

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING OCTOBER 24, 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 October 11, 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

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Skaggs of 211 Elgin stated that she would like there to be no car traffic allowed to enter Washington Street from Harlem to avoid unnecessary traffic. She also expressed her gratitude to the Police Department for patrolling the speeding traffic on Eastbound Randolph. Ms. Skaggs stated that she would like to see no more new condominiums built, but rather have conversions. And last, Ms. Skaggs stated that not enough dogs have village licenses.

Richard Scafidi of 815 Marengo spoke as a resident and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Scafidi stated that the developer of 7436 Warren should not get a variance since they have already built 4 houses in Forest Park and should be aware of the zoning code. He further stated that it is an R-1 district and the owner is asking for extensive expansion of a non-compliant use. This owner stands to realize substantial financial gain. Mr. Scafidi would rather wait for the de-conversion of the main building before granting this variance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Roland Comer of Family Outreach Program asked for permission to solicit donations on October 28 and 29, 2005. Commissioner Steinbach asked whether the services provided by Family Outreach are available to Forest Park residents. It was decided to hold off on giving permission until the answer could be obtained. The clerk was instructed to contact Family Outreach and to do an email poll of the commissioners.

Mr. Tim Kenny, Race Director, of the Golden Apple 5k race asked permission to hang banners on Madison Street to alert patrons of the 5k race on November 6. There being no objections, the clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Kenny of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department and Community Center submitted their September reports.

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 \$1,330,327.53.

**R-47-05
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,330,327.53
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 Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance proposing the establishment of Special Service Area Number 1 for Right-of-Way improvements for that portion of 19th Street lying immediately east of DesPlaines Avenue and providing for a public hearing and other procedures in connection therewith be adopted.

**O-54-05
ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING SPECIAL
SERVICE AREA #1
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**0-55-05
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
ALTERATION OF NON-
CONFORMING USE RE:
ZBA 2005-23: 610
MARENGO
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Ordinance authorizing an alteration of a non-conforming building and approving a variation in the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance re: ZBA 2005-23: 610 Marengo be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**O-56-05
ORDINANCE GRANTING
ZONING VARIATION RE:
ZBA 2005-22: 7911
ROOSEVELT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian that the Ordinance granting and permitting a variation to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance re: ZBA 2005-22: 7911 Roosevelt be adopted. Commissioner Doolin asked whether the cell tower is visible from any other residential properties and whether this is the best location for the tower. Jo Ellen Charlton stated that the property is surrounded by a cemetery and a car dealership. The condominiums on DesPlaines may be able to see the tower. Ms. Charlton added that she believes that this is the best location to place the new cell tower.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**O-57-05
ORDINANCE GRANTING
SITE PLAN APPROVAL RE:
ZBA 2005-13, PC 2005-07:
7410-12 MADISON
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian that the Ordinance granting site plan approval and approving variations in the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance re: ZBA 2005-13, PC 2005-07: 7410-12 Madison be adopted. Commissioner Doolin stated that his main concern with this development is design. He asked the developer to explain how they arrived at this design and whether it would be possible to revise the drawing to bring the storefront in line with the adjacent properties. Mr. Ronald McGrath of Tria Architecture stated that the current plan has been developed with the help and input of both the Planning and Zoning commissions. They set back the condos in an effort to blend in with the elevations and heights of the adjoining buildings and to lessen the impact on the streetscape. He further added that the balconies are private as opposed to being shared. Commissioner Doolin asked whether the face brick would be continued to the back of the building. Jo Ellen

Charlton stated that the Ordinance is written to comply substantially with the plans. Drawing A-3 states that face brick, color #2 would be used for the side and back of the building. Mr. McGrath added that they wanted the residents to have an aesthetically pleasing entry from the back as well. Commissioner Steinbach asked whether the alternate design for the railings was included as per the comment in the staff report. Jo Ellen Charlton stated that the ZBA did not mind the treatment as submitted and that the railings were left as is. Mayor Calderone stated that the original design showed the entire line of the building was in line with the other properties on Madison Street. After the ZBA and Planning workshop, it resulted in the current plan. Commissioner Gillian asked what the developer's time line was for breaking ground on this project. Mr. Pace stated that it depends on the architect and the building permits, however he would like to move forward immediately. Commissioner Gillian asked whether there were any firm plans for the 1st floor commercial space. Mr. Pace stated that he would like to put in a restaurant. Mr. Pace further stated that the ownership of the commercial space would be retained by him.

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 not to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2005-24 authorizing an enlargement of a nonconforming use to allow for the expansion of a third story attic and granting a variation of the maximum lot coverage requirement for the construction of a garage for the property located at 447 Marengo Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois and to concur with ZBA recommendation to deny that request.

**MOTION FOR ORDINANCE
RE: ZBA 2005-24 FOR 447
MARENGO
DENIED**

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 not to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2005-25 granting and permitting a variation to reduce the required side yard setback

**MOTION TO DIRECT
DRAFTING ORDINANCE
RE: ZBA 2005-25
7436 WARREN
TABLED**

from 3.75 feet to 2.75 feet on the western side of the property located at 7436 Warren Street, Forest Park, Illinois and to concur with ZBA recommendation to deny that request. Commissioner Gillian stated that after speaking with counsel and Jo Ellen Charlton, it was discovered that this project definitely needs a variance to continue. The fact that the building permit was issued in error does not mean that it is alright. The developer states that the cost to change the overhang would be in the \$40-50,000.00 range.

Commissioner Gillian further stated that we could 1) deny the motion, 2) fine the petitioner a substantial amount or 3) require the developer to tear the roof off and rebuild that side of the house. Commissioner Gillian asked whether fining the developer would set a precedent. Village Attorney, Mike Durkin stated that the fine would have to be a penalty as a condition of granting the variation. Commissioner Gillian directed the developer to obtain hard numbers as to the cost of making the alterations.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by commissioner Hosty to table ZBA 2005-25 re: 7436 Warren.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: Commissioner Steinbach

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding the award of contract for refuse and recycling collection. Commissioner Hosty stated that with allowing a smaller maximum amount of trash per household, what the procedure would be for tracking overages over 3 yards. Commissioner Gillian stated that the resident would be direct-billed by the contractor. Commissioner Doolin added that even if the contract stays at 6 yards, the Village of Forest Park would realize a savings. Commissioner Hosty asked what the equivalent of 3 yards of garbage is. Village Administrator Sturino stated that 3 yards is equal to 6 of the currently used 96 gallon totes. Commissioner Hosty expressed that he would be okay with the 3 yard maximum. Commissioner Doolin added that in addition to the collection charges, we are also billed for dumping. The BFI contract would allow 3-1/2% of all residents to utilize a larger 64 gallon tote for recycling. The use of the larger recycling container would encourage more recycling and result in lower dumping charges. Commissioner Doolin then asked those present to recognize Forest Park resident Karen Rozmus for volunteering her expertise and time with the entire RFP process. In addition Commissioner Doolin stated that he would like to thank Vanessa Moritz, Sally Cody, Katie Murphy and

**DISCUSSION RE: AWARD
OF CONTRACT FOR
REFUSE AND RECYCLING
COLLECTION**

Village Administrator Mike Sturino for all their hard work as well. Mayor Calderone stated that this matter will be voted on at the next Village Council meeting and directed the Commissioners to direct any further concerns to Mike Sturino.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to authorize the Mayor to execute, and the Village Clerk to attest, the Extension of Agreement between Andres Medical Billing, Ltd., and the Village of Forest Park, Illinois, subject to the execution of said Extension of Agreement by Andres Medical Billing, Ltd.

**EXTENSION AGREEMENT
WITH ANDRES MEDICAL
BILLING LTD.
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 Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to approve the 2006 Village of Forest Park Council Meeting Schedule as attached.

**2006 VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING SCHEDULE
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 Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach to set Trick-or-Treat hours on October 31, 2005 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS
SET AT 3:00 TO 7:30 ON
OCTOBER 31, 2005**

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 Doolin to recess into closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes, or for semi-annual review of the minutes as required by the Open Meetings Act.

**MOTION TO RECESS INTO
CLOSED SESSION
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Doolin reported that the CMAQ project is complete with the exception of a few punch list items. He further stated that the leaf pick up program has started and that we have designated one Public Works employee to push leaves at night. Commissioner Doolin further stated that the VIP project is in full swing with a minimum of inconvenience to the community.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that the fall tree planting program is completed and suggested that any resident interested in getting on the list for 2006 should contact Katie Murphy at Village Hall. Commissioner Steinbach further asked that the Police Department keep a special watch on Madison Street where flowers have been stolen out of the boxes.

Mayor Calderone reminded all that the Community Center is hosting the Cindy Lyons Health Fair on November 2. In addition, Mayor Calderone wanted to recognize Office Kozak for his hard work in the Special Response Team for the Hurricane Katrina relief and thanked him for his work above and beyond the call. The Mayor then introduced the new Forest Park official flag which contains the official logo and will replace the old flag showing the outline of the State of Illinois with a star.

The meeting recessed into closed session at 7:54 p.m.

**RECESS INTO CLOSED
SESSION 7:54 P.M.**

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

**RECONVENE OPEN
SESSION 8:49 P.M.**

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 the Resolution stating that as a result of a semi-annual review of the minutes of closed meetings, a determination has been made that a need for confidentiality still exists as to all of the minutes reviewed.

**R-48-05
RESOLUTION TO KEEP
CLOSED MEETING
MINUTES CONFIDENTIAL
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 Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to hire Robert Johnson to investigate certain personnel issues as discussed in executive session for a rate of \$100.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,000.00.

**MOTION TO HIRE ROBERT
JOHNSON TO
INVESTIGATE PERSONNEL
ISSUES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried unanimously.

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 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk