

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING MARCH 12, 2007**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on February 26, 2007 be approved without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof, and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Steinbach
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Sandra Williams, Assistant Major Events Coordinator of the Salvation Army requested permission to hold their Donut Day on Friday and Saturday June 1 and 2, 2007 as well as Christmas Kettles on Friday, November 16 through Sunday, December 24, 2007. There were no objections from the Village Council and the Clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Williams of the approval.

Mr. Gy Menninga, Crop Walk Coordinator, of the Hunger Walkathon West requested permission to hold their 24th annual community Crop Walk on Sunday, May 6. There were no objections from the Village Council and the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Menninga of the approval.

Ms. Lianne Robinette, Recreation Supervisor of the Park District of Forest Park requested permission to use the 16th Street Park for a soccer program on Fridays from April 20 to May 25, 2007 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. There were no objections from the Village Council and the Clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Robinette of the approval. Commissioner Steinbach requested that the Public Works Department be notified as well so that they will have adequate time to prepare the field.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department submitted their February report and the Fire Department submitted their December, January and February reports. Commissioner Steinbach expressed concern about the February 28, 2007 finance report and asked what else can be done to lessen the projected deficit in the general fund. Village Administrator Michael J. Sturino stated that the primary reason for the imbalance is the lag on the real estate taxes receivable. Those funds will be received and there is no fear of large operating loss. Mr. Sturino further stated that despite the increased costs for health and liability insurance, expenditures are projected to be under budget. Further, the purchase of 1000 Beloit may be financed. Commissioner Gillian stated that he would be interested to know what Commissioner Steinbach would have in mind that could be done. He further challenged Commissioner Steinbach to show him any frivolous spending by the Village. Commissioner Steinbach stated that January and Decembers finances did not seem as dire as the February report. Commissioner Gillian stated that what we do is done every day, tighten our belts. Commissioner Gillian further stated that we have done many labor contracts this year and we have more revenue to be collected and that the projections are just projections, not facts. Finance Director, Judy Kovacs stated that she is still hopeful that more revenues than projected will be received. Mayor Calderone stated that the first installment tax bills were just due on March 1 and asked Ms. Kovacs whether we have received these monies and whether we expect to receive another \$1.1 million this fiscal year. Ms. Kovacs stated that we have not received all of the first installment taxes and that we should expect to receive another \$1.1 million this fiscal year. Mr. Sturino stated that we are coming in under budget for expenditures and that we are doing what we can to lower labor and operating costs. Mr. Sturino reminded the Council that this fiscal year's budget was very tight as mentioned last spring.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian 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 \$505,726.00.

**R-13-07
RESOLUTION FOR THE
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$505,726.00
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Steinbach
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to authorize and ratify the acceptance of contract number VA69D-P-0035 and the completion and submission of that certain Request for Proposal, RFP 69D-064-07, copies of which are attached hereto, for the

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
CONTRACT WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS
APPROVED**

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 March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2011, and further authorize and ratify the Village Administrator's execution of such request for proposal, award of purchase order, 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. Commissioner Gillian congratulated Chief Glinke and the other staff members who worked on this agreement. The deal was about one year in the making and it was difficult to work with the federal government. Commissioner Gillian further stated that this contract will provide a significant revenue stream to the Village. Commissioner Steinbach asked whether the contract provides for payment to other communities who provide assistance on the calls. Chief Glinke reassured that there is no sacrifice to service provided for the residents of Forest Park on a daily basis. The fire department has had from August 20, 2006 to date to test the waters before signing a long-term deal. Chief Glinke explained that normally when we bring in other departments to help, it is on a give and take basis. Since the Village of Forest Park is making money on this contract, we plan to pay the other departments \$200 per call for assistance on calls to Hines. This payout was considered in determining the fee structure to Hines and the net revenue will be approximately \$260-275,000.00 per year. Mayor Calderone asked whether the historical information was received from Hines to base our fee structure on. Chief Glinke replied that Hines is the largest V.A. facility with 150 acres, 50 buildings and a daytime population of 10,000 people. Forest Park received historical data from the previous fire protection agency, Broadview. The average number of calls is 10 per month.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Steinbach
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Ordinance amending Section 3-3-6, entitled "License Fees and Number" of Chapter 3, entitled "Liquor Control" of Title 3 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois affecting Class "A" and Class "B" Licenses be adopted.

**O-09-07
ORDINANCE
AFFECTING THE NUMBER
OF CLASS "A" AND CLASS
"B" LIQUOR LICENSES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Steinbach
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Ordinance authorizing a change to a non-conforming building pursuant to Section 9-9-3A of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZAH 2006-10: 106 Rockford be adopted.

**O-10-07
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
A CHANGE TO A NON-
CONFORMING BUILDING
AT 106 ROCKFORD
RE: ZAH 2006-10
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Steinbach
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Ordinance authorizing a change to a non-conforming building pursuant to Section 9-9-3A of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZBA 2007-04: 517 Ferdinand be adopted.

**O-11-07
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
A CHANGE TO A NON-
CONFORMING BUILDING
AT 517 FERDINAND
RE: ZBA 2007-04
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Steinbach
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2007-03 authorizing approval of a variation to Section 9-3C-4 to allow the construction of a single-family home on a 24-foot wide lot of record that was not vacant as of June 27, 2005 and a variation to 9-3C-3B(2) to permit 42.9% lot coverage for the property located at 1234 Circle, in an R-3 High Density Residential District. Commissioner Steinbach asked whether the existing building roof overhang goes almost to the property line. Director of Health and Safety, Michael Boyle responded that it does. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the distance between the two roofs appears to be about ½ foot or less, with gutters and asked Mr. Boyle to confirm that. Mr. Boyle confirmed. Commissioner Steinbach asked who the one nay vote was on the ZBA and why that person voted no. Mr. Boyle stated that Mr. Paulin voted no and expressed no specific reason at the time. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she was concerned

**MOTION TO DIRECT
VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO
PREPARE ORDINANCE RE:
ZBA-2007-03: 1234 CIRCLE
TIES**

building on a 24 foot wide lot, which is less than the minimum of 25 feet, would be too crowded and would require too much lot coverage. She further stated that she did not feel it would be good for the neighborhood.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner Gillian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioners Doolin and Steinbach

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion tied.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2007-05 authorizing approval of a variation to Section 9-3A-1 to reduce the required setback for an accessory structure to 1.2 feet from the south lot line in order to allow for the construction of a two-car garage for the property located at 843 Elgin, in an R-1 Low Density Residential District.

**MOTION DIRECTING
VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO
DRAFT ORDINANCE RE:
ZBA 2007-05 RE: 843 ELGIN
APPROVE**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Steinbach
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sturino reported that the Council previously gave authorization for him to sign an agreement for electricity. Constellation New Energy was the low bidder and a contract has been signed with them for an estimated savings of approximately \$7,500.00 per year.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk