

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 14, 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 24, 2005 be approved as amended.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steven Backman of 7452 Warren expressed his concern regarding the use of Burkhart Court as a valet parking staging area and suggested that the valet use an area in Constitution Court to stage the valet transition.

Gloria Backman of 7452 Warren stated that when Francesca's had a valet service, the traffic on Madison Street was backed up. She also stated that she did feel that using Burkhart Court as a staging area would cause safety issues. Mrs. Backman asked the Council to find a permanent parking solution for all businesses on Madison Street.

Catherine Ditto of 333 Burkhart stated that there is a problem with illegally parked cars on Burkhart and asked the Council to deny the request of Café DeLuca to provide valet parking staging on Burkhart Court.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Arthur Sundry asked for permission to use Burkhart Court as a staging area for his valet parking service.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian to approve valet parking staging on the East side of Burkhart Court after 4:00 p.m. for Café DeLuca.

Commissioner Doolin stated that he agreed that Francesca's valet parking arrangement did not work well and further stated that he would be in favor of including the issue in the parking study that is on tonight's agenda. Commissioner Hosty also agreed that Francesca's arrangement did not work and stated that he believes that Burkhart Court would make an acceptable staging area if the spaces were marked accordingly. Commissioner Gillian stated that he believed that Burkhart would work if properly managed and asked Mr. Sundry where he proposes to park the cars. Mr. Sundry stated that the firm he hires will contract directly with a local parking lot.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Mayor Calderone  
**NAYS:** Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach  
**ABSENT:** None  
The motion carried.

Nicolette of Livin' Large requested permission to use the sidewalk in front of the store at 7451 W. Madison from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to erect a tent to be used for a sidewalk sale. Commissioner Hosty moved and Commissioner Gillian seconded to support allowing Livin' Large to erect a tent on the public sidewalk at 7451 W. Madison Street for the purpose of conducting a sidewalk sale on November 25, and 26, 2005. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the tent must allow adequate space for pedestrian traffic. Mayor Calderone stated that the ADA requires a 36" aisle for pedestrian traffic. Nicolette agreed to the condition.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
The motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Finance Department and the Department of Public Health and Safety submitted their October reports.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian 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 \$2,059,387.08.

**R-49-05  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF  
BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF  
\$2,059,387.08  
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:**

Art Sundry distributed survey results and lead a discussion regarding the possibility of having a French Market in 2006. The survey indicated that the current location (Forest Park Bank parking lot) is not appropriate. The two proposed locations are the parking lot at Circle and Madison and the parking lot at Constitution Court. It was noted that the Constitution Court lot can provide access to water and electricity in addition to not allowing overnight resident parking. The proposed start up date is April 26, 2006. Commissioner Gillian pointed out that the last year we had the French Market, it was more like a flea market. He further stated that the management company did not meet the advertising expectations of the Village. Commissioner Gillian stated that in order to consider Bensidoun as the operator of the Market, he would like better assurances that they would hold up their end of the bargain and would need to ascertain exactly what type of commitment they would require from the Village of Forest Park. Mr. Sundry stated that according to the lease proposal, Bensidoun would require free water and electrical service, a storage area within 200 feet of the site to store canopies, garbage service and reimbursement of up to \$5,000 in costs for set up, tear down and installation of the tent gaskets. In addition to the above, Bensidoun would also require a \$1,000 commitment from both the Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Association for advertising along with manpower. Commissioner Gillian stated that in the past, the Village rented a trailer to store the tents and asked Mr. Sundry if he had a ballpark cost to install the gaskets. Mr. Sundry thought that it cost about \$4,000 to install the gaskets. Commissioner Doolin asked which entity cancelled the French Market in the past. Commissioner Gillian stated that the Village cancelled due to location issues. Commissioner Steinbach requested quantifiable marketing commitments and references for the management personnel. Commissioner Gillian stated that he would be in favor of moving forward with discussions with the Chamber and Main Street to hammer out the details.

**2006 FRENCH MARKET  
DISCUSSION**

**DOWNTOWN PARKING  
STUDY DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Hosty opened discussion on a proposed parking study agreement with Robert H. Anderson & Associates. He stated that there have been ongoing Business Improvement District workshops dealing with a new zoning district and parking. There have been conflicting ideas on a solution to the parking issues on Madison Street and the group feels that it is time to have a parking plan to complete the BID plan. Commissioner Steinbach expressed her wish that residents be included in the parking discussions as they will also be affected by any decisions made. In addition, Commissioner Steinbach requested that RHA&A include weekend nighttime hours in their surveying schedule to more accurately estimate the requirements. Commissioner Steinbach further requested that Task #9 be revised to include both boards and any interested residents in one presentation instead of having RHA&A make two separate presentations to save on costs. Last, Commissioner Steinbach requested that task #7, projection for future demand, be included in the study. Village Administrator Michael Sturino agreed with Commissioner Steinbach and stated that the proposal before the board is a base proposal and that all requested details would be included in a cost effective way.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a contract for residential collection and transportation of municipal solid waste between the Village and Allied Waste Services of North America be adopted. Commissioner Doolin stated that the contract includes the offer for residents to trade in the 96 gallon container for a 64 gallon container and noted that this is for convenience only and that there is no cost savings realized. In addition, Commissioner Doolin reaffirmed that the contractor will issue an annual brochure to all residents explaining the recycling program and clarified that up to 3.5% of residents can request a larger 64 gallon recycling container to save on dumping costs. Such requests will be filled in phases during the first year and future year requests will be implemented on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Finally, Commissioner Doolin thanked Rich Van der Molen for sharpening his pencil and bringing the costs down for the Village of Forest Park.

**R-50-05  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
SOLID WASTE  
COLLECTION AND  
TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACT WITH ALLIED  
WASTE SERVICES  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-51-05  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING FINAL PLAT  
APPROVAL FOR PD 2005-  
08: 7329 HARRISON  
HARRISON STREET  
STATION  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Resolution authorizing preliminary and final Plat approval for Harrison Street Station Plat of Subdivision (PD 2005-08: 7329 Harrison) be adopted. Commissioner Steinbach asked why this matter is before the Council since the project has been stopped due to the expiration of the P.U.D. agreement. Acting Village Attorney Melissa Miroballi stated that the Resolution does not speak to the P.U.D. and the owner has the opportunity to consolidate the parcels and the property tax identification number. Village Administrator Michael Sturino stated that this purpose of the Resolution is to clean up the legal description and further stated that the consolidation does not affect the zoning of the property or the property owner's rights in any way.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-52-05  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
EASEMENT AND TAX  
PRORATION AGREEMENT  
WITH MADISON COMMONS  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution approving an easement agreement and a Tax Proration Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and Madison Commons be adopted. Commissioner Doolin inquired whether the property was on the tax rolls when the Animal Shelter existed or if it is on the tax rolls now and what, if any, taxes would be charged to the Village of Forest Park. Melissa Miroballi stated that the responsibility for paying the taxes would remain with Madison Commons until the property is transferred. Once the transfer occurs, the Village of Forest Park will apply to the County for tax exemption.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-53-05  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING  
FOR THE LEVY OF  
ADDITIONAL LIBRARY TAX  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian that the Resolution providing for the levy of an additional Library tax be adopted. Commissioner Steinbach asked for specific dollar amounts and the Library's plan for spending the funds. Mayor Calderone explained that the Village has no jurisdiction over the Library. The reason this is before the Council is because the Library's levy is included in the Village's levy. He further stated that this 0.02% additional tax is requested every year by the Library.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that she is not comfortable with approving the Resolution and made a motion to table the issue. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner Steinbach

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian that the Ordinance establishing the position of Part-Time Police Officer be adopted. Commissioner Doolin expressed his concerns that the officers would not receive adequate training and that they would be afforded powers of arrest and the ability to carry a firearm 24/7. Commissioner Doolin asked whether the hiring would be subject to review by the Fire and Police Commission. Chief Ryan stated that the hiring standards were as per the Ordinance and the State Training Board. The policy is currently in draft form and will be reviewed by the Village Administrator prior to approval. Acting Village Attorney Melissa Miroballi stated that the ordinance merely establishes the position and does not appoint any person or set the salary for the part time employees. Hiring is subject to authorization and approval by the Village Council. Commissioner Doolin expressed his dissatisfaction with the authority given to the Mayor within the Ordinance. Mayor Calderone stated that part-time police officers have been sought since 1999 and have already been agreed to in the Fraternal Order of Police contract with the Village of Forest Park. The ordinance is very similar as other municipalities that have part time officers. Commissioner Gillian pointed out the fact that a) there is no ability to hire or fire without Council approval, b) both of the candidates have been carrying firearms most of their adult lives and c) the rules work both ways with regard to termination – If a part time officer is not working out, termination is not subject to Police & Fire Commission rules. Commissioner Steinbach pointed out that the power to terminate a part time police officer is given to the Mayor.

**O-58-05  
ORDINANCE  
ESTABLISHING THE  
POSITION OF PART-TIME  
POLICE OFFICER  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner Doolin

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-4-05 and fixing the salaries for the Director of Public Health and Safety, Director of Public Works, and Assistant Director of Public Works be adopted.

**0-59-05  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
ORDINANCE O-4-05 RE:  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH AND SAFETY,  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
WORKS AND ASST.  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
WORKS  
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 Gillian to forward the request to install a stop sign at Washington and Elgin to the Traffic and Safety Commission for review and recommendation and to accept the engineer's recommendation to install a stop sign at Elgin and Washington and to direct counsel to draft said ordinance. Mike Stirk of Christopher Burke Engineering stated that he believes the stop sign is needed because the reaction of eastbound drivers is to speed up to make a green light at Washington and Harlem. Commissioner Steinbach suggested removing the no parking zone at the northeast curbing since the new bump out naturally allows for parked cars. She further stated that with all due respect to the Traffic and Safety Commission, we should rely on our expert engineer's opinion. The Mayor requested staff recommendation on the parking issue.

**MOTION TO REFER TO  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY  
COMMITTEE AND TO  
INSTALL STOP SIGN AT  
ELGIN AND WASHINGTON  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner Steinbach

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Ordinance proposing the establishment of Special Service Area Number 1 for Right-of-way improvements for that portion of 19<sup>th</sup> Street lying immediately east of Desplaines and providing for a public hearing and other procedures in connection therewith be adopted.

**O-60-05  
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.

**R-54-05  
RESOLUTION  
PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER  
13-19 AS NATIONAL  
HUNGER AND  
HOMELESSNESS  
AWARENESS WEEK  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Resolution is proclaiming November 13-19, 2005 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 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 Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the December, 2005 meetings of the council be on December 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall only. There will be only one Council Meeting in December.

**MOTION TO SET  
DECEMBER COUNCIL  
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR  
ONE MEETING ONLY ON  
DECEMBER 19, 2005 AT  
7:00 P.M.  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Mike Sturino reported that he and the staff are currently working with CBBEL and Judy Kovacs on a water rate study that is designed to maintain a solid financial position as well as to consider the Fire Department and the Water Department's recommendations to replace the aging water mains throughout the Village. In addition, they are working in connection with the Brookfield/North Riverside Water Commission. The committee believes that it is important to obtain the opinions and thoughts of the elected officials and would like to host a workshop prior to the next council meeting. The council agreed to hold the workshop at 5:00 p.m. on November 28, 2005. In addition Mr. Sturino reported that the B.I.D. meetings will reconvene in the next few weeks.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

Commissioner Gillian reported that the Preservation Committee will be presenting the Ordinance at the November 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

## **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 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
**Village Clerk**