

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 12, 2005**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call. It was noted that Commissioner Gillian is absent due to his participation in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the minutes from the regular Council meeting on August 22, 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

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martha Glen of 1416 Marengo stated that the council began discussions regarding a freeze on issuing building permits for 25 foot wide lots in January, 2005. She further explained that the ZBA held a hearing on July 18, 2005, at which the issue was continued to allow the presentation of research based to identify the number of lots that would be affected by the limitation. She asked the Council to lift the freeze at the next meeting.

Steven Backman of 7452 W. Warren thanked the council for advancing the Illinois Whistleblowers Reward and Protection Act to the Council Agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Jay Boeldt of Plan B Gallery asked for permission to use the sidewalk outside his gallery during the opening of his next show on Friday, September 16th between 3 and 10 p.m. There being no objections from the Council, the clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Boeldt of the approval.

Colleen Kevil of Kevil's asked for permission to close Elgin Avenue from Circle to the alley south of Circle to accommodate Kevil's annual block party on September 17th. There being no objections from the Council, the clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Kevil of the approval.

Tim Shanahan of Shanahan's asked for permission to use the sidewalk outside Shanahan's and to use Village barricades to hold a benefit in honor of specific Hurricane Katrina victims. There being no objections from the Council, the clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Shanahan of the approval.

Jennifer Wolfe requested permission to close Lehmer Street to hold the 2nd Annual Doggypalooza on October 23rd to raise funds in support of the Forest Park Dog Park. There being no objections from the Council, the clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Wolfe of the approval.

Kathy Stigler of the Girl Scouts Illinois Crossroads Council asked for permission to conduct their annual fall product activity and cookie program in Forest Park to help support Girl Scout troop/group programs and council services. There being no objections from the Council, the clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Stigler of the approval.

Sister Rosemary Connelly, R.S.M., Executive Director of Misericordia Heart of Mercy Center asked for permission to hold their Annual Misericordia Candy Days on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29, 2006. There being no objections from the Council, the clerk was instructed to notify Sister Connelly of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Community Center and the Finance and Police Departments submitted their August reports.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin 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 \$407,957.73. Commissioner Steinbach asked about the \$6,000.00 payment to be made to Community Education and requested a report detailing what the funds would be used for. Commissioner Steinbach further stated that she did not wish to hold up the payment in lieu of the report. Commissioner Steinbach asked whether the payment to Christopher Burke for the MWRD permit review with regard to the Math and Science Academy would be reimbursed by the Proviso Township School Board. Village Administrator Michael Sturino stated that the expense would be submitted to Proviso Township for reimbursement, however it is not guaranteed that the Village of Forest Park will receive payment. Commissioner Steinbach asked about the \$4,500.00 LaSalle appraisal invoice. She noted that originally we had agreed to split a \$4,000.00 cost with the Park District and asked whether the Village of Forest Park would be paying the additional \$500 or splitting the overage with the Park District. Mr. Sturino stated that the agreement was to split a \$3,000.00 appraisal cost with the Park District. The additional \$1,500.00 was incurred due to a need for data that was

**R-42-05
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF 407,957.73 AS
AMENDED
APPROVED**

outside the original scope. The extra cost was due to legal requirements for the data and will be picked up by the Village of Forest Park alone. Commissioner Steinbach wondered whether there was a policy change regarding payment of Nextel bills for elected officials. Mayor Calderone stated that the expense was disclosed in the budget. Commissioner Steinbach asked for a copy of the Mayor's budget which spells out the approval of that expense. Commissioner Steinbach asked about an invoice from Postl Yore for reproduction and messenger expenses for copies of Martam Construction contracts and whether Postl Yore had something that we didn't have copies of and why we need this information at this point in time. Mike Sturino stated that he would need to research the issue. Commissioner Steinbach requested that the \$106.24 payment to Postl Yore be withheld until the information is provided and deemed to be necessary to be paid.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Resolution for the payment of the bills in the amount of \$407,957.73 be amended to exclude the payment of the invoice in the amount of \$106.24 from Postl Yore.

**MOTION TO AMEND
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Hosty

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone then called for a roll call vote on the original motion to adopt the Resolution for the payment of the bills in the amount of \$407,957.73 as amended above.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to approve the purchase of a stainless steel dump body, hydraulic system, snow plow and salt spreader package for a Ford F-450 Chassis in the amount not to exceed \$22,850.00 pursuant to Section 1-8A-3D.1 of the Village Code.

**APPROVAL OF THE
PURCHASE OF STAINLESS
STEEL DUMP BODY,
HYDRAULIC SYSTEM,
SNOW PLOW & SALT
SPREADER NOT TO
EXCEED \$22,850**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance prohibiting left turns from Northbound Lathrop Avenue to Westbound Jackson Boulevard be adopted. Mayor Calderone explained that this was recommended as a result of the nearing completion of the CMAQ project. Commissioner Steinbach voiced her concerns that the traffic will be increased on Beloit Avenue as a result of this ordinance and wondered whether the residents of Beloit were given notice or a chance to submit comments or input. Mayor Calderone stated that he did not believe those residents were notified. Commissioner Doolin explained that the striping modifications to the CMAQ project that were necessary to mitigate traffic jams at the Jackson/DesPlaines intersection were the catalyst to this Ordinance.

**O-42-05
ORDINANCE PROHIBITING
LEFT TURNS FROM NB
LATHROP TO WB
JACKSON
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Ordinance granting site approval for 7802 Madison re: PC 2005-06 be adopted. Commissioner Steinbach asked whether professional endorsements are required from a civil engineer or architect for site plans. Mike Boyle stated that on construction documents that are submitted for permit approval we require architect stamps. Mr. Boyle further stated that these site plans are used to show the changes to the site and not for construction permit approvals and therefore do not require an architect's stamp.

**O-43-05
ORDINANCE GRANTING
SITE PLAN APPROVAL
FOR 7802 MADISON RE:PC
2005-06
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING
THE PROVISIONS OF THE
WHISTLEBLOWER
REWARD AND
PROTECTION ACT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance adopting the provision of the Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone then introduced Village Attorney, Michael Durkin and asked him to speak briefly about the Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act and to explain the specific meaning of the Ordinance and Act.

Mike Durkin explained the Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act and stated that the following are the offenses that impose liability upon the person who commits the act and therefore the person reporting the offense would be protected according to the Act:

Any person who:

(1) knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment or approval to an officer or employee of the State;

(2) knowingly makes or uses a false record or statement in order to get a false or fraudulent claim paid by the State;

(3) conspires to get a false or fraudulent claim paid by the State;

(4) delivers to the State less property than the amount for which the person was paid;

(5) knowingly and intending to defraud the State, makes or delivers a receipt to the State for property without completely knowing that the information on the receipt is true;

(6) knowingly buys public property from an officer or employee of the State who may not lawfully sell such property; or

(7) knowingly makes or uses a false record or statement in order to conceal, avoid or decrease an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the State;

In addition, Mr. Durkin further explained that the ordinance

is very specific about the intent the act and the protection of the Whistleblower. He explained that if a person files a claim under the Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act and are successful that person is entitled to a percentage of the recovered sums of money. Mr. Durkin stated that there are other complaints of wrongdoing and types of claims that have protection against retaliation that are covered under Title 7 of the Illinois Statute, such as worker's compensation claims and sexual harassment claims. Commissioner Doolin stated that it might have been good to have more information about the statute prior to voting on the Ordinance. Mayor Calderone added that Commissioner Steinbach suggested the adoption of this ordinance and agreed that it may have been helpful to have a copy of the statute included in the council packet.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mike Sturino thanked the council for adopting the Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act and hoped that the Ordinance will help our staff to do a better job. Mr. Sturino further reported that he has begun department head training regarding our Ethics Ordinance which covers prohibited political activities and gift ban. He is going to be moving to the various departments to give staff training and the initial meeting of the Ethics Commission will convene to receive training and adopt rules of procedure. Mr. Sturino then told the Commissioners that they will be notified of the staff training schedule and that they are welcome to attend those training sessions. Mr. Sturino further reported that Chief Glinke and Scott Popelka are stationed in New Orleans along with our hook and ladder truck and another vehicle. Chief Glinke is currently in charge of 85 firefighters and is receiving invaluable experience under trying circumstances. The Chief reported that the first few days were pretty intense as there were bodies and some of the worst things that we've seen in the media. The conditions have gotten slightly better. Chief Glinke also wanted to assure the Village that the services they are providing are being utilized to their full extent, contrary to some of the media reports; they are extremely busy down in New Orleans every day. In addition, they have been assisting the local responders with gathering their own belongings. Mike Sturino further stated that he Emergency Management Policy is being prepared at this time and has set a 60 day deadline for a tangible policy to present to the Council.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Doolin reported that the VIP program is under way and reminded everyone that we have a web site "forestparkvip.org" which shows the maps and notices.

In addition there are maps posted in Village Hall and at the Library.

Commissioner Steinbach announced that we are still taking applications for fall tree plantings through the end of September. She asked anyone who would like to be placed on the list to contact Katie at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk