

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING AUGUST 8, 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 Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the minutes from the regular Council meeting on July 25, 2005 be approved without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Pacyga of 620 Thomas stated that he read an article in the Chicago Sun Times regarding charging a fee to use the dog park in Chicago. He presented the article to the clerk for distribution to the council for their use.

Steven Backman of 7452 W. Warren stated that he was made aware that Commissioner Steinbach had submitted a resolution to the council with regard to the Illinois Whistleblowers Reward and Protection Act. He asked that the council adopt Illinois Whistleblowers Reward and Protection Act on behalf of Citizens United in Forest Park and the citizens of Forest Park

Attorney Michael Goggin stated that he is at the meeting representing Mr. Jim Shaw and Mr. Madden with respect to items 3 and 4 on the New Business Agenda

COMMUNICATIONS:

Andrew Weber, Chairman of the Forest Park Fire Fighters Association Boot Day Committee asked for council approval to hold their annual Boot Day Fundraiser. There being no objections from the council, the clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Weber of the approval.

J. Denis Gathman, President of the Forest Park Kiwanis Club asked the council for permission to hang two banners on Madison Street promoting their annual Peanut Day on September 22, 23 and 24, 2005. There being no objections from the council, the clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Gathman of the approval.

The Knights of Columbus requested permission to solicit donations on the public sidewalks for their annual Knights of Columbus Illinois State Council Charities Mental Retardation/Learning Disability fund drive on September 16 and 17, 2005. There being no objections from the council, the clerk was instructed to notify the Knights of Columbus of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department submitted its July report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin 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 \$354,173.76.

**R-39-05
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$354,173.76
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that Paul Burris be appointed to the position of Director of Public Works.

**MOTION TO APPOINT MR.
PAUL BURRIS TO THE
POSITION OF DIRECTOR
OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Commissioner Doolin welcomed Paul Burris and expressed his pleasure in his acceptance of the offer of employment pending council approval. Commissioner Doolin added that Mr. Burris' references checked out very well, that he has eighteen years of municipal and some private utility experience and a Master's degree and he stated that he is looking forward to Mr. Burris' contribution to the Village. Commissioner Doolin further asked for the Council's support in appointing Mr. Burris.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that they conducted an extensive search because there is now a need for a combined leader for the department. She further stated that the Public Works employees and Bob Kutak have done a wonderful and professional job and expressed her thanks to them.

Commissioner Steinbach added that she is asking for

the council's support in appointing Paul Burris to the position because she believes that Mr. Burris will take us to the next level in planning and operations.

Commissioner Hosty asked whether the civil engineering degree requirement was changed from the original requirements discussed 18 months ago. He further asked whether long time employee and acting department head, Bob Kutak was offered the opportunity to interview for the position. Commissioner Steinbach stated that based on the applications received, that the civil engineering quality was not found. Commissioner Steinbach also stated that in a closed session subsequent to the initial qualification discussion, it was agreed that we would need someone with strong management and large project experience. She further stated that the job qualifications were switched to an MPA degree and that Mr. Burris would be interested in pursuing an engineering degree. Commissioner Steinbach also replied that the requirement of a Master's degree in public administration disqualified Bob Kutak. Commissioner Hosty stated that the council meeting package did not include any information as to the compensation package, use of cell phone, use of publicly owned vehicle or gas that has been offered to Mr. Burris. He further stated that he did not wish to vote on the appointment without this information. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the information would have been available from Village Administrator, Michael Sturino, if Commissioner Hosty had asked for it. Commissioner Gillian stated that that he remembered knowing the compensation package in advance of the vote to appoint Michael Boyle as the Director of Public Health and Safety. He further stated that after speaking with the existing public works director on Friday afternoon at 2:30, he was told by Mr. Kutak that he had not been told by anyone other than the Village Administrator that this appointment was on the agenda. Commissioner Gillian further stated that he thought it was deplorable treatment of a long time employee.

Commissioner Gillian then moved and Commissioner Hosty seconded that the appointment of Mr. Paul Burris as the Director of Public Works be tabled.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Ordinance amending section 6-4-5 entitled "Parking Meters" of Chapter 4 of Title 6 of the

**APPOINTMENT OF PAUL
BURRIS TO DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC WORKS:
TABLED**

**O-38-05
ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARKING METER RATES
Municipal Code be adopted.**

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 Gillian that the Ordinance granting and permitting a variation in the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance re: ZBA 2005-06: 1236 Circle be adopted.

**O-39-05
ORDINANCE GRANTING A
ZONING VARIATION RE:
ZBA 2005-06: 1236 CIRCLE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution authorizing preliminary and final Plat approval for Shaw's Re-subdivision re: 1236 Circle be adopted.

**R-40-5
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PLAT
APPROVAL FOR SHAW'S
RE-SUBDIVISION RE: 1236
CIRCLE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to waive the requirements of Section 1-8A-3(D) of the Village Code of the Village of Forest Park and to approve the purchase a 2006 Ford F-350, a 2006 Ford F-350 Chassis and a 2006 Ford F-450 Chassis from Freeway Ford-Sterling, through the Illinois State Concessions program, in accordance with the Quotations received, in an amount not to exceed \$76,500.00, and further move to authorize the Mayor to execute such Quotations.

**PURCHASE OF
THREE PUBLIC WORKS
TRUCKS THROUGH
ILLINOIS CONCESSIONS
PROGRAM
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Doolin stated that he is disappointed that he was unable to get the Public Works Department moving forward and asked Mr. Sturino whether he was available to answer any questions regarding the appointment of Mr. Burris prior to this evening. Village Administrator Sturino replied "Yes". Commissioner Doolin further reported that any information that was requested tonight was available ahead of time.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Recreation Board has already considered charging to use the dog park. Commissioner Steinbach further reported that she spoke to Mr. Kutak at 9:30 on Friday morning about the agenda items.

Mayor Calderone confirmed that Commissioner Steinbach did forward the Whistleblowers Act to him and explained that the Village Council does not always immediately take action on every item that is brought to the Village. He further explained that the item was turned over to the Village Attorney for review, as is customary and will, at some point, be brought before the Village Council. He further assured that no employees are in harm's way with regard to whistle blowing and stated that the Village does condone the protection of employees.

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 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk