

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING MAY 8, 2006**

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 April 24, 2006 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 unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Matt Mallers of 7633 Adams requested that the Council approve the installation of a no left turn sign from southbound Jackson onto eastbound Adams during rush hours. Mr. Mallers stated that he believed that the block has more traffic due to drivers attempting to avoid Madison Street as a route to southbound Desplaines.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Tim Kenny, Race Director for the Golden Apple Foundation, requested permission to host the 10th annual Golden Apple 5K run/walk on November 5, 2006. There being no objections by the council, the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Kenny of the approval.

Mr. Charles Cairo, Commander of the Forest Park Post 414 of the American Legion requested permission to conduct its annual Poppy Day fundraiser on Thursday, May 25, 2006. There being no objections by the council, the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Cairo of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Health and Safety and Finance Departments submitted their April 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 \$760,372.85

**R-25-06
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$760,372.85
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 authorizing a change to a non-conforming building pursuant to Section 9-9-3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZAH 2006-04: 438 Circle Avenue be adopted.

**O-26-06
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
CHANGE TO A NON-
CONFORMING BUILDING
RE: ZAH 2006-04 438
CIRCLE
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 Steinbach that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2005 to pay the principal of and interest on an aggregate general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2003A, of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-27-06
ORDINANCE ABATING TAX
FOR G.O. BONDS SERIES
2003A FOR THE YEAR 2005
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 that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2005 to pay the principal of and interest on the Village's \$5,765,000 general obligation tax increment refunding bonds, series 2002, of the Village of Forest Park, cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-28-06
ORDINANCE ABATING TAX
FOR G.O. BONDS SERIES
2002 FOR THE YEAR 2005
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 that the Ordinance amending Article A, entitled "Purchasing," of Chapter 8, entitled "Municipal Finances," of the Village Code of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-29-06
ORDINANCE AMENDING
ARTICLE A "PURCHASING"
OF CHAPTER 8
"MUNICIPAL FINANCES"
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 Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance amending the Village Code regarding conditions of a Liquor License be adopted. Commissioner Steinbach inquired as to the penalty to be imposed should a business not comply with the conditions. Village Attorney, Michael Durkin replied that the Code provides that citations can be written and that each day is a separate offense. The citations can be brought before the Liquor Commissioner and additional fines and possible revocation of the liquor license are possible consequences.

**O-30-06
ORDINANCE AMENDING
VILLAGE CODE RE:
CONDITIONS OF LIQUOR
LICENSE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone stated that the Traffic and Safety Committee has forwarded several issues along with their recommendations to be considered by the Board. Each issue will be addressed separately and are as follows:

TRAFFIC & SAFETY ITEMS

Agenda Item #5a – Traffic & Safety reference #0042006

Request to post more "Noise Warning" signs by the residents of Lathrop/Randolph. The committee recommends posting signs at Village "Gateway" entrances and enforcing the noise ordinance. Village Attorney Durkin stated that adding signs in certain locations would not likely cure the problem. He added that Noise Ordinances have not massed muster in the past

**REQUEST FOR NOISE
WARNING SIGNS FOR
VILLAGE GATEWAY
ENTRANCES NOT
RECOMMENDED**

and would not likely be deemed constitutional by a federal court. Commissioner Doolin asked for clarification on whether the Village of Forest Park can enforce the existing noise ordinance or signage. Mr. Durkin stated that fines for noise emitting from a moving vehicle would not pass as constitutional by a federal court. Commissioner Gillian asked whether it is likely that a local ordinance ticket will be heard by a Federal Court. Mr. Durkin explained that the previous Federal decisions would be used as a defense in Circuit Court. Village Administrator, Michael Sturino stated that this information was passed to the Traffic & Safety Committee and they recommend posting the signs even if they are unenforceable. The Traffic and Safety recommendation failed for lack of support. Village Clerk Moritz was instructed to notify the T&S committee.

Agenda Item #5b – Traffic & Safety reference #0082006

Request for speed bump in the East/West alley north of Roosevelt between Dunlop and Lathrop by Resident Anita Csordas: The committee requires further study pending the adoption of Best Practice/ Policy Traffic Control which addresses procedure for requesting and approving speed bumps in alleys.

**SPEED BUMP REQUEST IN
E/W ALLEY NORTH OF
ROOSEVELT AT
DUNLOP/LATHROP
HOLD FOR FURTHER
STUDY**

Agenda Item #5c – Traffic & Safety reference #0052006

Complaint of high speed and high volume traffic on Circle between Roosevelt and 16th by resident Jennifer Smith: The committee recommends increased police speed enforcement and placement of speed wagon near Tri-Star Gymnastics on weekdays and Saturdays. Staff recommends possible traffic calmer or stop sign (not warranted by volume) and requires more research to make an informed decision. To be revisited by Council once Staff recommendation is ready.

Commissioner Steinbach requested that police provide an officer to direct traffic at Circle and Madison as this alleviated the gridlock in the intersection in the past. Commissioner Hosty stated that when the Council went to see the traffic calming in Chicago's 40th ward, that they were removing stop lights and replacing them with stop signs. This action was a great success in eliminating gridlock in the city. Commissioner Hosty suggested a trial period of a flashing red light at Circle and Madison. Mayor Calderone asked staff to further review.

**REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC
CALMER ON CIRCLE AVE
ON HOLD FOR FURTHER
REVIEW**

Agenda Item #5d – Traffic & Safety reference #0012006

Request for traffic calming measures on Adams between Circle and Elgin by Residents Liz & Michael Garman: The committee did not recommend a children playing or stop sign, nor did they recommend speed bumps/humps as this is a main road. The committee requested an update on Madison

**TRAFFIC CALMING
REQUEST FOR ADAMS
BETWEEN CIRCLE/ADAMS
HOLD FOR FURTHER
REVIEW**

Street Traffic Flow. It was determined that we do not have a Madison Street traffic flow study nor is one expected at this time. Michael Sturino stated that he felt that the Committee was under the false impression that a traffic study existed and that they are looking for empirical data in order to make a recommendation. It seems that Adams has become an avoidance route due to the backups on Madison Street. The Police Department is increasing enforcement in the area during the evening rush hour. Mr. Sturino stated that he would discuss with staff again in the near future.

Agenda Item #5e – Traffic & Safety reference #0062006

Request for stop signs at Circle and Adams and Circle and Lehmer by Resident George Kattner: The committee does not recommend placement of stop signs because Circle is a main artery and the placement of signs would cause a negative impact to the flow of traffic. They did recommend enforcement of 25mph speed limit, review of placement of speed limit signs, review of Circle and Adams sight line and review of cross walk paint at both intersections.

**STOP SIGN REQUEST FOR
CIRCLE/ADAMS AND
CIRCLE/LEHMER
NOT RECOMMENDED
ENFORCEMENT AND
CROSSWALK REVIEW
RECOMMENDED**

Agenda Item #5f – Traffic & Safety reference #0072006

Request for speed bumps on Ferdinand Street on the 500 block by Resident Pamela Barnes: The committee does not recommend placement of speed bumps/humps on village streets. The committee recommended that police enforce speed limit. It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to accept the Traffic & Safety Committee’s recommendation on agenda item #5f – Traffic & Safety reference #0072006.

**REQUEST FOR SPEED
BUMPS ON 500 BLOCK
FERDINAND
NOT RECOMMENDED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5g – Traffic & Safety reference #0022006

Request by St. John’s church for no parking directly in front of the church entrance on Circle Ave. The committee recommends that Police do not authorize overnight parking at this location and erect a “No Parking 2 a.m. - 5 a.m.” sign to coincide with current village parking restrictions. It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to accept the Traffic & Safety Committee’s recommendation on agenda item #5g – Traffic & Safety reference #0022006.

**REQUEST TO POST NO
PARKING 2-5 A.M. AT
ST. JOHN’S CHURCH
ENTRANCE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5h – Traffic & Safety reference #0032006

Request for traffic calming at Washington and Elgin and Washington and Marengo and request for additional parking on the North side of Washington east of Elgin. The committee recommended a Stop Sign be placed at Washington and Elgin (previously completed), that parking be allowed and the “No Parking” signs be removed on the North side of Washington east of Elgin and to table the request for a stop sign at Washington and Marengo until VIP phase 2 is complete and evaluate at that time. It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to accept the Traffic & Safety Committee’s recommendation on agenda item #5h(2) – Traffic & Safety reference #0032006.

**REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN
AT ELGIN/WASHINGTON
APPROVED**

**REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN
AT ELGIN/MARENGO
HOLD FOR COMPLETION
OF TRAFFIC CALMER**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR
ADDITIONAL PARKING
NORTH SIDE
WASHINGTON EAST OF
ELGIN
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5i – Traffic & Safety Best Practice/Policy Traffic Control

Commissioner Doolin requested that the Village Council take no action at this time and allow more time for review and investigation of the proposed policy. Commissioner Steinbach requested that staff submit opinion as well. Mayor Calderone stated that the Council will plan on bringing this policy back at the next council meeting on May 22nd and discuss it further at that time.

**TRAFFIC & SAFETY BEST
PRACTICE/POLICY
HOLD TO MAY 22ND
COUNCIL MEETING FOR
REVIEW**

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Steinbach reported that there will be an ordinance brought forth at the next council meeting regarding the dog park and putting it in compliance with Cook County’s regulation of dog parks. The two items that will be brought into compliance will be requiring proof of vaccinations and

compliance with various testing procedures for the pets and surveillance of the park for compliance.

Mayor Calderone asked the Council whether they would like to accept the verbal request of resident Matt Mallers and pass the request on to the Traffic & Safety Committee. There being no objections from the Council, the matter will be referred to the Traffic & Safety Committee.

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.

**RECESS INTO CLOSED
SESSION AT 7:35 P.M.
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 Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Council reconvene to open session.

**RECONVENE OPEN
SESSION AT 8:47
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk