

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 26, 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 Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the minutes from the previous Council meeting of April 12th, 2004 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the minutes from the Special Council meeting of April 20th, 2004 be passed without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Steinbach

Commissioner Steinbach was not able to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

The West Cook County Solid Waste Agency advertised its Spring and Summer Environmental Events of the Saturday, June 12th, 2004 hazardous waste collection at Ridgewood High School in Norridge and the June 25th and 26th, 2004 electronics collection in Brookfield. Commissioner Hosty suggested that staff take advantage of the electronics collection and discard excess, unwanted electronic items stored in 501 Des Plaines Ave.

**JUNE 12TH, 2004:
HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION/
JUNE 25TH AND 26TH, 2004
ELECTRONICS COLLECTION**

The American Legion Post #414 requested permission to conduct its annual Poppy Sale on May 27th, 2004 with a rain date scheduled for May 28th, 2004. There were no objections from Council members. Mayor Calderone instructed the Clerk to notify Charles Cairo of the American Legion Post of fundraiser approval.

**AMERICAN LEGION
POST #414
POPPY SALE,
MAY 27TH, 2004:
APPROVED**

The Oak Park Area Arts Council requested its annual appropriation in the amount of \$5000. Council members unanimously agreed that the request could not be granted, as the appropriation is not included in this year's budget. Mayor Calderone instructed the Clerk to notify the Arts Council that its request has been denied due to this year's budgetary restrictions.

**OAK PARK AREA ARTS COUNCIL
ANNUAL REQUEST FOR FUNDING:
DENIED**

The Oak Park Regional Housing Center requested its annual appropriation in the amount of \$5,000. Mayor Calderone reviewed services provided by the Housing Center to Forest Park landlords/tenants. Mayor Calderone suggested that discussion be tabled until a representative from the Oak Park Regional Housing Center can be present to detail the various services that the Center offers. There were no objections from Council members, as all members wished to speak at a later date about funding the Center within the current budgetary framework. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to invite the representative from the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, Aggie Stempniak, to speak at the next Council meeting.

**OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING
CENTER REQUEST FOR FUNDING:
TABLED**

The Park District of Forest Park announced that the Bob Heager Annual All School Picnic, sponsored by the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Thursday, May 27th, 2004 with Friday, May 28th, 2004 as the rain date. Administrator O'Shea, Police, Fire, and Public Works were contacted in order to facilitate picnic activities.

**BOB HEAGER ALL SCHOOL PICNIC:
THURSDAY, MAY 27TH, 2004**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Fire Department submitted its report for March 2004.
The Police Department submitted its report for March 2004.
The Community Center submitted its report for March 2004.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin 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 \$408,915.08.

Commissioner Steinbach asked if the expense noted as "Kathleen Field Orr and Asso TIF" in the Admin/ Clerk budget is associated with the Hannah and Roosevelt TIF. Finance Director Yacoben stated that the expense in question is associated with a required, annual TIF report that reviews all Village TIF's.

R-26-04 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

None

Commissioner Steinbach asked why the following item under NEW BUSINESS entitled, "415 Beloit parking lot construction cost estimate" was not listed on the agenda under OLD BUSINESS. Mayor Calderone explained that discussion on the maintenance of the public parking lot was on the April 12, 2004 meeting agenda and the current agenda item is a new and different item, as it deals with construction cost estimates associated with the 415 Beloit lot.

**POINT OF ORDER:
CLARIFIED**

NEW BUSINESS

The revised 4/22/04 Construction Cost Estimate associated with 415 Beloit was discussed. The total for Lot 49-016 + Lot 6-025 was \$132,435.45. (The previous estimate of \$213,283.98 included alley work.) Commissioner Steinbach stated that \$10,000 is a lot of money for landscaping and suggested that the fence and lighting be scaled back. Commissioner Hosty suggested that the lot was planned to be more decorative because it is located in the middle of the downtown district. Commissioner Gillian stated that if the Trage lot was being redone today, it would be his recommendation to beautify

**415 BELOIT CONSTRUCTION COST
ESTIMATES REVIEWED:
LOT NOT TO BE IMPROVED AT
THIS TIME**

it with decorative lighting and shelter it from neighbors with decorative fencing. Commissioner Gillian added that the \$10,000 added into the estimate for landscaping may include other costs, such as traffic protection or bond fees. Commissioner Steinbach asked if Public Works employees could perform some of the work and Commissioner Hosty stated that those tasks may be out of the scope of union work. Commissioner Doolin asked if the Council should take action on improving 415 Beloit or if it should look at the bigger picture of appropriating money for the parking lot sinking fund. Mayor Calderone reminded members that the previous Council approved a site review plan associated with 415 Beloit. Commissioner Hosty suggested that Ark sale revenues be placed in the sinking fund. Commissioner Gillian suggested that the Council **not** improve 415 Beloit at this time, as lot improvements will cost between \$200,000-\$250,000, and the budget cannot support this large expenditure at this time. There were no objections from Council members.

Mayor Calderone suggested that the Council members be conservative at this end of the fiscal year and not designate a specific dollar amount to fund the Public Parking Sinking Fund. Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to table the appropriation of a specific dollar amount to the Public Parking Sinking Fund.

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 pass the Ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,700,000 General Obligation Note, Series 2004 of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois. Commissioner Steinbach stated that these appear to be bonds because the Village is selling them to somebody. Phil McKenna of Kane McKenna and Associates stated that the language is driven by the Internal Revenue Service and the note is a security that creates a line of credit that can be drawn on by the Village when there are cash flow problems. Mr. McKenna explained that the note works and feels like a line of credit, but it

**DOLLAR AMOUNT APPROPRIATED
TO THE PUBLIC PARKING SINKING
FUND: TABLED**

**O-17-04
ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
ISSUE OF \$1,700,000 GENERAL
OBLIGATION NOTE, SERIES 2004
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK**

is structured as a security instrument to get the lowest interest rate possible. Commissioner Steinbach asked the details associated with Ice Miller's fee and Finance Director Yacoben stated that Ice Miller will receive \$3500 for drawing up the note, and if the Village actually borrows on the note, the paperwork is included in that fee. Commissioner Steinbach asked how Forest Park National Bank receives its money on the deal and Ms. Yacoben stated that the Bank receives money only when and if the Village draws on the note. Commissioner Doolin asked if Kane McKenna and bond counsel need to be involved and Mr. McKenna stated that the Bank needs certification from bond counsel of tax exempt and certified status to get the lowest interest rate. Ms. Yacoben stated to questioning that all proceeds of the note do not need to be used and the note doesn't need to be drawn on at all if the Village does not desire the funds. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she wasn't comfortable with language in the note stating that the note, "is issued by the Village for the payment of all or a portion of the cost of the acquisition, construction, and installation of certain public improvements or operating costs for the Village." Mr. McKenna stated that the language encourages flexibility and options. Mr. Durkin agreed and added that there are representations made here for a public purpose which allow for a tax exemption status. Mr. Durkin reiterated that the current language enables the Village to spend the money on either purpose: costs of public improvements or operative expenses. Commissioner Doolin asked about the process in place to draw down the note and Commissioner Gillian stated that the motion would come to the Council for a vote. Commissioner Steinbach asked about the maturity date of the note and Mr. Durkin stated that the money borrowed must be paid back in one year. Mr. Durkin added that municipalities keep turning over the note by borrowing and repaying every year. Commissioner Steinbach asked it would cost the Village \$10,200 yearly in fees to reengage the note and Mr. McKenna stated that once the note is drawn up, the renewal fee is one-half of the original cost.

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 approve fees for services provided by Ice Miller and Kane McKenna associated with the issuance of \$1,700,000 General Obligation Note, Series 2004.

Commissioner Steinbach asked if the fees are paid out of the operating fund or out of the note and Commissioner Gillian stated that are paid out of the operating fund.

**FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED
BY ICE MILLER AND KANE MCKENNA
ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF
\$1,700,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE
SERIES 2004:
APPROVED**

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 pass the Ordinance amending Chapter 23, entitled "Signs and Billboards" of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park in order to regulate Sandwich Board Signs.

Commissioner Steinbach asked why Lombard is the only community that approves outright and regulates sandwich signs. Director of Community Development Hill stated that Lombard is the only town that responded that did allow the signs. Mayor Calderone added that many towns allow the signs but do not regulate them. Commissioner Doolin stated that he has tacit approval of sandwich signs, but believes the Ordinance before the Council is too loose (e.g. no mention of aesthetics, no advertising limits, issues of common doorways and therefore multiple signs on sidewalk are not addressed), and needs to be better thought out before passage and implementation. Commissioner Hosty stated that both vehicular and pedestrian traffic benefit by the use of the signs and that many businesses are depending on this mode of advertising. Commissioner Hosty stated that he believes that the Council should pass the Ordinance now and modify it later on.

**O-18-04
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23,
ENTITLED "SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS"
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK IN ORDER
TO REGULATE SANDWICH BOARD
SIGNS**

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

O-19-04
ORDINANCE GRANTING AND
PERMITTING A VARIATION TO THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING
ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH
517 ELGIN

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to pass the Ordinance Granting and Permitting a Variation to the Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois associated with 517 Elgin. The petitioner wishes to construct an addition to a nonconforming building which does not comply with the required side yard setback provisions of paragraph 3 of Section 5 of Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance.

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 approve specifications prepared by Director Bill Heider for a contract for public maintenance exceeding \$1,500.00 to replace a portion of the roof on the Community Center with fiberglass shingles, and to accept the proposal of Aluminum Home Improvement, for an amount not to exceed \$4,050.00.

SPECIFICATIONS TO REPLACE A
PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY
CENTER ROOF AND TO ACCEPT
THE PROPOSAL OF ALUMINUM
HOME IMPROVEMENT:
APPROVED

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 approve specifications prepared by Director Bill Heider for a contract for public maintenance exceeding \$1,500.00 to install electrical cable and make repairs to the lights located on Madison Street, from Van Buren to Thatcher, and to accept the proposal of Lyon's & Pinner Electric Company, for an amount not to exceed \$3,695.00.

SPECIFICATIONS TO INSTALL
ELECTRICAL CABLE AND MAKE
REPAIRS TO THE LIGHTS LOCATED
ON MADISON STREET AND TO
ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF LYON'S
& PINNER ELECTRIC COMPANY:
APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**REFERRALS TO TRAFFIC AND
SAFETY COMMISSION**

Commissioner Doolin motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to forward three issues to the Traffic and Safety Commission for evaluation and recommendation:

- Circle and Madison (Delivery vehicles are parking on Circle in front of Jimmy John's);
- 600 Circle Alley (Because of increased traffic associated with the dog park, residents are concerned that the alley is being used as a thoroughfare);
- 800 Dunlop Alley (Speed bumps are requested to slow traffic down). Upon Mayor Calderone's suggestion, Commissioner Doolin added an amendment to the motion concerning the 800 Dunlop Alley to include directing the Traffic and Safety Commission to develop a procedure for dealing with requests for speed bumps in alleys so that approval/denial of requests are consistent throughout town. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the amendment to the motion.

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 appoint three members to the Youth Commission:
Mary Connor, Eric Connor, and Lisa Whalen. Each member serves a term of two years.

**MARY CONNOR, ERIC CONNOR,
LISA WHALEN APPOINTED TO
YOUTH COMMISSION:
TERMS END 2006**

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 reappoint the following members to their associated Commissions or Boards:

- Amy Rita, Chair Fire & Police Commission (Term 2007)
- Andrea Blaylock Library Board (Term 2010)
- Nancy Svoboda Police Pension Board (Term 2006)
- John Hosty, Chair Traffic & Safety Commission (Term 2008)
- Mary Adele Ryan Traffic & Safety Commission (Term 2008)
- Dave Rita Traffic & Safety Commission (Term 2008)
- Ray Paulin Zoning Board of Appeals (Term 2009)

**REAPPOINTMENTS TO:
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
LIBRARY BOARD
POLICE PENSION BOARD
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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 thanked Director Bill Heider for his hard work over the past 19 years with the Village and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Doolin stated that cleaning catch basins has begun. Commissioner Doolin asked for residents’ cooperation in notifying the Village should they not need a handicapped space in front of their home any longer. Commissioner Doolin stated that he believes a yearly renewal on the spaces is a good idea so that the Village can turn over the spots not being utilized. Commissioner Doolin ended by stating that street sweeping will begin now during the warmer weather and work on the alleys will get underway as well.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Public Works employees have planted annuals on Madison Street and on the side of Village Hall.

Mayor Calderone stated that the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency has made a decision to refund the Village \$18,947.00 because of an excess reserve fund balance. The check will be given to Mayor Calderone at the WCCSWA banquet on Friday.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Doolin 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 pending litigation against the Village.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION: 8:25PM

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

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

MOTION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:17PM

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian and Commissioner
Hosty seconded to reopen regular session.

**MOTION TO REOPEN REGULAR
SESSION: 9:18PM**

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 Hosty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk