

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

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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 copies thereof and found same to be correct. Commissioner Doolin asked that page 8 of the minutes be amended to read, "Mr. O'Shea stated that he did share the low bid with CBBEL." There were no objections from Council members.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to adjust the minutes accordingly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Brogdon of 1222 Circle stated that there is a recurrent problem with rodents. Mr. Brogdon stated that he asked the Mayor and Mr. O'Shea to call the village attorney to see why the recycling company is operating, as he has pictures showing that construction waste is not the only material being recycled there. Mr. Brogdon stated that he has pictures of milk jugs and beer cartons in the debris. Additionally, he stated that people are killing rats in their yard and pets are killing rodents. Mr. Brogdon stated that he pays taxes and needs to know the answers. Mayor Calderone thanked Mr. Brogdon for his comments.

Laurie Bukowitz of 1212 Circle stated that she has seen Mr. Brogdon's pictures and agreed that the material there does not consist solely of construction waste. Ms. Bukowitz invited Council members to review the pictures.

Steve Backman of 329 Burkhardt Court stated that all speakers should speak into the microphone in order that their comments may be placed into the official record. Mr. Backman stated that after reviewing Robert's Rules of Order he learned that any testimony in a public forum is officially on the record and therefore should be audible by all.

Marcie Wozniak of 832 Hannah suggested that the meeting minutes be placed on the web site so that those who missed the meeting can review them.

Steve Keating of 532 Des Plaines stated that he was recently robbed in the Community Center parking lot and his car was vandalized. Mr. Keating asked if cameras could be placed in the lot for monitoring purposes. Also, Mr. Keating stated that pedestrians are in danger of being hit by speeding motorists as they make left turns at the Des Plaines and Jackson intersection. He asked if a camera could be placed at that intersection to monitor speeders.

Mayor Calderone stated that no decisions could be made tonight, and suggested that Mr. Keating address a letter to the Council about camera placement and talk to Chief Ryan about the crimes he has been a victim of.

Richard Scaffidi of 815 Marengo discussed parking issues associated with the 7200 Madison Street development and stated that although the developer says that the further underground excavation of the site to provide more parking spaces is not practical, the parking spaces, in his opinion, would be highly marketable.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Health and Safety Department submitted its report for November 2003.

The Police Department submitted its report for November 2003.

The Fire Department submitted its report for November 2003.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian 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 \$265,702.03.

**R-93-03
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

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Doolin seconded to adopt the Resolution to direct and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to submit the Subrecipient Agreement and to execute the 2003 Community Development Block Grant Program Year Agreement for Project Number 03-021. Commissioner Steinbach asked if the matching funds were correctly appropriated. Mr. O’Shea stated that since the work would be completed in the summer of 2004, the matching funds would be accounted for in the 2004-2005 appropriation. Commissioner Doolin asked if this particular alley has been approved by the County and Mayor Calderone answered that it has been approved.

**R-94-03
RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT AND
EXECUTE THE 2003 CDBG
AGREEMENT (RANDOLPH ST.
TO BERGMAN CT. BETWEEN
CIRCLE AVE. AND BROWN AVE:
ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION)**

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 the Ordinance Granting and Permitting a Variation in the Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance re: 215 Harlem Avenue. The ZBA recommended approval of this variation, reducing the amount of required parking for a retail establishment, at its October 20, 2003 meeting. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the intended use of the parcel should be stated within the Ordinance. Ms. Hill responded that Section 4 of the Ordinance that speaks to variations granted is very specific to retail. Mr. Durkin concurred, and stated that if another business desires the site, and it is not a retail business, a variance would be needed. Commissioner Gillian asked where the fencing required of the developer is detailed and Mr. Durkin replied that it is contained in Section 5 of the Ordinance.

**O-48-03
ORDINANCE GRANTING AND
PERMITTING A VARIATION IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING
ORDINANCE RE: 215 HARLEM AVE.**

ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Planned Development Agreement for Madison Commons Mixed Use Development of Forest Park.

Commissioner Steinbach asked what the difference is between this Ordinance and the following one on the agenda. Mr. Durkin stated that this Ordinance approves the agreement between the two parties to develop the property as a planned unit development, and the second Ordinance outlines the conditions associated with the development's conditional use. Commissioner Steinbach asked the developer questions specific to the delivery of goods and the unloading of trucks associated with the development. Mr. Hague stated that the developer wishes to be sensitive to the needs of residents in regards to truck traffic. Commissioner Steinbach asked about the lack of a percentage of owner-occupied units quoted in the Ordinance, and Mr. Hague stated that the developer is keeping a close eye on this as well, adding that the vast majority of units in like projects are owner-occupied.

**O-49-03
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF A PLANNED
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR
MADISON COMMONS MIXED USE
DEVELOPMENT 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 and Commissioner Doolin seconded to pass an Ordinance to approve and authorize Conditional Use Approval for a Planned Development for the Development of a Mixed Use Building at 7231, 7233 and 7247 Madison Street in Forest Park.

**O-50-03
ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND
AUTHORIZE CONDITIONAL USE
APPROVAL FOR A PLANNED
DEVELOPMENT FOR A MIXED
USE BUILDING**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk read the total tax levy for the Village of Forest Park into the record. The levy totals \$5,284,105.58. Commissioner Doolin questioned why this document is a draft. Mr. O'Shea stated that it will be introduced tonight, with a two week delay for review, and final adoption December 22nd. Mr. O'Shea stated that the levy must be filed with the County on or before the last Tuesday in December. Mayor Calderone

**INTRODUCTION OF
THE 2003 TAX LEVY**

asked Mr. Durkin if the levy is in good enough shape to pass tonight. Mr. Durkin stated that there are some minor language changes and typos to fix. Commissioner Steinbach added that she met with the finance director this morning and it was decided that the Community Center salaries should be recategorized. Mayor Calderone stated that protocol says that the tax levy should be introduced, the elected officials should get feedback from the public, and then the levy should be adopted at the second meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hosty commended all participants who worked to make the Christmas Walk a success. Commissioner Hosty congratulated all on their efforts to make the Dog Park a well utilized facility.

Commissioner Steinbach thanked the public works department for a terrific decorating job on Madison Street, at the Community Center, and around Village Hall. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the business selling Christmas trees near Portillo's Restaurant in town donated the large Madison Street Christmas tree.

Mayor Calderone named Lieutenant Mike Cody as the traffic compliance adjudicator. Mayor Calderone stated that he, Mr. O'Shea, and Nancy Hill have met with two doctors associated with the Cook County Public Health Department in order to work on a plan to decrease the rodent population. Mayor Calderone stated that a neighborhood meeting regarding rodents will be scheduled on the south side of town, as soon as the doctors' schedules allow. Mayor Calderone requested that the Council forward a referral to the Traffic and Safety Committee to review the idea of making Elgin, just south of Roosevelt Road, a two-way street to Roosevelt. There were no objections from Council members.

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 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk