

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13TH, 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 Steinbach 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

Marcy Wozniak of 832 Hannah stated that she was displeased with the Village's allowing the use of a billboard at I290 and the Desplaines exit ramp that is advertising exotic videos and adult reading materials and attendance at a "gentleman's club." She is upset about the message the billboard delivers, and wondered if any money received by the Village of Forest Park from the billboard company is worth it.

Paul Asherman, speaking on behalf of the Prairie Path, stated his ongoing support for the bridge, as he believes it is a vital link among the communities it serves. Mr. Asherman stated that it was one year ago that Representative Yarborough come on board with the last bit of funding for the project, and stated that he hopes the Council offers bicyclists a good Christmas present in the approval of the Prairie Path intergovernmental agreement.

Angela Broadstein, who is associated with a bicycle foundation, stated that she hopes the bridge construction and connection happens soon. Ms. Broadstein stated that the bridge is good for the town and good for recreation.

Don Kershenberg, President of the Illinois Prairie Path Association, stated that the CTA and IDOT are proponents of the project, as the connection will facilitate access throughout neighboring communities. Mr. Kershenberg added that there are plans to bring the project down the Des Plaines River trail, and there is lots of excitement about this as well.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Finance Department submitted its report for November 2004.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach 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 \$ 373,939.93.

R-65-04 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 Hosty motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to approve the renewal of the Village of Forest Park property and casualty insurance for 2005 with Scottsdale Insurance Company in the amount of \$449,110. Ann Carroll, Marianne Rutzen, and Pat Muldowney, Mesirov representatives, presented the property and casualty insurance renewal for 2005. Three options were presented with a final recommendation for a renewal with Scotsdale Insurance Company, quoting 10% over expiring. The new policy includes reduction in the under and uninsured motorist limit to \$40,000 from \$1,000,000 and an increase in the comprehensive and collision deductible to \$1,000 from \$250.

RENEWAL OF PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE FOR 2005 WITH SCOTTSDALE INSURANCE COMPANY

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 the renewal of the Village of Forest Park workers' compensation insurance for 2005 with the Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) in the amount of \$382,226.

RENEWAL OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR 2005 WITH IPRF

Ms. Carrol, Ms. Rutzen, and Mr. Muldowney, Mesirow representatives, presented three renewal options, and explained that the Village's increase in experience modification factor (.88 to .96) due to an increased number of claims filed, along with an increase in reserves, caused IPRF to renew at a \$97,000 increase in premium this year. Joan White stated that the Village will continue to present safety seminars to employees with the help of Mesirow and IPRF and that department heads will write a safety goal for their departments that will be measurable and attainable so that cost containment can be realized.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brett Postl from Postl-Yore and Associates presented a close out summary regarding the Forest Park 2001 Water Main Improvement Project. Mr. Postl stated that the summary was triggered by a final disbursement water loan check from the IEPA. Mr. Postl stated that the bids for Sections I, II, III, and IV totaled \$5,452,538 and that construction in the first phase of the project was completed for \$291,349 under the original contract price. Commissioner Gillian asked if the payout amounts to Martam Construction tonight are final payouts and Mr. Postl said that indeed these are final payouts and that appropriate Village personnel have signed off on project particulars. Mayor Calderone asked if eligible change orders are included and Mr. Postl stated that they were. Commissioner Steinbach asked if the Village closed out Section III previously and Mr. Postl stated that Section III, work performed by Patnick Construction, was previously closed out. Commissioner Steinbach asked if cost reports can be provided that speak to construction costs not eligible through the IEPA and Mr. Postl stated that he can prepare a summary of eligible and ineligible

FOREST PARK 2001 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CLOSE OUT SUMMARY: MR. BRETT POSTL

costs. Mr. Postl added that project management fees are not refundable through the IEPA. Commissioner Steinbach asked if multiple change orders totaling more than \$1,000,000 is normal and Mr. Postl stated that the amount of change orders noted here is normal for an underground, large project. Commissioner Steinbach asked why the subcontractors were not listed on the lien waiver associated with the third payout and Mr. Postl stated that although he is sure that all the subcontractors saw the final waiver, he will make sure that the subcontractors shouldn't be listed on it. Commissioner Doolin asked if Mr. Postl's firm had verified that all work had been done that was sent to the IEPA for loan approval. Mr. Postl stated that his firm did verify that all work that was to be accomplished was done via a full time member of the engineering firm, on site, watching the work being performed.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to adopt the Resolution authorizing application and certificate for final payment #6 for Design Section #4 to Martam Construction Company for the Forest Park 2001 Water Main Improvement Project.

**R-66-04
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE
FOR FINAL PAYMENT #6 FOR
DESIGN SECTION #4 TO MARTAM
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

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 adopt the Resolution authorizing application and certificate for final payment #9 for Design Section #2 to Martam Construction Company for the Forest Park 2001 Water Main Improvements Project.

**R-67-04
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE
FOR FINAL PAYMENT #9 FOR
DESIGN SECTION #2 TO MARTAM
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

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 application and certificate for final payment #9 for Design Section #1 to Martam Construction Company for the Forest Park 2001 Water Main Improvements Project.

**R-68-04
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE
FOR FINAL PAYMENT #9 FOR
DESIGN SECTION #1 TO MARTAM
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone stated that the final check would not be cut until Mr. Postl confirms that subcontractors should not be listed on final lien waiver. There were no objections from Council members.

Brian Simms, Maywood Village Manager, discussed an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Maywood, the Village of Forest Park, and the Chicago Transit Authority relative to the maintenance of a pedestrian bridge and related pathway.

Mr. Simms stated that the bridge has two purposes: to connect the easternmost prairie path to the City of Chicago and to enable commuters to travel to the 4th Municipal Court building in Maybrook. Mr. Simms stated that grant funding for the bridge totals \$540,500 and the total cost of the project is \$552,695. Mr. Simms added that Maywood would like to share the additional \$12,000 in costs with the Village of Forest Park and that bridge maintenance would be shared also. Mr. Simms added that the bridge could be locked at a particular time and that talks will be ongoing about assignment of first responders to the area. Commissioner Hosty stated that he liked the idea of a prairie path connection in Forest Park. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the proposition is an interesting one, and she could support it if she knew full costs to the Village of Forest Park relative to construction liability and Public Works, Police, and Fire expenditure. Mayor Calderone stated that if there are no objections, the Village of Forest Park will continue work to finalize the agreement with Maywood, as well as determine fees for review. There were no objections from Council members.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to adopt the Resolution establishing the number of Police Officers which compromise the Police Department of the Village of Forest Park. Discussion ensued about the need to hire three police officers to fill vacancies related to death, duty injury, and needs of a new high school. Commissioner Steinbach stated that Proviso High

**DISCUSSION ONLY:
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD,
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, AND THE
CTA RELATIVE TO THE MAINTENANCE
OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND
RELATED PATHWAY**

**R-69-04
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE
NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS WHICH
COMPRISE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK**

School District will not pay for a police officer's training now, but would pay upon opening of school in September. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village will have to incur some training costs to insure that new recruits are ready to perform to keep the community safe. Commissioner Doolin asked if the police officer assigned to customs duty is performing at anticipated capacity, and added that if he isn't working out, perhaps the Village can pull him back for street duty. Mayor Calderone stated that he will obtain information detailing efficacy of the customs officer. Chief Ryan stated that the customs officer has just begun the process of developing major cases, and that currently there is \$289,000 in the pipe from the federal government with the Village of Forest Park receiving 8% of that total.

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 direct the Police and Fire Commission to appoint three (3) police officer **VACANCIES**

candidates to fill three vacancies in the Police Department of the Village of Forest Park.

**POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION TO
APPOINT THREE POLICE OFFICER
CANDIDATES TO FILL THREE**

IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to adopt the Resolution authorizing legal representatives to file requests to intervene in appeal proceedings before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board on behalf of the Village of Forest Park. Commissioner Doolin stated that the Village recently went through reassessment via a 6B process, adding that at that time an attorney was paid to reduce the tax burden, and presently the Village seems to be paying an attorney NOT to reduce the tax burden. Mr. Durkin stated that the Tax Board requires a municipality to have a resolution on file so that even the most minimal

**R-70-04
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL
REPRESENTATIVES TO FILE REQUESTS
TO INTERVENE IN APPEAL
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE ILLINOIS
PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD ON
BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE**

intervention can be performed in these cases. Mr. Durkin added that he will do what the Council directs him to do. Commissioner Steinbach asked if Mr. Durkin needed to attend an oral hearing related to this issue and Mr. Durkin replied that he would attend only if absolutely necessary.

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 that certain Exclusive Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and Fire Trucks Plus, Inc. for Consignment and Sale of Fire Department Apparatus and equipment, in substantially the form as attached hereto, and further authorize the Mayor to execute, and the Village Clerk to attest, such agreement on behalf of the Village, subject to the Village canceling its current Fire Apparatus Listing Agreement with B&P Apparatus, Inc., and obtaining written acknowledgement from B&P Apparatus Inc. that such Listing Agreement is cancelled and that the Village has no obligation to make any payment to B&P Apparatus, Inc.

APPROVAL OF THAT EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND FIRE TRUCKS PLUS, INC. FOR CONSIGNMENT AND SALE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

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 approve the specifications submitted for the dog park flood light, as compiled by Robert Kutak and attached hereto, and further moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase and installation of said flood light, in an amount not to exceed \$1,975.16.

SPECIFICATIONS APPROVED FOR DOG PARK FLOOD LIGHT AND MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SAID FLOOD LIGHT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,975.16

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 approve the estimate of the real estate tax levy in the amount of \$4,613,464.

**ESTIMATE OF THE REAL ESTATE TAX
LEVY APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$4,613,464**

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 an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-25-04 and fixing the salary for the part-time Communications Operator of the Village of Forest Park.

**O-54-04
ORDINANCE AMENDING O-25-04
AND FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE
PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS
OPERATOR OF THE VILLAGE**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone opened discussion relative to gateway sign improvements, asking Council members if community organizations like the Kiwanis Club, Lyons Club, and Relay for Life should be represented on these signs. Mayor Calderone added that the Public Works Department could take on the assignment and could forward a sketch of the sign for Council review. Commissioner Hosty stated that service organizations should be asked first if they would like to be represented. Mayor Calderone stated that the service organizations want to participate. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she wouldn't want the gateway sign to be too cluttered. Mayor Calderone asked Commissioner Steinbach if she would take on the assignment to sketch a gateway sign, representing all service organizations, to show all passing through our town the number of activities happening in Forest Park. Commissioner Steinbach volunteered to take on the assignment.

**DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO
GATEWAY SIGN IMPROVEMENTS
AND THE LISTING OF VARIOUS
SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Gillian stated that last week, when the LaSalle Bank had a huge fire, the Village's firefighters manned the Chicago firehouses while the Chicago firefighters battled the LaSalle blaze. Commissioner Gillian stated that all generally went well, and the situation proved to be a valuable learning experience for staff.

Commissioner Hosty wished all a very Merry Christmas.

Mayor Calderone responded to the resident who took issue with the billboard sign during public comment and stated that no elected official here is a proponent of the billboard. Mayor Calderone stated that somebody just put the sign up, with no permit issued by the Village of Forest Park or approval by IDOT. Mayor Calderone stated that IDOT will not issue a construction permit without local approval. Unlike as is the case with the Park District, the Village does not own the property on which the billboard sits, so that the Village has no contingencies relative to the advertising subject matter associated with the billboard. However, since the Village has not issued a permit, Mayor Calderone stated that he doesn't believe that IDOT issued a permit, and therefore the billboard should not be in existence there. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village continues to collect information about the billboard, and is awaiting IDOT's response about permit issuance.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to recess into closed session to consider the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and to set a price for the sale of lease of property owned by the public body.

**RECESS INTO
CLOSED SESSION:
8:40PM**

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 end executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED:
10:15PM**

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 reopen regular session.

REGULAR SESSION REOPENED:

10:17PM

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk