

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 27, 2006**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty, seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on November 13, 2006 be approved without reading, as amended, as everyone has received copies thereof, and found same to be correct. Page 6 to be amended to read that Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion to table items 2 through 9.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone stated that the parking matters are not on tonight's agenda and that the Council will not be taking any action or comments at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Charles Woodbury of 419 Elgin expressed his opposition to the use of eminent domain to obtain parking. He further stated that he would want to keep his home and that the market value would not be enough. Mr. Woodbury suggested that the overnight parking ban be lifted to relieve congestion in the Village parking lots.

Ms. Carly Perkins of 423 Thomas spoke regarding parking and stated that 2 of her neighbors homes are on the list. She stated that she is sure that there are other parking alternatives that can be used. She has lived here since 1996 and urged the council to find another solution to the parking problem because she does not want more bar patrons parking in the lot near her home and littering her lawn.

Ms. Liz Chilsen of 7310 Adams stated that she sent a letter this week encouraging the Village Council to find other solutions to the parking shortage rather than seizing homes. Ms. Chilsen suggested that the Village work out deals with the owners of other lots such as the Bank, the Church and the Funeral Home. She further stated that she counted the parking spaces in those three lots and they totaled 93 spaces. Ms. Chilsen stated that she hopes Commissioner Gillian is right and that this council doesn't have the stomach to move forward with the expansion of the village surface parking lots. She indicated that we need a parking garage for the long term.

Ms. Monica Leventhal of 938 Hannah stated that her house is out of the radius of the parking areas under consideration, however she opposes seizing homes for parking lots. Ms. Leventhal suggested that the Village loosen up the parking restrictions to offer other humane more just options that may be available.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Fire Department and the Department of Health and Safety submitted their September and October reports.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach 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 \$1,385,609.11. Commissioner Doolin stated that he has issues with the payment of Hervas, Condon and Bersani bills totaling almost \$15,000. In addition he stated that he thought the cost of the 3 appraisals regarding the condemnation issues related to 1000 Beloit, 419 & 417 Thomas and 7422 Circle was excessive as well as not approved by the Village Council to be ordered ahead of time. Commissioner Doolin further stated that he disagreed with the payment to the Law Firm Giglio & Del Galdo in the amount of \$2,795.00 as this was the law firm originally engaged to prepare the ordinances and do research related to the acquisition of properties because this work was performed on September 21, which is 60 days before needed. Commissioner Doolin stated that he would like these bills removed from the resolution and made a motion to amend the motion to eliminate the bills from Hervas, Condon & Bersani, P.C, LaSalle Appraisal Group, and Giglio & Del Galdo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinbach.

**MOTION APPROVING THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**MOTION AMENDING  
MOTION APPROVING THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS  
FAILED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Steinbach and Doolin  
**NAYS:** Commissioner Hosty and Mayor Calderone  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian  
The motion tied and therefore failed.

Mayor Calderone requested that the Clerk take the Roll Call on the original motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioner Hosty, and Mayor Calderone  
**NAYS:** Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian  
The motion tied and therefore failed.

**MOTION APPROVING  
PAYMENT OF BILLS  
FAILED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation and deny the request for a variation to Section 9-3A-3C(1d) in order to place a fence in the front yard area between the front lot setback line of a building and the front lot line of the property in a R-1 Low Density Residential District re: ZBA 2006-29: 547 Marengo.

**MOTION TO DENY  
VARIATION REQUEST RE:  
ZBA 2006-29: 547  
MARENGO  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Resolution authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement for 2006 Cook County Community Development Block Grant funds be adopted

**R-54-06  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
SUBRECIPIENT  
AGREEMENT FOR 2006  
CDBG FUNDS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to approve the estimate of the amount of the 2006 tax levy, in the amount of \$5,558,867.00. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Village Council is voting on the estimate to meet legal requirements and asked what the legal requirements are. Village Attorney, Mike Durkin, stated that it is required by Illinois statute to approve an estimate at least 20 days prior to the adoption of the Ordinance. This approval of the estimate will be placed in the minutes and permanent records. Mayor Calderone stated that this procedure is the same as in the past few years.

**MOTION TO APPROVE 2006  
TAX LEVY ESTIMATE OF  
\$5,558,867.00  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement establishing a multi-jurisdictional task force to deter organized and street gang criminal activity be adopted. Commissioner Doolin asked whether we are loaning a police officer to the project. Chief Ryan stated that per the cover memo, the original offer was one officer and one vehicle will be dedicated 4 days per month. Chief Ryan further stated that we don't have the resources to commit an officer full time. The tentative schedule is two days every other week. There will be no extra cost to the Village, as one officer of the current 3-man tactical unit will be assigned to the task force. Commissioner Doolin asked whether the office will be working outside of the Village of Forest Park. Chief Ryan stated that the officer will be working in other communities as well as in Forest Park. Commissioner Doolin asked whether the assignment is for meetings or if the officers will actually be on patrol. Chief Ryan stated that initially the task force will train with the Chicago Gang Intelligence Unit for the first couple of weeks. They will then work in Forest Park as needed. Commissioner Doolin asked whether the officer will be working in other communities and whether we will provide a vehicle. Chief Ryan stated that we would supply one under cover officer and a vehicle. Commissioner Doolin stated that there will be a board of directors made up of the chiefs of police and a project director. Commissioner Doolin asked whether they can request more personnel time per month. Chief Ryan stated that they cannot. Commissioner Doolin stated that the chiefs stated that the true problem lies in Berwyn and Cicero. He further asked how many instances do we have in Forest Park. Chief Ryan stated that it is difficult to say what crimes are attributed to gangs. There are 45 to 50 known or affiliated gang members and the department is now tracking and has 500 individuals in the data base that Forest Park has had contact with. He further stated that Berwyn does impact our Village. There is one homicide of a Latin King gang member on Roosevelt Road that was unsolved. We are 99% sure that the offender is a gang member. Commissioner Doolin asked how the information would be shared with Forest Park. Chief Ryan stated that the task force communities would share databases. Cicero currently has 5,000 names in their database. Commissioner Doolin asked whether committing one officer 4 days per month will create a lack of police presence in Forest Park. Chief Ryan stated that we do belong to other police agencies. We have two detectives assigned

**R-55-06  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL  
TASK FORCE TO DETER  
ORGANIZED AND STREET  
GANG CRIME  
APPROVED**

To the WESTAF Unit. When Forest Park needs the services of WESTAF, we have instant access to 40 detectives and 10 evidence technicians. We have 1 officer assigned to NIPAS. This affiliation gives us instant access to a 100-man mobile field force unit. The affiliation with ILEAS allows one of our employees to be trained and, in turn to train all of our other employees. Commissioner Hosty stated that in the end, we have officers of 7 other communities working here in Forest Park. Chief Ryan stated that Oak Park might join as well. The task force wants to start small for now. Commissioner Hosty noted that gang graffiti has increased over the last few months. Chief Ryan assured the council that Sgt. Keating would demand that attention be paid in Forest Park by this task force. Mayor Calderone stated that we tried this informally right after the homicide. Coordinated efforts were not received by Berwyn's leadership. There has been a leadership change in Berwyn and the new leaders have a different attitude that it is important to share information. This is the best way to collaborate with other officers. It is a win-win for all the communities involved. Commissioner Doolin asked Chief Ryan to have Sgt. Keating track the efforts to make sure this group gets into Forest Park as well so that we get our fair share. Chief Ryan said he would.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution requesting a Federal Fiscal Year 2005 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant for the B.A.D.G.E. program in the amount of \$9,909.00 be adopted.

**R-56-06  
RESOLUTION  
REQUESTING LOCAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT BLOCK  
GRANT FOR \$9,909.00  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Resolution approving an intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Environmental Health Inspection Services between the Village of Forest Park and the Cook County Department of Public Health be adopted.

**R-57-06  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT WITH COOK  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution approving a 2007 Paratransit Service Provider Agreement between the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (PACE) and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-58-06  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PARATRANSIT PROVIDER  
AGREEMENT WITH PACE  
ADOPTED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach to approve the American Red Cross Mass Care Shelter Agreement, between the Village of Forest Park and the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago, and hereby authorize and direct the Mayor to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Village of Forest Park.

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
MASS SHELTER  
AGREEMENT WITH  
AMERICAN RED CROSS OF  
GREATER CHICAGO  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to approve the specifications for the Fire Department diesel exhaust capture and removal system submitted by the Fire Chief, and further move to waive the requirements of paragraph A of Section 1-8A-5 of the Code of the Village of Forest Park and to award the contract for said diesel exhaust capture and removal system to Midwest Air Pro (Nederman), in an amount not to exceed \$61,743.00.

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
SPECIFICATIONS, WAIVE  
REQUIREMENTS OF 1-8A-5  
AND AWARD THE  
CONTRACT TO MIDWEST  
AIR PRO FOR FIRE  
DEPARTMENT EXHAUST  
REMOVAL SYSTEM  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by  
Commissioner Hosty and

seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Resolution creating the 2007 Village of Forest Park Centennial *Ad Hoc* Committee be adopted.

**R-59-06  
RESOLUTION CREATING  
2007 VILLAGE OF FOREST  
PARK CENTENNIAL AD  
HOC COMMITTEE  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to appoint the following individuals to the Centennial Ad Hoc Committee: Sally Cody, Richard Vitton, Joan Poiner Crawford, Maurice Sivek, Richard Barger, Tim Canavan, Howard "Bud" Boy, Steve Bitter, Caroline Eibenger, Sharon O'Shea, Rory Hoskins, and John Rice.

**MOTION TO APPOINT 12  
INDIVIDUALS TO THE 2007  
FOREST PARK  
CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

Commissioner Steinbach reported that the flower boxes on Madison Street have been replanted and all the decorations have been done for the December 1 Christmas Walk. The tree lighting ceremony will be at 6:00. Commissioner Steinbach further reported that the Recreation Board presentation would be rescheduled to a January council meeting due to the parking hearing in December.

Mayor Calderone stated that the Council regular meeting for December will be on December 18 and that there is a special meeting scheduled on December to discuss the downtown parking and to engage with the public. Additionally, the Council may call another special meeting to deal with the appropriate payment of the bills. The Village needs to be responsible and pay bills in a timely fashion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Hosty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
**Village Clerk**