

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING MAY 22, 2006**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin 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 May 8, 2006 be approved without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Scafidi of 815 Marengo requested the installation of a camera at Circle and Madison to enforce the ordinance prohibiting blocking an intersection. He further requested that the speed wagon be placed on Circle near Jackson and Harlem near Jackson. Finally, Mr. Scafidi questioned the placement of storage containers near the Forest Park Mall on Roosevelt Road.

Ms. Jennifer Wolf of 908 Beloit introduced herself as a resident and a Recreation Board member. She stated that the proposed fees for the dog park are fair and agreeable with the Recreation board and added that all patrons must show compliance. Ms. Wolf further stated that the fees were agreed upon by the 6 members of the Recreation board. In addition fund raisers are held to offset costs of the dog park.

Mr. Dan Riley of 1125 Marengo requested code enforcement regarding the garbage at 1129 Marengo and stated that the trash cans are over full and that there is garbage all over the alley. He further stated that the trash problem attracts raccoons and possums. He has reported this in the past and citations have been issued. In addition, he is reporting that there are 5 cars at this residence with no village stickers who park all day and all night at this location. The license plate numbers have been reported in the past as well.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Mike Guare of Randolph Street Depot, Denny Moran of Moran’s Garage and Kate of the Giving Tree requested permission to close Randolph Street on June 17 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. to hold a Block Party/Bike and Car Show and to serve beer in plastic cups. Mayor Calderone explained that Randolph Street is a State Route and therefore, IDOT must give approval to close it. Staff has contacted IDOT and is awaiting the final decision. Commissioner Gillian asked whether the event will expose the Village to additional liability and requested that the Village of Forest Park be named as additional insured on the insurance certificate. Village Attorney, Michael Durkin stated that if an establishment has a liquor license, they can sell liquor on premise or package goods (if so licensed). There is no difference if it is sold or given away. Mr. Durkin further stated that The Depot could apply for a special event license. There being no other questions or any objections by the council, the request was approved pending IDOT approval and receipt of an acceptable insurance certificate.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department and Community Center submitted their April 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 \$1,279,399.28

**R-26-06
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,279,399.28
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

- AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief, James Ryan, introduced Detective Sergeant Tom Aftanas and announced that Sgt. Aftanas has been appointed to the position of Deputy Chief of Police. Chief Ryan stated that since he started with the department, Tom was promoted from Supervisor of the Patrol Division to Supervisor of the Detective Division. Tom has been a hardworking and dedicated employee and receives the admiration and respect of his co-workers. Chief Ryan expressed his congratulations

**INTRODUCTION OF
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF
THOMAS AFTANAS**

to Deputy Chief Aftanas. Mayor Calderone stated that the appointment of Deputy Chief is held solely on the authority of the Chief of Police. Mayor Calderone then administered the oath of office to Deputy Chief Aftanas. He then went on to state that Tom will be tough but the Mayor believes that Tom will have the support of his Family, and the entire department. Deputy Chief Aftanas stated that he wanted to thank all of the members of the department because he is here because of them. In addition Tom stated that he just completed a 12 week Staff & Command program and would like to thank his fellow students as well. Finally, he stated that the only person who is not here that he wished was is Mike Luisi. He expressed his thanks and promised to do his best.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to appoint Trudy Roznos to the Forest Park Free Public Library Board for a 5 year term.

**APPOINTMENT OF TRUDY
ROZNOS TO LIBRARY
BOARD
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone introduced Forest Park resident, Ms. Ashley Bailey, who attends Proviso East High School and is Miss Teen Cook County. Ashley will be competing in the Ms. Teen U.S. Pageant in June. Ms. Bailey stated that she has a 3.3 grade point average and is planning to attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. She further stated that she is competing in the pageant to try to win a scholarship to college.

**INTRODUCTION OF MISS
TEEN COOK COUNTY, MS.
ASHLEY BAILEY**

Mayor Calderone introduced Mrs. Shirley Christell. Mrs. Christell was nominated and awarded the Senior Medal of Honor by Cook County Sheriff, Sheehan for her countless hours of volunteer work. Mrs. Christell is a long-time resident and devotes time to the Library system and is one of the founding members of "Friends of the Library." Unfortunately, Mrs. Christell was unable to attend the ceremony. Mayor Calderone presented Mrs. Christell with the medal and thanked her for her unselfish volunteerism and contributions to the community. Commissioner Gillian stated that he has lived down the street from Jack & Shirley Christell for 47 years. He further stated that not only does Shirley volunteer at the Library, but Jack & Shirley helped immensely with the Forest Park Main Street Association and have volunteered over the years at many Forest Park organizations. Commissioner Gillian stated that they are a "True Forest Park Couple."

**SHERIFF SHEEHAN'S
SENIOR MEDAL OF HONOR
AWARDED TO MRS.
SHIRLEY CHRISTELL**

Mayor Calderone introduced Mr. Ian Halliday, who is a Forest

Park resident and who has recently attained Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank. It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Resolution honoring the volunteer efforts of Ian Halliday be adopted. Clerk Moritz read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Calderone further stated that Ian is the son of Ethics Commissioner, Kathleen Garness and continued that Ian is a great Forest Parker and further stated that the Village of Forest Park needs to start recognizing and recruiting the young people of Forest Park to set an example for other kids in the Community. Ian Halliday thanked his Mom because she has been there for the last 12 years he spent in scouting and expressed appreciation to all others who helped and supported him. Finally, he stated that it has been a pleasure growing up in Forest Park.

**R-27-06
RESOLUTION HONORING
IAN HALLIDAY, EAGLE
SCOUT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that Mr. Paul Barbahen be reappointed to the Ethics Commission for a 3 year term.

**MR. PAUL BARBAHEN
RE-APPOINTED TO ETHICS
COMMISSION**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Ordinance amending section 5-2-14 regulating Fireworks Displays be adopted.

**O-31-06
ORDINANCE REGULATING
FIREWORKS DISPLAYS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance fixing the salaries for the officials and employees of the Village of Forest Park from

**O-32-06
ORDINANCE FIXING THE
SALARIES FOR THE**

and after May, 2006 be adopted. Mayor Calderone noted that the individual salaries are set in ranges and that these are not the final numbers.

ROLL CALL:

- AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Resolution approving a successor agreement between the Village and Local 705, International Brotherhood of Teamsters representing employees of the Forest Park Public Works Department (excluding mechanics) be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

- AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to approve that certain Networking Agreement, between the Village of Forest Park, on behalf of the Forest Park Police Department, and Sarah's Inn to insure quality services to women and their families who suffer from domestic violence, and further authorize the Chief of Police to execute such agreement on behalf of the Village of Forest Park and its Police Department. Mayor Calderone stated that there are no financial requirements from the Village of Forest Park.

ROLL CALL:

- AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Resolution authorizing an application for North Central Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds be adopted.

**OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES
APPROVED**

**R-28-06
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE VILLAGE AND
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 705
APPROVED**

**NETWORKING
AGREEMENT WITH
SARAH'S INN
APPROVED**

**R-29-06
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
APPLICATION FOR STP
FUNDS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance establishing Dog Park and area Regulations by amending Chapter 1 entitled "Animal Control", of title 5, entitled "Police and Public Safety" of the municipal Code be adopted. Mayor Calderone explained that this Ordinance creates a permit process and establishes fees for the dogs and owners using the Dog Park as mandated by the County of Cook. He further stated that Village Administrator, Michael Sturino has concerns that the fees may be too low. Mayor Calderone confirmed that the Recreation Board does hold fundraising events to support the Park, however the fees need to cover the permit process and internal staffing. Commissioner Hosty stated that he has a problem with charging to use parks. He further stated that if it is required by the County, it should be added into the charges for licensing an animal. Commissioner Gillian questioned whether the badge and tag are required by the County. It was confirmed that Cook County does require identification and enforcement to be included in the approved plan that is needed in order to operate a Dog Park. Commissioner Gillian expressed his opinion that some fees should be associated with the cost of staff time and monitoring the facility and further stated that he agrees with the fees as written in the ordinance. Mayor Calderone stated that Oak Park may or may not have opened their dog park yet, however they are charging separate fees for residents and non-residents. In addition the city of Northlake recently opened a dog park and they too are charging separate fees for residents and non-residents. Mr. Durkin clarified that his is a separate license from the individual dog license. This is a license to use the facility and allows more extensive disease control. The county mandates that there is an approved plan to monitor the park to confirm that only the dogs that have been approved to utilize the park are in the park.

