

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 9TH, 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 July 26th, 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

Carrie Mele from 615 Marengo wanted to hear more about bicycle racks in the Village. Mayor Calderone stated that there has been discussion between the Department of Public Property and the Chamber of Commerce about the installation of more bicycle racks, and he invited Ms. Mele to speak with Commissioner Steinbach about the issue after the meeting.

Richard Scaffidi from 815 Marengo stated that he wished to speak about tonight's agenda item about a four way stop sign at Circle and Lehmer. Mr. Scaffidi stated that a stop sign would increase traffic on Lehmer, and if the installation of the stop sign is intended to calm traffic, it would actually increase traffic and antagonize drivers.

Jerry Webster from 627 Circle stated that he wished to be heard at the Village level. Mr. Webster stated that it was his idea to install stop signs on Lehmer at Circle because he wanted to ensure that people are safe. Mr. Webster stated that there is increased foot and car traffic near the dog park that causes safety issues. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village Council will take no official action on this item this evening, but will refer the issue to the Traffic and Safety Committee so that its members can collect public input and then forward a recommendation to the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS

Residents of the 600 block of Circle requested permission to use Lehmer west of Circle to the Hannah alley and the tot lot adjacent to Lehmer and Circle (Veterans' Park) to host their block party on August 28th, 2004. There were no objections from Council members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify Brenda Robinzine of request approval.

The Campaign for Drug Education Awareness (C.D.E.A.) requested to go door-to-door, soliciting funds between the dates of August 10 and September 10, 2004. The C.D.E.A. stated in its request that its solicitors would respect any "No Solicitors" decals and signs. Commissioner Hosty asked if the Village is bound to allow solicitation until 9:00PM and Mr. Durkin stated that the Village must allow it.

The Forest Park Firefighters Association, Local 2753, requested permission to hold a "Boot Day" fund raising drive for Muscular dystrophy, at various intersections within the Village on August 27th, 2004. There were no objections from Council members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify the firefighters of fundraiser approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Department of Health and Safety submitted its report for July 2004.

The Finance Department submitted an expenditure report for the first three months of the fiscal year and a cash-flow projection through December. Commissioner Steinbach congratulated the department heads for keeping expenditures in check and suggested that Council members review revenues to ensure that monies due the Village have been collected. Commissioner Gillian agreed, stating that a list of receivables will be done with a history of accounts. Mayor Calderone stated that Judge Zafaritis of Housing Court is aggressive and reminded all that the thrust of administrative adjudication is to encourage compliance. Mayor Calderone added that if a resident refuses to pay, it is more difficult to collect the debt owed, citing collection agencies and circuit court trials as avenues to collect money. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village will never receive 100% of what is owed, however, utilizing available collection processes.

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 \$319,109.36.

**R-42-04
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 Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to appoint Ms. Kila Bell-Bey to the Youth Commission.

KILA BELL-BEY APPOINTED TO YOUTH COMMISSION

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone congratulated Ms. Bell-Bey on her appointment.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to appoint Ms. Mary Hofmann to the Youth Commission.

MARY HOFMANN APPOINTED TO YOUTH COMMISSION

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 direct the Traffic and Safety Committee to review a request for a four way stop at Circle and Lehmer.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW A REQUEST FOR A FOUR WAY STOP AT CIRCLE AND LEHMER

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 adopt the Resolution authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc.

**R-43-04
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND PARAMEDIC SERVICES OF ILLINOIS,**

INC.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE
NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS WHICH
COMPRISE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to adopt the Resolution establishing the number of Firefighters which comprise the Fire Department.

Commissioner Gillian stated that the Fire Department has recently had an unprecedented amount of Firefighters requiring leave. Commissioner Gillian added that the Village needs to get candidates into the academy to decrease overtime costs in the long run.

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 direct the Village Clerk to instruct the Fire and Police Commission to select two candidates from its current Firefighter eligibility list.

**CLERK TO INSTRUCT THE FIRE &
POLICE COMMISSION TO SELECT
TWO CANDIDATES FROM ITS
CURRENT FIREFIGHTER ELIGIBILITY
LIST**

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 waive the requirements for written proposals and Village Administrator approval pursuant to section 1-8A-3D1 of the Village Code and to approve a request by Chief Ryan for the purchase of two 2004 Dodge Durangos from Thomas Dodge in the amount of \$40,994.00 to be funded by the U.S. Customs Seizure Account, pursuant to State bidding procedures.

**APPROVED: REQUEST TO PURCHASE
TWO 2004 DODGE DURANGOS FROM
THOMAS DODGE IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$40,994 TO BE FUNDED BY THE
U.S. CUSTOMS SEIZURE ACCOUNT**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Doolin asked when the current commitment of \$52,000 will arrive from the U.S. Customs and Chief Ryan answered that the money would be available in the next couple of months.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Execution of Supplement No. 1 to the Agreement for Consultant Services regarding the North Central Council of Mayors' Emergency Vehicle Preemption Project.

Commissioner Steinbach asked if the Village pays \$33,000 up front and then that amount is reimbursed to the Village from IDOT. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village pays 30% of the total amount, and then the participating municipalities pay the Village back. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she was concerned that the Village is not getting good estimates about engineering costs. Commissioner Gillian stated that the Village is solely the lead agency on the project, supporting the eleven other communities. He added that it is a coincidence that Chris Burke Engineering is the consultant on this project, as the Village did not solicit bids. Commissioner Doolin asked how the cost sharing percentage per municipality was calculated and Commissioner Gillian stated that the amount each community is responsible to pay is dependent on the number of signals involved in that particular community. Commissioner Doolin asked if the Village appropriated for the increased engineering costs associated with the Preemption and Mayor Calderone answered that the appropriation was not specific for the Preemption engineering costs.

**R-45-04
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF SUPPLEMENT NO. 1
TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT
SERVICES REGARDING THE NORTH
CENTRAL COUNCIL OF MAYORS'
EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION
PROJECT**

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 Gillian congratulation the new Ultra Food Store that recently opened in Forest Park on Roosevelt Road and encouraged residents to shop there.

Commissioner Hosty directed legal counsel to write an ordinance regarding curb cut permitting authority for discussion at the next Village Council meeting. Commissioner Hosty stated that he proposes removing permitting authority from one commissioner and extending the power to the Village Council as a whole, citing alleged inconsistencies of late with the granting of curb cut permits. Commissioner Doolin stated that there has been no inconsistency, as nobody has been denied a curb cut who requested one, as was the will of the Council. Additionally, Commissioner Doolin stated that there are many examples of an individual commissioner, in our commission form of government, having sole authority over an area. Commissioner Hosty stated that he believes that it is a conflict of interest for somebody involved in the selling of real estate to be the sole curb cut granter. Commissioner Hosty stated that perhaps the entire Board should look at curb cut applications in order to discriminate which properties should receive them. Commissioner Doolin reiterated that he has been absolutely 100% consistent in granting curb cuts. Mayor Calderone stated that the curb cut authority and process of approval will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Commissioner Steinbach congratulated Ultra on its nice staff, good prices, and clean store. Commissioner Steinbach announced that the Recreation Board will meet August 10th instead of the regularly scheduled meeting a week previously because of a scheduling conflict with National Night Out.

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 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk