

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING AUGUST 14, 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 July 24, 2006 be approved without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin and Mayor Calderone

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Gillian

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Dave Novak, Director of the Park District of Forest Park, sent a letter to the Mayor and Village Council expressing his thanks for all their assistance and for the help of the Police and Fire Departments with the 38th Annual Invitational Softball Tournament.

Ms. Nancy J. Bower, President of the Forest Park Kiwanis Club requested permission to hold their "Tag for Peanut Days" fundraising event on September 21 through 23, 2006 in addition to hanging banners at Circle and Desplaines Avenues announcing the event. There being no objections from the council, the clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Bower of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police and Finance Departments submitted their July reports.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

**R-40-06
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$870,033.11
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty 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 \$870,033.11.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian and Hosty
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Doolin

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to authorize the acceptance of contract number V69DP-5767 and the completion and submission of that certain Request for Proposal, RFP 69D-388-06, as amended by Amendment No. 1 dated August 8, 2006, copies of which are attached hereto, for the establishment of a contract between the Village of Forest Park and the Department of Veterans Affairs, for fire suppression, confined space rescue and HazMat services for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Edward Hines, Jr., Hospital located at Fifth and Roosevelt Road, Hines, Illinois, for a period from August 21, 2006, through November 21, 2006, and further authorize and ratify the Village Administrator's execution of such request for proposal, amendment and contract acceptance on behalf of the Village of Forest Park, and authorize the approval and execution of any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of the contract.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
CONTRACT WITH
DEPARTMENT OF
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS FOR
FIRE SUPPRESSION
SERVICES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Doolin
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Ordinance authorizing the submission of a public question by referendum to the

**O-45-06
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC**

electors of the Village of Forest Park at the general election scheduled for November 7, 2006 be adopted.

**QUESTION ON NOVEMBER
7, 2006 BALLOT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Doolin
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Resolution approving a grant of easement for use between the Village of Forest Park and Elgin Street Properties, L.L.C. be adopted.

**R-41-06
RESOLUTION APPROVING
GRANT OF EASEMENT TO
ELGIN STREET
PROPERTIES, L.L.C.
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Doolin
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Right-Of-Way agreement for the right-of-way adjacent to the property located at 154-156 Lathrop and 7541 Randolph in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-46-06
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
TIERED APPROACH TO
CORRECTIVE ACTION
RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR 154-
154 LATHROP/7541
RANDOLPH
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Doolin
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance authorizing a variation in the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZAH 2006-08: 1412 Marengo be adopted.

**O-47-06
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
ZONING VARIATION RE:
ZAH 2006-08: 1412
MARENGO
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty and Doolin
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of instituting an early retirement incentive program through the IMRF

**DISCUSSION ABOUT
ADOPTION OF EARLY**

**RETIREMENT INCENTIVE
PLAN FOR ELIGIBLE
EMPLOYEES**

for eligible employees. Mayor Calderone explained that there is a cost to the Village of Forest Park as well as to the employee associated with implementing this plan. Those costs were outlined showing different scenarios for amortizing the cost and replacement of employees. Mayor Calderone stated that the Council would be required to pass a Resolution if they desired to make the plan available to the eight eligible employees. Commissioner Gillian stated that the plan sounds reasonable provided they could obtain knowledge of which employees might take advantage and asked whether it would be possible to find out from the individual employees. Commissioner Gillian further stated that the plan would only work for the Village if retired employees are replaced at a lower wage cost. Village Administrator, Michael Sturino stated that we could only really know if the plan was adopted. It would be possible to have informal discussions but those discussions would not be binding. Mr. Sturino further stated that 8 employees are eligible and that Police and Fire employees are excluded because they are not members of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). Commissioner Gillian asked what constitutes eligibility for age and years of service. Mr. Sturino stated that the eligible employee must be at least 50 years old and have at least 20 years of IMRF service. He further stated that the plan allows the employee to purchase up to 5 years of service credit. Mr. Sturino then commended Finance Director, Judy Kovacs, for a great job researching and doing the legwork required for proposing the plan to the Council. Mayor Calderone stated that the advantage for the Village is that it is possible that a couple employees with lots of service and high wage rates could retire and be replaced at a lower wage. This in turn would result in a long-term savings. Mr. Sturino added that the Village would not be able to adopt a new early retirement plan until the current plan amortization is completed. In addition, the retired employee would be banned from working again for another IMRF employer. Commissioner Doolin asked whether that period would lock out any employees who are close to being eligible. Mr. Sturino stated that only the eight individuals would be eligible within the 1-year time limit for opting in. Any other employees would have to wait until this plan is amortized to participate in any plans that the Council might wish to offer in the future. Commissioner Doolin stated that it is a bit of a gamble to the Village because the savings realized depends on the number of participants, the amortization period and whether the employees are replaced with lower wage employees. Commissioner Gillian asked staff to prepare the documents and stated that the Council Members can think it through over the next two weeks and take appropriate action. He further stated that he felt it would be great to offer these employees an early retirement. Mayor Calderone asked that this subject be addressed at the next meeting or the following meeting. Commissioner Doolin requested that the subject be

discussed not at the next meeting, but at the first meeting in September.

Mayor Calderone proceeded to announce that proclamations for the Save a Life Foundation and Hispanic/Latino Mental Health Week Campaign would be entered into the record.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Michael Sturino reported that today, we reached a tentative agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Tele-Communicator's Union for a contract renewal and further stated that that contract should be presented to the Village Council at the next meeting for ratification.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Gillian reported that the Village is now accepting payment for parking tickets and Village Ordinance violations on line. There is a link on the Village's web site that can be used. Commissioner Gillian further congratulated and commended Fire Chief, Steve Glinke and staff on their efforts resulting in the fire suppression contract with Hines V.A. and thanked them for diligently working through the Federal Government requirements to bring the contract to a reality. This is a valuable service for the Veterans and can be a financial benefit for the Village of Forest Park.

Mayor Calderone announced that the Park District is holding a golf outing on October 3, 2006 at Carriage Greens in Darien in honor of Director Dave Novak. The cost is \$65 per golfer and anyone interested should contact the Park District. In addition, tomorrow is the last "Groovin' in the Grove" event for 2006. The event runs from 7:00 to 10:00 in the picnic grove and the band is a Jimmy Buffet style band. Last, Mayor Calderone asked everyone present to join him in wishing Police Chief Jim Ryan a happy birthday.

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 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk