clearing the weeds around town this summer.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Forest Park Ark, Animal Care and Control Center is hosting a dog wash fundraiser from 10:00AM to 4:00PM on Sunday August 17, 2003 at the Ark.

Commissioner Steinbach invited all to support the animal shelter.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that the 'Groovn' in the Grove concert, the final one of the summer, will take place August 12, 2003 at 7:00PM at the Forest Park Picnic Grounds. The scheduled band for this concert is the one that played at the Memorial Day picnic.

Mayor Calderone stated that on October 4, 2003, the WCMC in conjunction with the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency, and IEPA is providing a household hazardous waste collection. The collection will be held at 1817 S. Laramie Avenue in Cicero. Mayor Calderone encouraged residents to drop off wastes like mercury, motor oil, batteries, and paint at the collection site.

Mayor Calderone stated that on October 11, 2003, the Schiller Park Community Center will be the site of a tire collection where residents can properly dispose of unwanted tires. This collection is also sponsored by the IEPA and drop off service has been extended to municipalities.

Mayor Calderone stated that he received notice from the operators of Woodlawn Cemetery at 7600 Cermak Road that they are inviting all fire and police personnel to their 9/11 tribute luncheon on Tuesday, September 9, 2003 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM.

Mayor Calderone stated that he has received a signed petition from residents from the 600 block of Circle to hold a block party, utilizing Veterans' Park at Circle and Lehmer, as well as Lehmer Street from Circle westbound to the Hannah alley. By utilizing these alternate sites, Circle Avenue would remain open throughout the block party festivities. There were no objections from Council members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify the residents to begin making plans for the party and added that legal counsel will prepare a draft resolution that will come to the Council for a vote at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jane Holmburg of 819 Hannah stated that she has lived in her home for 76 years and laughed at previous conversations regarding the Roos building and increased truck traffic and parking concerns. Ms. Holmburg stated, "We don't have trucks now? And where do you think employees from Ferrara Pan and Mohr Oil park?" Ms. Holmburg stated that she didn't think enough investigation was done re: children walking to school in the neighborhood and safety concerns associated with this large a project. Mr. Holmburg stated that parking on 800 Hannah is currently difficult to impossible and added that she has no objection to redeveloping the actual Roos building, but is not in favor of the associated seven story building addition on the property.

Marilyn Garapolo of 7726 Monroe stated that she is rejuvenating the Forest Park Garden Club, after registering with the Illinois Gardening Association. Ms. Garapolo announced that the first meeting of the Garden Club will be by September 16, 2003 at 7:00PM at the library.

Steven Backman of 329 Burkhardt Court stated that the public hearing notification he received at his address regarding the Caffè De Luca development looked like ordinary solicitation mail, and added that by its appearance, it was easy to throw away without reading. Mr. Backman asked if there is some way of marking the letters so that residents will be aware of their importance and review them. Mr. Backman suggested that the Abel-Howe property be developed into an ice arena.

The Council moved to the Mayor's Office to convene closed session at 8:05PM.

**CLOSED SESSION
8:05PM**

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to end closed session and reopen regular session.

**REOPEN REGULAR SESSION
10:55PM**

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 Hosty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk