

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 8, 2004**

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 PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach 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.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Scafidi of 815 Marengo asked that more detail be provided on Council meeting agenda items, so that after reviewing the agenda, the members of the general public could more knowledgably speak to issues during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Debra Scolaro of 840 Thomas stated that she is upset by the recent flooding of her basement due to the blockage in the sewer main. Ms. Scolaro stated that she and her neighbors have performed numerous rodding procedures at their own expense, and added that backflow preventers placed in the sewer line are not working. Ms. Scolaro stated that equipment to rod out the main was borrowed from River Forest, and she questioned if the Village of Forest Park should own its own rodder to assist residents.

Mayor Calderone stated that the Village has been battling a flooding issue for years and it is a Village-wide issue. He added that the Village engineers have examined the issue, have marked a map of the flooding areas, and have estimated that the problem will cost \$50 million to fix. Mayor Calderone stated that since the cost is prohibitive, the engineers searched for grant money and found none.

Ms. Scolaro stated that Mr. Joe Berosso in Cicero, phone number 222-4621, is willing to pass on flood grant information. Mayor Calderone welcomed the contact information.

Mayor Calderone stated that the Village simply cannot help everybody, and added that backflow preventers were placed in the sewer lines in the 800 block of Ferdinand and currently the Village is waiting for a torrential rain to assess their efficacy. Bob Kutak stated that there has been only one problem brought to his attention regarding a problem with the backflow preventers on Ferdinand and that backup problem was caused by a stick blocking the valve.

Ms. Scolaro asked if it would be more efficient for the Village to purchase rodding equipment from River Forest but Director Kutak stated that the hydrojetter that sits on front of the truck can be borrowed from River Forest at any time. Kutak added that prior to six or seven years ago, the lines had never been hydrojetted to clear debris. Kutak stated that he would be willing to get bids on a hydrojetter for the Village.

Bridie Math of 828 Thomas inquired about maintenance of the sewer lines and the last time they were rodded. Director Kutak stated that the main sewer pipe was done six to seven years ago, but before that time, they were never done. Mayor Calderone stated that you can have the system cleared and somebody who is irresponsible can put something in the sewer pipe to plug it up.

Steve Backman of 329 Burkhardt Court stated that Mr. Tom Poulos has given \$3000 to Mayor Calderone's campaign fund and asked Mayor Calderone if he would abstain from voting on an agenda item regarding 7725-7747 Van Buren.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Sylvia Menning, CROP WALK coordinator, requested permission from the Council to take the CROP WALK (Hunger Walkathon West) through sections of the Village on Sunday, May 2, 2004. There were no objections from Council members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify the coordinator of walkathon approval.

**CROP WALK APPROVED  
MAY 2, 2004**

Mr. Richard Gray notified the Council that effective January 1, 2004, he will be adding a fee in the amount of \$250/mo. for compensation for managing and overseeing the property located at 501 Des Plaines and 7602 Adams. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Village pays \$12,000 in taxes on this property and only netted a profit of \$2700 last year. She suggested that the property be discussed as part of the budgeting process in the near future. Commissioner Hosty suggested that the property be used as a workplace for the police detectives and then no taxes would be due. Commissioner Gillian suggested that Mr. Gray's services should be employed on a month-to-month basis until the entire package is reviewed. There were no objections from Council members to the plan to retain Mr. Gray's services on a monthly basis.

**RICHARD GRAY OF ALL SUBURBAN  
REALTY TO RECEIVE \$250/MONTH  
FOR MANAGING AND OVERSEEING  
VILLAGE TENANT PROPERTY**

Jack Calo of Jimmy John's requested to utilize the Village parking lot on the northwest corner of Circle and Madison for a grand opening celebration on May 8, 2004. Commissioner Doolin stated that the area involves a very busy corner with potential safety issues involved with crossing between the building and lot. Commissioner

**TABELED:  
REQUEST BY JIMMY JOHN'S TO  
USE VILLAGE PARKING LOT FOR  
GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION ON  
MAY 8, 2004**

Gillian stated that it is not unprecedented to use public property for private events to give businesses a head start. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the petitioner's letter lacked sufficient detail to make a decision regarding hours of use, portion of lot needed, and Village staff assist necessary. Mayor Calderone suggested that no action be taken on the request tonight so that further information could be obtained from the petitioner. There were no objections from Council members.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The Fire Department submitted its report for February 2004.  
The Police Department submitted its annual report for 2003.

### **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 \$554,383.15. Commissioner Doolin asked if the bill associated with NIPAS SWAT school training was associated with the two officers attending that program. Chief Ryan stated that the payment was for a different issue and added that the NIPAS SWAT school training is paid for out of a grant. Commissioner Steinbach asked Ms. Yacoben to update the Council regarding cash flow. Ms. Yacoben stated that the Village has received about \$900,000 in property tax recently and added that she has not accessed the web site re: sales tax figures. Ms. Yacoben stated that there is approximately \$400,000 in the general fund after tonight's bill payment and the Village is currently entering a large local revenue generating cycle with the sale of vehicle stickers. She added that the water fund balance is also fine.

**R-14-04  
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 Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to adopt the Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by a Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. The sum of \$459,256.80 of Motor Fuel Tax funds is for the purpose of street maintenance from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

**R-15-04  
RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE  
OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS**

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

Commissioner Doolin motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to pass the Ordinance amending Section 19-73C entitled "Permit Fees" of Chapter 19 entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park. The Ordinance provides for a fee increase in lots 13 A and B to \$3.00. Mr. Durkin stated that the Village Administrator has determined that it will take 30 days for signage to be prepared and posted in this lot and also to investigate electronic payment boxes. Commissioner Doolin amended the motion to add that Section 3 of the Ordinance shall read, "This Ordinance will be in full force May 1, 2004 after being printed in pamphlet form." Commissioner Steinbach seconded the amended motion.

**O-8-04  
ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19-73C  
ENTITLED "PERMIT FEES" OF CHAPTER  
19, ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES AND  
TRAFFIC" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to adopt the Resolution authorizing the execution of documents for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Memorandum of Understanding. FFY2002

**R-16-04  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR  
LLEBG FOR COMBINED PROGRAM**

program allocations are P.E.E.R. Program = \$34,637.51 and P.I.P.E. Program = \$17,318.49. Commissioner Doolin asked if this grant requires matching funds and Mayor Calderone answered that these grants have always been a 100% allocation with no matching funds required.

**ALLOCATION OF \$51,956.00**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to pass the Ordinance to authorize the sale of Village Nextel Cellular telephones. Commissioner Steinbach asked if Ordinance language "employees" included elected officials and Mayor Calderone stated that it did. Commissioner Doolin asked if Nextel has any desire to stop the use of its antennae on the water towers due to the decrease in active service plans the Village of Forest Park will have and Mayor Calderone stated that Nextel has no desire to stop its antennae utilization. Mr. O'Shea stated that employees will be required to return their cell phones and associated equipment on March 17, 2004 and text messaging pagers will be issued to appropriate users soon. Commissioner Doolin asked if there is a window to renegotiate Nextel's cost for use of Village water towers for antennae use and Mayor Calderone stated that an audit on those contracts is currently underway so the exact date for renegotiation can be identified. Mayor Calderone added that District 91 and the Park District have requested that the Village keep a cell phone in Communications so that these agencies may have direct access to dispatch. Mayor Calderone stated that the Council will review this matter at a later date.

**O-9-04  
ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE  
SALE OF VILLAGE NEXTEL  
CELLULAR TELEPHONES**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Doolin seconded to enter into an agreement with Verizon Wireless for pager service.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR PAGER SERVICE**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned to deny the request associated with PC 2003-07: 7725-7747 Van Buren Street (Abell/Howe and Ockerlund Properties). Commissioner Doolin seconded the motion.

**MOTION TO DENY THE REQUEST ASSOCIATED WITH PC 2003-07: 7725-7747 VAN BUREN STREET**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

General discussion ensued regarding economic development in the Village. Commissioner Hosty stated that the Brown Street TIF is overly ripe for business development and wondered if development should be mixed-use. Commissioner Doolin stated that definitely the Brown Street TIF will prosper and added that there is good synergy on Roosevelt Road as well. Commissioner Doolin suggested that perhaps the Council should look at target areas, maybe the TIF areas and commercial corridors and define what types of developments members want in each area. Commissioner Hosty asked if members should push for mixed use developments on Roosevelt Road or solely retail ones. Commissioner Gillian expressed the desire to define density limits and pointed to two large projects (Roos and Abell-Howe) where density has been a major issue. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she favors commercial use with residences above to encourage an area to stay active at night in the Brown Street TIF area. Commissioner Doolin encouraged board members not to be consumed by residential variations, and as an example, cited the 209 Des Plaines variation of a single family home placement that doesn't

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION**

resemble a single family home. Commissioner Doolin encouraged all to stick to the vision and good things will happen. Commissioner Doolin suggested that five areas of development be identified, and one area be assigned to each Commissioner for review and analysis. Mayor Calderone discussed the multi-modal transportation opportunities around the 7725-7747 Van Buren property and added that the area should be a commuter oriented development. Commissioner Doolin stated that a TIF is a tool, but then it needs to be capitalized upon. He added that the community development director should be allowed to do a full time job of marketing areas, looking at public and private partnerships, optimizing zoning, and creating special service areas to fund improvements. Commissioner Hosty agreed that zoning should be reviewed and written to establish building height. Commissioner Doolin asked about the Bulk Mail Postage Facility and Mayor Calderone said that it consists of 80-100 acres and the facility is not inclined to move its location. Mayor Calderone agreed that the community development director should be sent on marketing missions, but stated that the question of how much mixed used needs to be defined a bit more. Mayor Calderone encouraged all to be realistic, as the end goal is to find someone who wishes to build the development in a targeted area. Commissioner Gillian stated that nobody is opposed to development and the Village is interested in listening to any development offer or infrastructure improvement offer. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Village needs to clean up litter at gateway areas so that it can put its best foot forward to attract developers. Mr. Durkin stated that TIF money can be used for streetscape if it is done within TIF boundaries and is outlined in the TIF plan. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Village can look better immediately by encouraging property cleanup and ticketing responsible parties for litter. Commissioner Doolin stated that the comprehensive plan must be implemented and consistently followed. Mayor Calderone stated that many developers will be calling the Village when Ultra opens. Mayor Calderone stated that another meeting will be set to speak of economic development issues only. Commissioner Steinbach stated that Public Property will be planting on Madison Street this year and the area will look great. Commissioner Steinbach offered her workers' expertise

at the TIF area also for beautification purposes.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

None

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Mayor Calderone stated that the State of Illinois passed an Affordable Housing Plan that requires that any community’s housing stock which is not at least 10% affordable must submit an affordable housing plan. Mayor Calderone stated that Forest Park’s housing stock is 52.04% affordable, and therefore the new unfunded mandate probably would not pertain to the Village.

Mayor Calderone stated the he testified on March 4 to support the awarding of the 10<sup>th</sup> casino license to Rosemont. Forest Park will receive \$180,000 annually after the casino in Rosemont is up and running.

Mayor Calderone stated that he is serving on the planning committee associated with the Proviso Central Math and Science Academy and is excited to be a part of discussions that will shape how the school feels and operates. Mayor Calderone stated that the magnet school can only benefit the Village and that there will be more Forest Park children attending public high school when it opens than do currently.

Mayor Calderone stated that he is looking at a voluntary early retirement program provided by IMRF for those who would qualify.

Mayor Calderone stated that he is recommending freezing salaries for first line administrative staff for 2004-2005.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to move into closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representative.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED  
SESSION: 9:20PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Doolin motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to close executive session.

**MOTION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE  
SESSION: 10:32PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Doolin and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to reopen regular session.

**MOTION TO REOPEN REGULAR SESSION: 10:37PM**

**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 Steinbach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Doolin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 10:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White  
**Village Clerk**