

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 28, 2005**

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 THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the minutes from the CDBG Public Hearing be passed without reading as everyone has received a copy 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 Steinbach that the minutes from the previous Council meeting be passed without reading as everyone has received a copy 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

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police Department submitted its February report.

The Fire Department submitted its February report.

The Community Center submitted its February report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS
R-18-05

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian that the Mayor and Council adopt the Resolution for the payment of bills. 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 \$327,101.20.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that Ms. Vanessa Moritz be appointed to the position of Village Clerk. Mayor Calderone informed the Commissioners that Ms. Moritz will officially begin working full time in the position effective April 12, 2005.

**MS. VANESSA MORITZ
APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF
VILLAGE CLERK**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to accept the recommendation of option #2 by the Traffic & Safety Commission to create a loading zone for 15 minute parking w/the use of hazard lights. The parking spot would replace a current "no parking" space which would be moved one spot north of its current position. Commissioner Doolin commented that he would prefer the current proprietors of the Krader Wolf building demand compliance from the various vendors delivering products rather than change any existing signage. Commissioner Doolin added that greater policing of the area would better ensure compliance by vendors and customers alike

**TRAFFIC & SAFETY RECOMMENDATION
FOR A 15 MINUTE LOADING ZONE
ON CIRCLE NORTH OF MADISON**

and he feels accommodating the frequent violators is not an answer to the problem. Further, he asked Commissioner Hosty what the ownership plans to do about the problem before the council has to take action and incur costs and manpower. Mayor Calderone acknowledged Commissioner Doolin's concern stating it was a valid point but not necessarily applicable to the recommendation before them. He further advised that enforcement of the current code is an issue which stands on its own and if there are violators the Police Department will need to supervise the area more. As it stands, the recommendation from the Traffic & Safety follows a request originally made by the owner of Jimmy John's and was initially referred to the Traffic & Safety Commission by the Council for recommendation. Commissioner Steinbach stated she could not support the idea of losing a parking spot situated closely to Madison Street when there is such a high demand for parking in the area. Commissioner Hosty stated that in his capacity as the Manager of Healy's Westside, he has instructed the Police Department to cite the delivery drivers when they are in violation. Commissioner Gillian recommended adopting option #2 from the Traffic & Safety Commission as he felt it was the least objectionable of the two options submitted and it will offer more aggressive monitoring of violations. If it helps to alleviate the problem that everyone admits is there, Commissioner Gillian doesn't see any issue in moving it forward.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Doolin and Steinbach

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

After the roll call, Commissioner Doolin questioned the voting rights of Commissioner Hosty, being that he is part owner of the building. Commissioner Hosty stated that he did not own the portion of the building where Jimmy John's is located.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to approve the Ordinance granting and permitting an amendment to the Official Zoning Map and granting site plan approval and authorizing the execution of a plat of subdivision re: 7750 Cermak & 2151 Desplaines. Commissioner Doolin asked if the petitioner for the site plan also owned the existing property on the east side of Desplaines extending north to the property line and was informed by Brett Duffy, engineer for the petitioner that the petitioner owns the entire parcel which they intend to use for internment purposes.

**O-11-05
ORDINANCE GRANTING & PERMITTING
AN AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL
ZONING MAP AND GRANTING SITE
PLAN APPROVAL & AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF A PLAT OF
SUBDIVISION FOR 7750 CERMAK
& 2151 DESPLAINES**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (alternate revenue bonds) in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,000,000 for the purpose of financing certain eligible costs of public infrastructure improvements and paying for costs related thereto. Village Administrator Michael Sturino stated that we will be using the ½% of 1% Passed by referendum this past November to pay for certain street and alley improvements and, as directed by the Mayor, has assembled a team of legal and financial experts to come up with a plan for attacking the problem. Mr. Sturino stated that staff has identified the amount needed for a large scale project and the engineers have objectively identified the worst rated streets and alleys for a Village wide infrastructure improvement project. Mr. Sturino introduced Mr. Wally Stock of Mesirov Financial who clarified some questions put forth by Commissioner Steinbach with respect to the percentage of sales tax revenues which will eventually be used to fund the G.O. Bonds. The Village Attorney, Michael Durkin, provided the Mayor and Council with a detailed explanation of the need for this ordinance as it is the first step in the process of pursuing this type of funding and allows the public an opportunity to petition for a back door referendum.

**O-12-05
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF G.O. BONDS (ALTERNATE
REVENUE SOURCE) IN AN AGGREGATE
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$14,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE
OF FINANCING ELIGIBLE PUBLIC
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

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 Doolin to adopt the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement providing Police services to the Park District of Forest Park.

**R-19-05
PARK DISTRICT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT FOR POLICE SERVICES**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and

O-13-05

seconded by Commissioner Gillian to approve the Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Right-of-Way agreement for the right-of-way adjacent to property located at 7400 Harrison Street. Michael Durkin explained to Commissioner Steinbach and the other members of the Council that the agreement obligates the Village to notify anyone excavating the street at Harrison and Hannah that there is contaminated soil as a result of a fuel tank leak. Forest Automotive is then required to remove the contaminated soil, or at the very least, paying for its removal.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TIERED APPROACH TO CORRECTIVE ACTION RIGHT-OF-WAY, FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7400 HARRISON

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to adopt the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a First Addendum to the Contract for residential collection and transportation of Municipal Solid Waste between the Village and BFI. Mayor Calderone Briefly explained that the need exists to extend the contract on a temporary basis to allow Commissioner Doolin and staff an opportunity to investigate the needs of the community as it relates to refuse collection.

**R-20-05
ORDINANCE PROVIDING EXTENSION
OF BFI CONTRACT FOR REFUSE REMOVAL**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mike Sturino congratulated and welcomed Vanessa Moritz on her appointment.

Mike stated that as a result of the previous Business Improvement District zoning meeting, he was charged with coming up with concepts for consideration. The report grew into a 28 page document and was delivered to the committee members for review. He is allowing the members to take some time digesting the information and anticipates arranging another meeting in a couple of weeks.

Mike advised the Council that negotiations with the FOP have commenced.

Last he advised that he has been working with attorneys and engineers for the Village of Maywood regarding the Prairie Path and he hopes to present the agreement to the council within the next one or two Council Meetings. The clock is ticking on the grant afforded to this endeavor and he is working quickly. He has discussed this issue with staff and hopes to have a comprehensive report to bring forward.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Gillian hopes to bring forward a draft Historic Preservation Ordinance at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hosty announced that Mr. Ray Traynor has been hired as the Plumbing Inspector and should begin next week. He is a licensed Plumber since 1974. The Commissioner further advised that he will begin conducting interviews for Nancy Hill's former position and hopes to make an appointment in that position as a result of the interviews.

Commissioner Doolin requested the Council members closely review the street and alley condition report submitted by Christopher Burke's office and come up with a wish list for needed improvements so as to try and get as many badly needed streets and alleys updated during the first phase of the Village Improvement Project. The Commissioner also stated he would welcome input from the Council with respect to the garbage contract. He will be looking at costs associated with the contract and service being provided. He has engaged the volunteer services from resident Karen Rozmas who works with Oak Park waste disposal. Commissioner Gillian suggested that Commissioner Doolin seek the assistance of the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency who are very familiar with garbage negotiations and can offer some input as well.

Commissioner Steinbach reported that the building at 501 Desplaines / 7608 Adams is now vacant and will be taken off the tax rolls. In addition, public property staff will begin a beautification project for the hill along the west side of Desplaines south of Jackson Blvd near the Community Center.

Mayor Calderone reported that a stagnant Grant request for \$750,000 sponsored by Congressman Danny Davis for road improvements along Circle Avenue has recently passed through the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, the amount of the grant has increased to \$1,000,000. He emphasized that although this is very encouraging, we haven't received the check yet. If approved, it will be administered by IDOT and will not be designated to any specific street, which can then be applied to the Village Improvement Project.

Mayor Calderone advised the Council that he spent a couple of days in Springfield last week while the State Legislature was in session. He joined several other Mayors associated with the West Central Municipal Conference for a Legislative Drive Down which takes place a couple of times a year. Through the Drive Down the Mayors are afforded an opportunity to talk to State Representatives and State Senators about proposed bills, which may have an adverse effect on municipalities. He learned of some bills being considered which will have an impact on Forest Park and provided an overview. SB1727 would curtail home inspections by municipalities. Currently the Village requires home inspections when changing ownership, which affords the village an opportunity to enforce code violations and demand corrective action. If the bill is successful, the village will not be allowed to continue this practice without the owner's permission. HB212 is an unfunded mandate for a 20 hour training program for Police Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs which means

that Forest Park will have to pay for the training. HB1368 is a Fire Union bill, imposing restrictions on emergency services, which would prohibit how our Public Safety Services are directed locally. If the Bill is successful it would prohibit Police Officers from helping Fire Fighters when necessary and vice versa. SB94 deals with the Klaeren Decision which deals with how matters before the Zoning Board are handled. SB168 would allow Non Home Rule communities to license rental property. Currently only Home Rule communities are allowed to license rental properties. HB602 deals with Adult Entertainment on Billboards and would prohibit that type of advertisement which the Mayor strongly supports. Currently municipalities do not have any legal right to prohibit this type of signage. There are a couple of bills to abolish the local Electoral Board and Canvassing Board and place them in the County's hands. HB3538 is a bill which would give Non Home Rule municipalities the authority to inspect properties when an apartment is being converted to a Condominium. SB272/HB1284 is an initiative to increase the Non Home Rule Sales Tax to 1%. If adopted, the Village of Forest Park would not collect the additional 1/2% automatically. It could only be collected through another successful local referendum. Resolution #10 passed unanimously and resolves that the first Saturday in June would be honored as Main Street Illinois Day. The Mayor stated that he will continue to follow the aforementioned initiatives and keep the Council abreast of their findings.

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and
Seconded by Commissioner Doolin to recess
Into closed session to set a price for the sale
Or lease of property owned by the public body.

**MOTION TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION
TO SET A PRICE FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF
OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PUBLIC BODY**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and
seconded by Commissioner Hosty to
reconvene regular session.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED
9:30 PM**

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, it was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 9: 34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally A. Cody
Deputy Village Clerk