

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 24, 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 Doolin 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Lange from 1339 Elgin in Forest Park asked Council members to support the recommendation of the Traffic and Safety Committee to erect a sign on Madison Street for the parking spot immediately in front of Zimmerman's Funeral Home.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION

Mayor Calderone congratulated the eleven graduates of the third Citizen's Police Academy and program coordinator, Sergeant Tom Aftanas, for another informative class. Mayor Calderone stated that the academy increases levels of participation and understanding between the Police Department and the community it serves. Police Chief Ryan and Sergeant Aftanas distributed awards to participants present:

Peter Chernyshev

Susan Calhoun

Jennifer Czech

Joanne Golden

Eric Knack

Patricia Martin

Steven Merkel

Alfred Wright

Participants not present included:

James Balodimas

Karen Bush
Julia Hirschberg

Sergeant Aftanas thanked other officers who taught in the class. Chief Ryan stated that Sergeant Aftanas is a dedicated instructor and added that the next class will take place in the spring. Student Jennifer Czech thanked Mayor Calderone, Chief Ryan, Sergeant Aftanas, and the entire Police Department for the educational and informative class.

Mayor Calderone called for a recess for ten minutes so that academy participants could celebrate their graduation.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Health and Safety Department submitted its report for October 2003.
The Department of Streets and Public Improvements submitted its report for October 2003.
The Community Center submitted its report for October 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 \$309,801.36. Commissioner Steinbach asked if restitution has been made to the Village from BFI for lack of service during the recent garbage strike. Mr. O'Shea stated that the final estimate of costs incurred by the Village will be relayed to BFI, and if BFI does not honor the debt, the appropriate amount could be withheld from its monthly invoice.

**R-87-03
RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT
OF BILLS**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Calderone recommended that the Traffic and Safety Committee review the problem associated with increased traffic utilizing the alley just north of Jackson Boulevard between Elgin and Marengo. Resident Leisa Marthaler wrote that children playing in the alley are at risk of injury by vehicles passing through to Harlem Avenue. There were no objections from Council members.

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: INCREASED ALLEY TRAFFIC

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to accept the recommendation from the Traffic and Safety Commission to erect a folding, "NO PARKING TOW ZONE 7AM-9AM" sign on Madison Street immediately in front of Zimmerman's Funeral Home. The sign would be activated and inactivated by Zimmerman's management for funerals only.

**APPROVED:
FOLDING, TOW ZONE SIGN TO BE PLACED IN FRONT OF ZIMMERMAN'S FUNERAL HOME FOR FUNERAL USE**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to appoint Chief Jim Ryan to the E-911 Board for a two year term expiring May 1, 2005 and Chief Steve Glinke and Lieutenant Jim Urban to the E-911 Board for unexpired two year terms, due to expire May 1, 2004.

**CHIEF RYAN APPOINTED TO E-911 BOARD
TERM EXPIRES MAY 1, 2005**

**CHIEF GLINKE AND LT. URBAN
APPOINTED TO E-911 BOARD
TERMS EXPIRE MAY 1, 2004**

Commissioner Doolin asked if members of this Board do not need to be residents. Mayor Calderone stated that only one member of the Board needs to be a resident; others are associated with a public service agency and need not be residents.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Doolin seconded to reappoint Craig Lundt and Laureen Thornton to the E-911 Board for two year terms, expiring May 1, 2005.

**CRAIG LUNDT AND LAUREEN THORNTON
APPOINTED TO E-911 BOARD
TERMS EXPIRE MAY 1, 2005**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned to table the Resolution to place the Taxpayer Action Amendment for Education and Permanent Property Tax Relief on the local ballot as an advisory referendum at the March 16 primary election until the December 22, 2003 Council meeting. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion. Commissioner Gillian explained that he would like to poll some residents before voting on the Resolution. Commissioner Steinbach stated that a number of referenda will appear on the March ballot, and asked if there is any limit to that number. Mr. Durkin stated that since each taxing body is limited to three referenda per ballot, the Clerk can certify three referenda for the Village. Mr. Durkin stated that any school referenda do not affect the Village referenda count.

**TABLED UNTIL DECEMBER 22, 2003:
RESOLUTION TO PLACE THE
TAXPAYER ACTION AMENDMENT
FOR EDUCATION AND PERMANENT
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ON THE LOCAL
PRIMARY BALLOT AS AN ADVISORY
REFERENDUM**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to adopt the Resolution approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and the Forest Park Firefighters Association Local 2753, IAFF.

Commissioner Gillian thanked Chief Glinke for giving Mr. O'Shea necessary contract information and also thanked Abbe Yacoben for her negotiation input.

**R-88-03
RESOLUTION APPROVING A COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE VILLAGE AND THE FOREST PARK
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL
2753, IAFF**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Doolin seconded to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Sale of Surplus Village Owned Real Property (7233 Madison Avenue and 7231 Madison Avenue). Commissioner Steinbach asked why this property is called "surplus" in the Resolution. Mr. Durkin stated that the Village property code says that the Village can sell property that it has named as surplus and, therefore, the corporate authorities must vote to determine that it is surplus.

R-89-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE
OF SURPLUS VILLAGE OWNED REAL
PROPERTY
(7233 AND 7231 MADISON AVENUE)

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Doolin seconded to pass an Ordinance authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate to Chitown Development, L.L.C. (7233 Madison Avenue and 7231 Madison Avenue). Mr. Durkin stated that this Ordinance will be executed after the publication of the previously adopted Resolution.

O-46-03
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
SURPLUS REAL ESTATE TO CHITOWN
DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C.
(7233 AND 7231 MADISON AVENUE)

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to pass an Ordinance granting **PERMITTING** and permitting a Variation in the Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park re: 7314 Madison Street). The variance requested is

O-47-03
ORDINANCE GRANTING AND
A VARIATION IN THE REGULATIONS OF
THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE
VILLAGE: 7314 MADISON STREET

to reduce the amount of required parking to three spaces.

Commissioner Doolin stated that he will abstain from voting, as he owns the property.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned to amend the motion to state that the use of the second floor shall be limited to one residential unit and the first floor uses shall be limited to restaurant, ice cream parlor, and professional office uses. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hosty stated that any retail business should be allowed to operate. Mayor Calderone stated that many buildings occupy space right up to the back alley and asked Nancy Hill if any buildings on Madison Street satisfy parking requirements as detailed in the zoning ordinance. Ms. Hill stated that Brown's Chicken and Famous Liquors are the only businesses on Madison Street that meet the parking standards. Mayor Calderone asked if somebody could buy a building on Madison Street with any use in mind and satisfy the parking requirements and Ms. Hill said that it is not possible.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

- AYES:** Commissioner Steinbach
- NAYS:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Mayor Calderone
- ABSENT:** None
- ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Doolin

The motion did not carry.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

- AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Mayor Calderone
- NAYS:** Commissioner Steinbach
- ABSENT:** None
- ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to direct staff to draft an Historic Preservation Ordinance with basic elements detailed as in Mr. O'Shea's November 20, 2003 memo to Council. Rich Vitton of the Forest Park Historical Society stated that Forest Park has lost many buildings in the name of progress and explained that programs exist for a property tax freeze to support historical preservation and renovation. He added that many homes will turn

**STAFF TO DRAFT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE**

100 years old soon and would like to see Forest Park join Oak Park, Riverside, Maywood, and Berwyn as historical preservation communities.

Bob Cox reiterated that within ten years, many houses will become 100 years old, and a preservation ordinance would include a regulatory process to look at the design of these homes. Property owners would deal with the preservation committee to improve and enhance the homes, while preserving architecture associated with the original dwelling. Commissioner Doolin stated that Mr. Cox talked about economic incentives at his seminar associated with preservation, and Mr. Cox stated that there are good financial incentives to historically preserve, like enjoying a seven year tax freeze on qualifying properties.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Doolin motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the Reimbursement of Overtime Expenses.

Chief Ryan stated that the program involves detaching one Forest Park Police officer to the U.S. Customs Service. In exchange for the officer's experienced work, the Village will enjoy lucrative, "asset sharing" for any seizure assigned to the officer. Chief Ryan added that a federal government representative will select the candidate, and the Village will eliminate a detective position, while reallocating detective sergeant duties to a police administrator. Therefore, staff is neither gained nor lost. The Village will pay the officer's salary and this agreement states that the Village will be reimbursed for \$13,000 in overtime by the federal government. Chief Ryan stated that assets would begin to be reported in 1 ½ years, as the officer becomes involved in arrests. Olympia Fields is new to the program, and Chief Ryan stated that it has received \$190,000 in assets, with \$150,000 more soon to come. Chief Ryan stated that collected seizure assets can enhance the ability to pay for the police dog, SWAT team, police vehicles, social workers, and architecture associated with the police department.

R-90-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND
CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT FOR THE
REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME
EXPENSES

Commissioner Steinbach asked what type of arrests and seizures occur associated with Olympia Fields' program and Chief Ryan stated that major narcotic traffic and money laundering are prime crime activities. Commissioner Steinbach questioned the discrepancy between contract termination dates and Chief Ryan stated that the 3-4 year contract life presumes renewal of the contract. Commissioner Doolin stated that the memo stated that there is a 8% split in all aspects and asked if there was a separate agreement that states this. Chief Ryan stated that there is a separate agreement called the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement which is in Mr. O'Shea's possession. Commissioner Doolin asked if all assets are to be used to fund law enforcement projects and Chief Ryan said that monies can be used only for law enforcement projects, not for salaries. Commissioner Doolin asked if restructuring the detective division would be problematic to the delivery of Village services and Chief Ryan stated that it would not be.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Execution of a Fire Apparatus Listing Agreement for the Sale of a 1980 Pierce Aerial Ladder Truck. Three proposals were received from three Fire apparatus broker services, and is has been determined that B&P Apparatus, Inc., of Aurora, Illinois, should be selected as the Village's broker for a fee of 10% of the sales price.

R-91-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF A FIRE APPARATUS
LISTING AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE
OF A 1980 PIERCE AERIAL LADDER
TRUCK

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Doolin seconded the firm of Burns & McDonnell to perform the Water Vulnerability Assessment Report for an amount of \$27,513. Commissioner Doolin stated that three bids were solicited (Postl Yore = \$40,000; Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. (CBBEL) = \$30,000;

CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE, LTD. TO
PERFORM WATER VULNERABILITY
ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE
AMOUNT OF \$25,000

Burns & McDonnell = \$27,513). All bids were reviewed by the Department of Streets and the Water Department and their recommendation was to select Burns & McDonnell because it both was the low bidder and experienced in performing the vulnerability assessment report. Commissioner Doolin stated that CBBEL submitted a revised bid of \$25,000, because of a phone conversation between CBBEL and Mr. O'Shea on November 19, 2003. Commissioner Doolin asked Mr. O'Shea about the nature of that phone conversation. Mr. O'Shea stated that the bidding process wasn't a formal one, and he had an opportunity to ask the Village engineers, CBBEL, to rebid in order to see if they could compete or go lower than Burns & McDonnell. Mr. O'Shea added that from a fiscal standpoint, it was a good move, both because CBBEL was able to lower the bid, and because it is familiar with the Village water system. Commissioner Doolin asked Mr. O'Shea if CBBEL was told the low bid. Mr. O'Shea stated that it was aware of the low bid. Commissioner Doolin asked why CBBEL went lower than the low bid. Mr. O'Shea stated that CBBEL wanted to do the work. Commissioner Doolin asked Mr. O'Shea if he asked the other two firms to rebid. Mr. O'Shea stated that he did not because the Village works with CBBEL and it is familiar with the system. Mr. O'Shea added that he met with Director Kutak and Mr. Webb and was provided feedback from them that if CBBEL did the work it would be "OK". Commissioner Doolin asked Mr. O'Shea if CBBEL has done a water vulnerability assessment. Mr. O'Shea stated that it has not. Commissioner Doolin asked if our procurement ordinance allows one to request only one firm to rebid a project. Mr. O'Shea stated that nothing prohibits him from going back to any firm to rebid a project and added that legal counsel was consulted and gave him full approval to recontact CBBEL. Commissioner Doolin stated that he would like to table this issue in order to go back to the two other engineering firms to obtain new bids. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she likes fiscal responsibility, but that this situation looks like the finance department doing its own audit. Commissioner Gillian stated that he thinks it appropriate that the Village Administrator asked CBBEL to rebid, as it is the cheapest bid now, and engineering oversight will be continuous. Commissioner Hosty stated that the Village Administrator did the fiscally responsible thing in dealing with an unfunded federal mandate. Mayor Calderone stated that the Water Vulnerability Assessment is administered by the Dept. of Homeland Security and the study is a "whole different animal" that measures threats of a terrorist attack on water supply. Mayor Calderone continued that the assessment does not look at things that have been studied before. Mayor Calderone stated that some engineers will do a lot of these assessments, and

some will do a few. He added that it's "cookie cutter" work that needs to be on file at the EPA. Mayor Calderone stated that engineering services don't require three bids; if three bids were required, the date and time that bids were due and the bid opening would be the same for all. Mayor Calderone pointed out that Postl Yore's bid and CBBEL's bid was submitted in June, while Burns & McDonnell was received in September.

Commissioner Doolin motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to table the bid of \$27,513 from Burns & McDonnell for the Village Water Vulnerability Assessment Report.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach
NAYS: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Mayor Calderone
ABSENT: None
The motion did not carry.

ROLL CALL ON MAIN MOTION:

AYES: Commissioner Steinbach
NAYS: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone
ABSENT: None
The motion did not carry.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to direct Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. to perform the Water Vulnerability Assessment Report in the amount of \$25,000.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Mayor Calderone
NAYS: Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach
ABSENT: None
The motion carried.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner **R-92-03** Doolin seconded to adopt the Resolution approving the Specifications and Authorizing the Issuance of an Invitation to Bid for the Village of Forest Park Village Hall Lower Level Restroom Renovations. Commissioner Hosty stated that it seemed like a High estimate for two bathrooms. Mayor Calderone stated that the notice to bidders must be published in the Review, and added that the Clerk will work to publish this item elsewhere to attract any and all bidders. Commissioner Steinbach asked if contractors

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN INVITATION TO BID FOR THE VILLAGE HALL LOWER LEVEL RESTROOM RENOVATIONS

can be contacted and Mayor Calderone stated that any and all interested contractors should be solicited.

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 Doolin stated that the Public Works Department is excited about the snow we are soon to see and added that the workers and equipment are ready to plow the streets.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Recreation Board's "Youth Activities" meeting was well attended and very successful. Commissioner Steinbach reminded all that the next Recreation Board meeting is December 2, 2003 at 7:00PM, and added that she is looking for more interested residents to serve as Board members.

Mayor Calderone wished all present a happy Thanksgiving.

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 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk