

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING JUNE 27, 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the minutes from the regular Council meeting on June 13, 2005 be approved 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

**ABSTAIN:** None

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steven Backman of 7452 Warren Avenue expressed his concern that a waiver of the ½ acre minimum requirement for a Planned Unit Development would “green-light” future projects. Mr. Backman also announced that the Citizens United in Forest Park Ethics Workshop would be held on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter’s Church at the corner of Hannah and Adams.

Tom Pacyga of 620 Thomas inquired about the status of the construction of a funeral home at Woodlawn Cemetery at the corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and DesPlaines. Mr. Pacyga also wanted to alert the village that Concordia Cemetery is clearing the North West section of the cemetery. Mayor Calderone advised Mr. Pacyga to contact the building department for information.

Mary Kay Minnihan of 308 Circle asked the Council to deny the request by the owner of 243 Circle to waive the ½ acre minimum requirement for Planned Unit Development status. Ms. Monahan further stated that there has been no specific hardship demonstrated by the developer that would warrant a waiver of the minimum size requirement.

David Weiman of 7419 Washington stated that he lives two lots away from 243 Circle. Mr. Weiman wanted to be on record that he is concerned about the density and precedent that would be set if the 243 Circle ½ acre minimum waiver request was granted.

Richard Scafidi of 815 Marengo commented on the 243 Circle waiver request. He stated that the development would be unique to Forest Park and not a cookie cutter development as we have on the North side of town.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Dave Novak of The Park District of Forest Park requested permission to use the village parking lot on DesPlaines during the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Softball Tournament on July 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2005. There were no objections by the council. Mayor Calderone instructed the Clerk to inform the Park District that their request is approved.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian 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 \$372,914.29.

**R-30-05  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$372,914.29  
APPROVED**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian that the resolution authorizing the execution of an interagency agreement between the Village of Forest Park and the Proviso Children's Advocacy Center be approved. Commissioner Steinbach asked whether there were any indirect costs associated with this agreement. Mayor Calderone stated that there was no cost associated with this agreement to the Village of Forest Park. Mayor Calderone stated that this agreement is funded by Proviso Township.

**R-31-05  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
INTERAGENCY  
AGREEMENT WITH  
PROVISO CHILDREN'S  
ADVOCACY CENTER  
APPROVED**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution authorizing an application for a Zoning Text Amendment relating to the

**R-32-05  
ZONING TEXT  
AMENDMENT RELATING**

**TO CONSTRUCTION OF  
SINGLE FAMILY HOMES  
ON LOTS OF RECORD  
APPROVED**

construction of single family homes on lots of record be adopted. Mayor Calderone explained that this is a follow up on the discussion of the idea of a moratorium to deal with minimum buildable lot sizes. Commissioner Doolin asked whether the text amendment addresses the setbacks and minimum buildable lot sizes. Attorney Mike Durkin stated that the resolution before the council this evening does not address the set back issue. The ZBA had a detailed discussion at their last meeting on June 20th that our existing text has a provision for 40% of the average set back on the books. Mr. Durkin further stated that there is no need to amend the language, only enforce the current zoning code. Mr. Durkin explained that this resolution states that the minimum lot of record that can be built upon be 30 feet wide in an area that is zoned R-1 or R-2. Mr. Durkin explained that there is no need to declare a moratorium since this text amendment can be approved at the next ZBA meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> and can be voted on by the Council on July 25<sup>th</sup>. This resolution will require staff to cease receiving applications for building permits on lots less than 30 feet in an R-1 or R-2 district as of the close of business today. Commissioner Doolin asked whether the 2 homes that were built were built without conforming to the set back requirements. Mr. Durkin stated that he does not have details on the homes that Commissioner Doolin is referring to; however the set back requirements are already in the code. Jo Ellen Charlton explained that if 40% of the lots on a block are improved, then the new set back requirement would be the average of the existing set backs on the block. Commissioner Hosty asked whether that is a minimum or a maximum. Attorney Durkin stated it is what the actual set back is supposed to be. Commissioner Doolin asked whether the interpretation would be liberal. Attorney Durkin stated that it is not to be interpreted, but just as it reads. Commissioner Gillian asked whether a variance could be granted if there is a hardship. Attorney Durkin answered yes. There being no further discussion the Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Durkin then stated that this will require public notice for the July 18<sup>th</sup> ZBA meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian to waive the minimum size of a Planned Unit Development from 0.5 acres to 0.35 acres. The motion died for a lack of a second.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance amending the village code with respect to rates and fees associated with refuse collection and water consumption and elevator inspections be adopted. Commissioner Hosty asked whether the three fees could be discussed and voted on separately. The motion and second were amended to discuss rates with regard to water, refuse and elevator inspections separately.

**MOTION TO DISCUSS  
WATER, REFUSE AND  
ELEVATOR INSPECTION  
FEES SEPARATELY  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding the refuse collection fees. Commissioner Steinbach stated that since the refuse contract has been extended until December it would be more appropriate to wait until the contract is signed to increase rates to the residents. Commissioner Gillian agreed even though the Village's reserves are building, the refuse collection services are substantially subsidized. He further stated that he is not in favor of raising the fees at this time, maybe in December if the contract cost increases substantially. Commissioner Doolin stated that they are in the process of negotiating and he is hopeful that the final result will be no increase or possibly a decrease in fees. Commissioner Doolin added that he thinks it would be appropriate to wait until the refuse contract is completed and decide at that time.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance amending the village code with respect to rates and fees associated with refuse collection be adopted.

**MOTION TO INCREASE  
REFUSE REMOVAL FEES  
DENIED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** None

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

**ABSENT:** None

The motion was denied.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance amending the village code with respect to rates and fees associated with water consumption be adopted.

Commissioner Hosty inquired about the industrial and commercial rates and noted that they are about double what residents pay per 100 cubic feet. It was explained that the increases were a flat 10% across-the-board. Commissioner Gillian stated that he was in favor of increasing the rates to Riverside and Brookfield when appropriate and recommends voting to increase the Riverside and Brookfield fees and not to increase the residents' fees. Commissioner Steinbach agreed with Commissioner Gillian. Commissioner Doolin noted that the minimum increase would be \$0.75 per month for residents. He further noted that there is a second phase of the water main replacement project anticipated. In that second phase, the water main for the Circle Avenue is being considered to be replaced for about \$500,000.00. In addition, the Village Improvement Project includes repaving Circle Avenue. Commissioner Doolin pointed out that it would make sense to coordinate the water main replacement with the street repairs so that the street would not have to be constructed twice. He further noted that the 10% water fee increase was factored into the plan to pay for the water main replacement as part of the fiscal year 2006 budget. Commissioner Doolin stated that the maintenance of the water distribution system should be considered in the rates and fees and that \$0.75 per month is a nominal increase to achieve the maintenance and upgrades needed. Commissioner Steinbach asked for an average proposed increase for the residents. Mayor Calderone stated that in addition to the borrowing power we have with the IEPA, the Village of Forest Park has absorbed 4 or 5 rate increases from the City of Chicago. The Mayor further stated that Riverside Brookfield pays the exact amount per unit of water as we are charged by the City of Chicago. There is an opportunity to charge and increase the overhead rate to cover the costs associated with delivering the water to their system. Therefore, the Riverside Brookfield rates could not be raised enough to cover the increases proposed for the residents of Forest Park. Commissioner Steinbach requested a rate increase history. Commissioner Gillian suggested building a clause for automatic increases to the customers as Chicago increases our rates. Attorney Durkin advised that would be possible. Commissioner Hosty suggested giving a smaller percent increase to the commercial customers and using a dollar figure rather than percent bumps. It was noted that the code currently allows for review and revision of fees annually. It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance amending the village code with respect to rates and fees associated with water consumption be tabled.

**WATER RATE INCREASE  
TABLED**

**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 seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance amending the village code with respect to rates and fees associated with elevator inspections be adopted.

**O-30-05  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
ELEVATOR INSPECTION  
FEE RATES  
APPROVED**

**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 seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that Mr. Glenn Garlish and Ms. Amy Rita be reappointed to the Fire & Police Commission for a two year term.

**GLENN GARLISH AND AMY  
RITA REAPPOINTED TO  
FIRE & POLICE  
COMMISSION FOR TWO  
YEAR TERMS**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner Doolin

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that Ms. Susan Bale be reappointed to the Library Board for a six year term.

**SUSAN BALE  
REAPPOINTED TO  
LIBRARY BOARD FOR SIX  
YEAR TERM**

**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 that Ms. Maureen Harnett be reappointed to the Traffic & Safety Commission for a four year term.

**MAUREEN HARNETT  
REAPPOINTED TO  
TRAFFIC & SAFETY  
COMMISSION FOR FOUR  
YEAR TERM**

**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 that Mr. Al Bucholtz be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone discussed the recommendation by the Village Administrator that the Council forward for study and recommendation by the Traffic Safety Committee the possibility of designating the alley south of Madison and west of Harlem as a one-way westbound alley. The concern is primarily the traffic exiting the alley onto Harlem Avenue causing traffic problems and accidents. There being no objections, Mayor Calderone instructed the Clerk to forward the concerns to the Traffic Safety Committee.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** None

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Hosty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
**Village Clerk**