

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 explained that Mrs. Sisson, who resides on the corner of Circle and Jackson in Forest Park, recently sustained a fire in her home, and has now received the horrible news that her grandson was killed in the fighting in Iraq. Mayor Calderone led all assembled in a moment of silence in honor of this fallen soldier.

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 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 Forest” Lions Club requested permission to solicit donations at major intersections and establishments throughout Forest Park during its annual Candy Day sale October 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2003. There were no objections from Council Members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify the Lions Club of fundraiser approval.

**“THE FOREST” LIONS
CLUB’S REQUEST TO
HOST ITS CANDY DAY
FUNDRAISER OCTOBER
11,12, AND 13, 2003**

Sarah’s Inn requested permission to display artwork in the windows of 501 Des Plaines in order to raise awareness and educate people about domestic violence through the program, “Survival as Art: 24 Portraits of Domestic Violence”. The beautiful and powerful stories and artworks will be displayed during the first 24 days of Domestic Violence Month in October. There were no objections from Council Members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify Sarah’s Inn regarding program approval.

**ARTWORK ASSOCIATED
WITH SARAH’S INN’S
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PROGRAM TO BE
DISPLAYED IN 501
DES PLAINES**

Verdun Chapter No. 33 of the Disabled American Veterans requested

VERDUN CHAPTER NO.

permission to solicit funds at Walmart during its "Forget-Me-Not" fundraiser on September 26th through 28th, 2003. There were no objections from Council Members. The Verdun Chapter also requested to use the Howard R. Mohr Community Center to hold its monthly meetings. It was noted that the Disabled American Veterans do not hold their meetings in the VFW hall on Circle Avenue, as they are members of a different organization than the VFW. Commissioner Gillian asked if staff is scheduled to regularly work at the time of meetings, or if someone must specially oversee the meeting. Bev Thompson stated that a part-time person specially comes in to open and close for that meeting and that person is paid about \$20.00 a month for that duty. Ms. Thompson stated that the Disabled American Vets have already been meeting in the Community Center for about two years. Commissioner Doolin asked what the Village policy stated about renting the center out to not-for-profit groups. Ms. Thompson stated that the rental contract for the Center provides for local not-for-profit groups to meet at the Community Center on a monthly basis, September through June. Commissioner Hosty endorsed the idea of granting the monthly meetings to continue at the Community Center to honor the veterans. Mayor Calderone asked if there were any objections to the Verdun Chapter No. 33 hosting its monthly meeting in the Community Center and no objections were voiced. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify the Disabled American Veterans of fundraiser and place of monthly meeting approval.

**33 OF THE DISABLED
AMERICAN VETERANS
REQUEST TO HOST ITS
"FORGET-ME-NOT"
FUNDRAISER ON SEPTEMBER
26 THROUGH 28, 2003
AND CONTINUE MONTHLY
MEETINGS AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Fire Department submitted its report for August 2003.
The Department of Health and Safety submitted its report for August 2003.
Nancy Hill added to her report and stated that the September 15, 2003
Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will review text amendments to change
the public notification procedure associated with variance requests.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach 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 \$164,319.93.

**R-73-03
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 motioned to adopt the “Keep West Cook Beautiful” Resolution. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion.

**R-74-03
“KEEP WEST COOK BEAUTIFUL”
RESOLUTION**

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 **O-31-03** Granting Site Plan Approval pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance for 321 Elgin Avenue. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. The Site Plan Approval permits the construction of a three unit town home development. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Plan Commission did not recommend any changes to this plan and that this plan is the same as the town homes built next door. Commissioner Doolin said that no zoning variances were requested here; the issue is solely a site plan approval.

**GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL
PURSUANT TO THE ZONING
ORDINANCE FOR 321 ELGIN AVENUE**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to direct the Police and Fire Commission to consecutively fill a Fire Captain vacancy, a Lieutenant vacancy, and a firefighter vacancy. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. The need to fill these vacancies originates with the promotion of Stephen Glinke to Fire Chief. Commissioner Steinbach asked how swiftly the appointments could be made. Mike Durkin stated that the Police and Fire Commission will promote both the Captain and Lieutenant at its next meeting, and added that the selection of a firefighter candidate is more complicated, as testing is involved.

**POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
DIRECTED TO FILL VACANCIES OF
CAPTAIN, LIEUTENANT, AND
FIREFIGHTER**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify the Police and Fire Commission to select the above noted candidates from the current lists.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to direct the Police and Fire Commission to select a candidate for firefighter to fill a vacancy in the Fire Department. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. The vacancy was created when firefighter Mike Myers resigned from the Fire Department.

**POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
DIRECTED TO FILL FIREFIGHTER
VACANCY**

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 approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council representing the Forest Park Communications Operators. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion.

**R-75-03
RESOLUTION APPROVING A
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE
AND THE IFOP LABOR COUNCIL
REPRESENTING COMMUNICATIONS
OPERATORS**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned that the 1000 Block of Dunlop be dedicated to the memory of long-time resident, Minnie DiCola while the Village institute a policy to determine future street sign dedication.

Commissioner Doolin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Doolin stated that the Village needs a criterion for renaming streets, perhaps obtaining a signed petition of the majority of a street's residents, so that the practice does not become excessive.

Commissioner Doolin stated that excessive renaming of streets can be confusing. Mayor Calderone stated that this is the first request of this nature in 100 years and doesn't believe there will be a rush to engage in the

**1000 BLOCK DUNLOP
TO BE RENAMED IN MEMORY
OF MINNIE DICOLA**

practice of street renaming. In addition, Mayor Calderone stated that the infrequent use of the policy would foster its becoming lost. Bob Kutak stated when questioned that each street sign costs \$80.

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-32-03**

Amending Chapter 25 entitled "Taxicabs, Taximeters, and Drivers" of the Municipal Code of Forest Park.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25
ENTITLED "TAXICABS, TAXIMETERS,
AND DRIVERS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE**

Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hosty questioned, "Is the person who applies to the Council for licensure and is refused given his money back?" Commissioner Gillian stated that the applicant is not reimbursed his application fee, since it is non-refundable.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Hosty

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to pass the Ordinance **O-33-03**

Adopting an Amusement Rental Tax. Commissioner

Doolin seconded the motion. The Ordinance provides

for a tax to be imposed on the act of renting a video-cassette, DVD player, game system, or any other related device within Forest Park in the amount of 7% of the gross receipts collected. Commissioner

Steinbach asked if the tax would be imposed on library video rentals and Mike Durkin stated, "Yes."

Commissioner Gillian asked if the state collects the fee and reimburses the Village. Mike Durkin stated that the rental store fills out the quarterly return and pays the Village based upon 7% of gross receipts collected during that time period. Commissioner Doolin stated that an amusement rental tax was discussed at one of the budget meetings and it was the Council members' desire to make the impact of this user tax as small as possible. Commissioner Doolin added that currently the Village's revenues fall far short of its expenditures and stated that the Council is looking to decrease expenditures and increase revenues. Commissioner Steinbach asked if surrounding communities have implemented a like tax and Matt O'Shea stated that Westchester has imposed

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN
AMUSEMENT RENTAL TAX**

an 8% amusement rental tax since 1996 and LaGrange has a 3% tax since 1994.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to move forward with a discussion about creating parking options in the downtown business district within the confines of the Traffic and Safety Committee.

Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. Commissioner Doolin stated that there is a need for a parking structure in Forest Park and added that the Committee would foster a diverse group of individuals including residents, engineers, architects, and staff to identify a suitable location, explore costs, and to generally develop a long range plan for parking. Commissioner Steinbach suggested that all Madison Street parking, including municipal lots, should be included in the discussion. Commissioner Gillian added that the group should work closely with lobbyists to determine funding sources. Commissioner Hosty suggested that the engineering firm be brought in ahead of time to lay out critical information and encouraged parking permit information review to determine the location of those residents in need of parking. Commissioner Steinbach encouraged police and fire input, while Mayor Calderone reminded all that if the Traffic and Safety Committee wishes to spend money on an engineering consultation, the expense authorization would need to come from the Council as the Committee has advisory capacities only.

MOTION FOR THE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CREATING PARKING OPTIONS IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT

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 Hosty stated that there was a question at the last Council Meeting about the utilization of a fire separation wall associated with the 810 Des Plaines town home development. Commissioner Hosty assured all assembled that the fire separation assembly is in compliance with current building code.

Commissioner Hosty stated that the Health and Safety Department is investigating tougher ordinance enforcement on issues of overcrowding and added that the 500 block of Beloit, the 1100

block of Dunlop, and the 1400 block of Circle are areas where overcrowding was identified and measures were promptly taken to reduce it.

Commissioner Doolin stated that street and alley maintenance continues and congratulated Public Work employees, especially Mike Raimondi and Pat Braniff, for their expertise involving repair of a paver brick street.

Commissioner Doolin stated that the CDBG providing for alley repair is beginning now on the north side of town, involving the Lincoln Court/Brown Street alley and noted that interdepartmental cooperation with Health and Safety's Chris Thornton make the improvements possible.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Ark is hosting a fundraiser "Bark-beque" on September 27, 2003 at the Forest Park Picnic Grove.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that tree trimming requests are currently taking 1-2 weeks to fulfill and added that the Dog Park fence will be up for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robin Jefferson from 7442 Harvard stated that there is nothing but gang violence around her home. Ms. Jefferson stated that she does not want her children to live like they're in the ghetto and added that she never sees any cops near the area. Ms. Jefferson stated that the Police Chief is already aware of the noisy and loitering behavior of individuals near her place of residence, and suggested that these people be picked up by the police. Mayor Calderone directed the Police Chief to speak to Ms. Jefferson about the situation.

Glenn Garlisch from 509 Thomas commended Commissioner Hosty for intervening in overcrowding situations and stated that this proactive behavior will bring about a solution to the overcrowding issues, especially in the apartments in town.

Diane Eggers of 943 Beloit stated that she agreed with Ms. Jefferson's comments and added that she is afraid to go outside for fear of being mistreated by the gangs.

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 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk