

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 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 June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerry Webster from 627 Circle stated that a solicitor has been at the dog park twice illegally asking for dog park funds without a permit. Mr. Webster stated that the solicitor will request a solicitation permit tonight after the fact, and he encouraged Council members to deny the solicitation request on public property.

Geraldine Kowalski from 842 Thomas stated that the Roos project developer painted a rosy picture of the development while downplaying increased traffic congestion, flooding, and police and fire issues. Ms. Kowalski stated that realization of the project will cause suffering for the taxpayer, and asked that the Council members do not take away the residents' way of life by approving the Roos project.

**PRESENTATION**

Dr. Austin D'Souza, from Lions Clubs International, presented Mayor Calderone with the President George Bush award for community service, and congratulated him for being a proven leader of the community. Dr. D'Souza pinned the service award on Mayor Calderone and Mayor Calderone thanked Dr. D'Souza for his community service efforts through the Lions Club.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to grant permission to representatives of "Friends of the Dog Park" to solicit funds for a 12-month period at the dog park. Ms. Jennifer Wolfe, founder of "Friends of the Dog Park", stated that donations will be used toward beautification and improvements of the dog park and stated that she already has raised \$5000 in donations. Commissioner Gillian asked what governmental body will dictate how the funds are utilized, and Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Recreation Board makes the recommendation, and it is reviewed and approved by the entire Village Council. Commissioner Doolin asked about the specific information being distributed by the solicitors and Commissioner Steinbach stated that Ms. Wolfe has a pamphlet explaining the fundraising goals of the dog park. Commissioner Doolin stated that since the "Friends of the Dog Park" are not an official Village committee, that perhaps a more appropriate venue for fund collection would be an event in which the Village has limited input, like the French Market. Ms. Wolfe stated that the collection table will be much smaller in the future and less obtrusive, and added that funds are collected from people actually using the park, thereby eliminating any drain on public funds. Commissioner Hosty stated that the collection of dog park funds within the dog park is the best way to fundraise in this instance.

**PERMISSION GRANTED TO "FRIENDS OF THE DOG PARK" TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR A 12-MONTH PERIOD, ENDING JUNE 30, 2005**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Novak, Director of the Park District of Forest Park, requested an annual donation from the Village to offset the cost associated with the Park District of Forest Park's July Fourth Celebration. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village makes a public service donation to this event, and Commissioner Gillian stated that he was not in favor of donating more at this time. There were no other comments from Council members.

**PUBLIC SERVICE DONATION ONLY APPROVED FOR PARK DISTRICT OF FOREST PARK'S JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION**

Dorothy Gillian, Progressive Dinner Coordinator, announced

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER TO**

plans for the event that will take place on Sunday, July 18, 2004 with registration from 4:00-4:50. Ms. Gillian of Main Street requested to meet with Village representatives to arrange event specifics and asked permission to display event banners on the corners of Madison and Circle and Madison and Des Plaines. Commissioner Doolin asked about the process of hanging banners, as Main Street's Progressive Dinner banner was already displayed before approval. Mayor Calderone stated that Main Street desired to have some early marketing. There were no objections from Council members.

**BE HELD JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2004:  
EVENT BANNERS TO BE  
HUNG**

The Forest Park Garden Club asked permission to have two banners placed at the corners of Des Plaines and Madison and Circle and Madison. Commissioner Steinbach stated that Director Kutak could hang both the Progressive Dinner banners and Garden Club banners, and stated that she would ask Ms. Garapolo about the desired location of a sandwich board advertising the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 event. There were no objections from Council members.

**GARDEN STROLL TO BE HELD  
JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2004:  
EVENT BANNERS TO BE HUNG  
AND SANDWICH BOARD TO BE  
UTILIZED**

Anheuser-Busch, Inc. requested to park its "B" Lounge Mobile Training Coach along the 7400 block of Madison Street (in front of Murphy's Pub) on July 7, 2004, from noon until 10:00PM in order to conduct training sessions. There were no objections from Council members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify Anheuser-Busch of request approval.

**ANHEUSER-BUSCH, INC. TO PARK  
ITS "B" LOUNGE MOBILE TRAINING  
COACH ON MADISON STREET,  
JULY 7, 2004 FROM NOON UNTIL  
10:00PM**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The Community Center submitted its report for May 2004.  
The Department of Health and Safety submitted its report for May 2004.  
The Police Department submitted its report for May 2004.

### **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 \$335,442.23.

**R-38-04  
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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to create an “ad hoc” Historic Preservation Committee, consisting of seven members to be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Village Council, to formulate and prepare recommendations to the Village Council on the need for and benefit of the adoption of a Historic Preservation Ordinance in the Village of Forest Park, and to determine the potential benefits and merits of becoming a Certified Local Government, and to make a recommendation on that issue.

**MOTION TO CREATE AN “AD HOC”  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF  
SEVEN MEMBERS**

**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 appoint Bob Cox and Rich Vitton to the “ad hoc” Historic Preservation Committee of the Village of Forest Park.

**BOB COX AND RICH VITTON  
APPOINTED TO “AD HOC”  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian stated that he would be happy to serve on the committee as the Village liaison. There were no objections from Council members.

The Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2004 and ending April 30, 2005 was introduced. Commissioner Doolin asked if the Village is anticipating \$300,000 this year from US Customs revenue. Director Yacoben stated that after speaking with other municipalities with like Customs programs, revenues and expenditures as listed will "wash out." Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded that the Appropriation Ordinance be tabled until the next Council meeting.

**TABLED:  
THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING MAY 1, 2004 AND  
ENDING APRIL 30, 2005**

**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 for Approval of Class 6b Incentive Abatement for the Abandoned Property commonly described as 7750 Industrial Drive in the Village of Forest Park, Illinois.

**R-39-04  
RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL  
OF CLASS 6B INCENTIVE  
ABATEMENT FOR THE ABANDONED  
PROPERTY COMMONLY DESCRIBED  
AS 7750 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE**

Commissioner Gillian stated that Cook County is the final deciding factor in the approval process, and added that this manufacturer will provide jobs in the Village, and its workers will eat, live, and shop in the Village. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she opposes the tax incentive, and explained that since the company closed on the property June 15 and has apparently begun rehab on the site, it will do business on this site, even if the tax incentive is denied. Commissioner Steinbach stated that Dr. Tinder of the School Board and Dave Novak of the Park District were not aware of the incentive, and stated to Commissioner Steinbach that if they knew of the issue, they would oppose it. Commissioner Doolin stated that Phil McKenna, the Village tax consultant, was not completely aware of the situation. Dan Dowling, property owner, stated that he continues to move forward with his business on the property, and stated that it was his understanding from the County that a 6b abatement would not be granted unless he owned the property. Director Hill stated that the County's tax bill over a 13 year period on the property is \$800,000, and of that amount, about 16% goes to the Village over 13 years or \$131,664. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village has tax objections throughout the course of the year without any input into the process and added that tax fluctuations are dynamic. Mr. Dowling stated that the business will employ

14 full time workers and 18 seasonal workers. Mr. Dowling added that the total payroll per year would equal \$450,000, and the average salary would equal \$40,000-\$45,000.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to pass an Ordinance Providing for the Declaration of the General Prevailing Rate of Hourly Wages for Public Works within the Village of Forest Park.

**O-27-04  
ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR  
THE DECLARATION OF THE  
GENERAL PREVAILING RATE OF  
HOURLY WAGES FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

**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 an Ordinance Amending Article V, entitled "Parking Rules and Regulations", of Chapter 19 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park. Commissioner Doolin asked if hours of operation in the Police Department mirrored those in the Clerk's Office and the Police Chief stated that they do.

**O-28-04  
ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V,  
ENTITLED "PARKING RULES AND  
REGULATIONS", OF CHAPTER 19  
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 approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an American Red Cross Mass Care Shelter Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS MASS CARE  
SHELTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
VILLAGE AND THE AMERICAN RED  
CROSS OF GREATER CHICAGO:  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL**

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

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Hosty stated that the Plan Commission meeting has been rescheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in Council Chambers of Village Hall. Commissioner Hosty stated that the summer inspection program is underway, and non-compliant properties will first be issued a courtesy notice, and then will be ticketed for further non-compliance.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that residents must have the landscaper who cuts down trees or cuts grass remove the yard waste. Commissioner Steinbach stated that due to a scheduling conflict, the Recreation Board will meet July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the Community Center, instead of at Village Hall.

Mayor Calderone stated that there is a preponderance of vehicles parked on the concrete parkway, which causes the front or back of the vehicle to hang over the sidewalk or street. Mayor Calderone stated that the Police Department is working on a sticker to remind vehicle owners of the infraction. The first notice of non-compliance will be a courtesy notice, but additional violations will cause the vehicle to be ticketed and towed.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to move into closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

**CLOSED SESSION:  
7:55PM**

### **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 close executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED:  
8:20PM**

### **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 reopen regular session.

**REGULAR SESSION REOPENED:  
8:25PM**

### **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 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White  
**Village Clerk**