**O-33-06
ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING DOG PARK
REGULATIONS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian and Doolin and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Hosty

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2006-13 authorizing approval of a variation from Section 9-3A-3(c) to permit 48% lot coverage and approval to alter a legal non-conforming single-family residence, which property has a non-conforming northern side yard of 2.39 feet, where 2.5 feet is required for each side yard, to allow for removal of an enclosed porch; and to allow the construction of a new staircase and dormer on the south side of the roof of the existing residence for the property located at 1043 Thomas Avenue, which is zoned R-1 Low Density Residential.

**MOTION RE: ZBA 2006-13
DIRECTING ATTORNEY TO
DRAFT ORDINANCE
APPROVING
ALTERATIONS TO A
LEGAL NON-CONFORMING
SINGLE-FAMILY
RESIDENCE AT 1043
THOMAS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2006-12 authorizing approval of the alteration of a legal non-conforming single-family residence, which property has a nonconforming northern side yard of 3.03 feet where 3.26 feet is required, allowing for the construction of a second story addition onto the existing residence for the property located at 901 Dunlop Avenue, which is zoned R-1 Low Density Residential. Commissioner Hosty clarified that he is motioning to approve zoning relief and deny a variation for off street parking. Commissioner Doolin stated that the plan shows a 3 car garage and an easement agreement and asked for clarification of the need for a variation. Mike Boyle, Director of the Department of Health and Safety, stated that the owner did obtain an easement agreement after the ZBA meeting and the ZBA recommended denial of the variation in anticipation of the granting of the easement; therefore, the owner no longer needs a variation.

**MOTION RE: ZBA 2006-12
DIRECTING ATTORNEY TO
DRAFT ORDINANCE
APPROVING
ALTERATIONS TO A
LEGAL NON-CONFORMING
SINGLE-FAMILY
RESIDENCE AT 901
DUNLOP
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Moritz read the Proclamation designating May 28 through June 3, 2006 as "National Public Works Week."

**PROCLAMATION
DESIGNATING MAY 28-
JUNE 3 AS NATIONAL
PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mike Sturino reported (on behalf of Commissioner Steinbach) that the 50/50 sidewalk program deadline is Friday, May 26, 2006. Any resident wishing to sign up can contact Katie Murphy at Village Hall. The bid deadline will be June 6 and we expect the contract to be awarded at the June 12 Council Meeting. Mr. Sturino further reported that Staff is working on advising the Council on the Traffic & Safety Best Practices Policy after reviewing with traffic engineers. Finally Mr. Sturino reported that the Navy has deferred their decision for at least 90 days with regard to the base closure. There will be more discussions and Mr. Sturino will keep the Council posted as necessary.

Mayor Calderone announced that one of our police officers was assigned to the U.S. Customs Service for professional development and to work as a team for the Customs Service. The Village of Forest Park will receive a percentage of any assets that are seized by the team. Since the time that Officer Diano has been assigned to this team, he has more than paid for himself via the seizures. Chief Ryan stated that Officer Diano was detached to the U. S. Customs Service Money Laundering Unit approximately a year and a half ago. And since that time they have seized more than \$1 million dollars, of which the Village receives between 6 and 8 percent. Last week Officer Diano was involved in an incident where they seized \$2,033,000 cash and 37 firearms from a storage locker in Addison and the Village will receive 8% of that in revenue. Chief Ryan offered a photograph of the cash for anyone who would like to see it.

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 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk