

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING AUGUST 27, 2007**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on August 13, 2007 be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steven Backman of 7452 Warren asked the Village Council for a different solution to the traffic detour of Madison Street traffic onto Burkhardt Court to Warren Court as the street is too narrow. Mr. Backman suggested the use of Adams Street for the detour. Mr. Backman further requested that the Village Administrator comment on the salary ordinance as to where the Village of Forest Park compares to other municipalities.

Mr. Varun Parekh of 7428 Washington thanked the Village Council for their assistance in expediting the elevator repairs in his building and asked for further assistance in dealing with the developer with regard to cleanliness and upkeep of the property. Mr. Parekh asked the Village to come out and inspect the building and advise on remedying the situation. Finally, Mr. Parekh requested a meeting with Commissioner Hoskins to discuss the annual budget. Commissioner Hoskins agreed to meet with Mr. Parekh on Saturday, September 1 at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village will step in if there are code violations, however at some point the condominium association will have to take an active role with the developer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Kathleen Hanrahan of Forest Park Main Street Association requested permission to close Madison Street and Constitution Court on September 29 and 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in order to hold the first annual Forest Park Arts Fest. In addition, Main Street requests auxiliary police

presence, provision of parking for the artists as well as permission to hang banners advertising the event. There were no objections from the Council and the Village Clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Hanrahan of the approval. Commissioner Tellalian suggested charging a fee for the auxiliary police.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police and Public Works Departments and the Community Center submitted their July Reports.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian 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 \$354,670.80.

**R-49-07
RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$354,670.80
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Village Council received a request at the August 13 meeting to install flashing lights and signage along Roosevelt Road between Harlem and Circle to warn motorists that school children are crossing Roosevelt. Public Works Director Kutak reported that I.D.O.T. does not allow the installation of flashing devices within 600 feet of a traffic control device. Director Kutak further supplied the Village Council with an estimate of \$24,525.60 for the installation of the flashing light. It was the consensus of the Village Council not to install the flashing light and signs as I.D.O.T. will likely remove them. Director Kutak was asked to inquire whether we can install “zero tolerance” signs below the speed limit signs. In addition, Police Chief Ryan stated that the department will commit to placing the speed display board on Roosevelt Road after it is placed on Randolph for two weeks.

**DISCUSSION ABOUT
INSTALLATION OF
FLASHING LIGHTS ON
ROOSEVELT ROAD FOR
SCHOOL CROSSING**

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Calderone asked the Commissioners whether they had any objection to moving new business items number 3, 4 and 5 to the end of the agenda after closed session. There were no objections by the Village Council members.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Resolution honoring Jim Urban upon his retirement as a Lieutenant in the Forest Park Fire Department be adopted.

**R-50-07
RESOLUTION HONORING
LT. JIM URBAN ON HIS
RETIREMENT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone presented Lt. Urban with a copy of the resolution and the Mayor and Commissioners expressed their thanks for Lt. Urban's years of service and dedication.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the Resolution honoring Lauri Falbo upon her retirement as Accounts Receivable Clerk in the Finance Department of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-51-07
RESOLUTION HONORING
LAURI FALBO UPON HER
RETIREMENT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone presented Ms. Falbo with a framed copy of the resolution and the Mayor and Commissioners expressed their thanks for Ms. Falbo's service and dedication to the Village of Forest Park.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance granting and permitting variations to the regulations of the Zoning ordinance and approving a preliminary and final plat of subdivision in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZBA 2006-11 / PC 2007-01: 137 Desplaines Avenue be adopted.

**O-37-07
ORDINANCE PERMITTING
ZONING VARIATIONS RE:
ZBA 2006-11/PC 2007-01:
137 DESPLAINES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance granting and permitting variations to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance and approving a preliminary and final approval of

**O-38-07
ORDINANCE PERMITTING
ZONING VARIATIONS AND
PLAT APPROVAL RE:**

re-subdivision plat in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZBA 2007-15 / PC 2007-03: 303 Marengo be adopted. Commissioner Tellalian pointed out the fact that the application had errors and incorrectly identified the owner as Barney O'Reilly. The owner will have to submit documentation. Commissioner Tellalian asked staff to be careful in the future when receiving applications. In addition, Commissioner Tellalian stated that there is an error in the document with regard to setbacks. Village Attorney Durkin stated that the error should be corrected before the plat is executed.

**ZBA 2007-15/PC 2007-03:
303 MARENGO AVENUE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Ordinance granting and permitting variations to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZBA 2007-14: 838 Lathrop Avenue be adopted.

**O-39-07
ORDINANCE GRANTING
ZONING VARIATION RE:
ZBA 2007-14: 838
LATHROP AVENUE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Curry

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2007-16 amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to expand the jurisdiction of the Zoning Administrator Hearing Process to include modifications to non-conforming structures for all residential buildings as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**MOTION DIRECTING
VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO
DRAFT ORDINANCE RE:
ZBA 2007-16
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2007-16 amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to modify non-conforming language of the

**MOTION DIRECTING
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DRAFT ORDINANCE RE:
ZBA 2007-16
APPROVED**

Zoning Code as that non-conforming language applies to the replacement of residential garages as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Village Attorney Michael Durkin asked whether the Council has any objection to his drafting one ordinance for both text amendment issues. There were no objections.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement and addendum with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., for Phase 3 of the Lathrop Avenue Project be adopted. Commissioner Tellalian asked whether this is a reimbursable contract. Village Administrator, Michael Sturino, stated that there is a 20% local match, however River Forest has more linear feet of the project so it they will pay a higher pro-rata share of the 20%. The cost should not exceed \$24,000.00 and will be verified by Mr. Sturino.

**R-52-07
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
AGREEMENT AND
ADDENDUM WITH
CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE
ENGINEERING, LTD.
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Resolution consolidating four funds into one Parking Fund be adopted. Commissioner Tellalian asked whether this consolidation will affect our ability to track the source of funds. Both Administrator Sturino and Finance Director Kovacs stated that the consolidation will not affect tracking of funds.

**R-53-07
RESOLUTION
CONSOLIDATING FOUR
FUNDS INTO ONE
PARKING FUND
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian to recess into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of

**MOTION TO RECESS INTO
CLOSED SESSION AT 8:07
P.M.**

the public body, or to discuss whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or to consider the setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sturino reported that Public Act 095-0245 was enacted effective August 17, 2007. The effect of this Act is that it will no longer be a violation of the Open Meetings Act for two elected officials to discuss Village business. It will necessitate three council members to conduct business. Mr. Sturino further reported that AT&T's Project Light Speed is coming along and will set consumer standards and competition in the cable industry. The Village will be required to adopt an ordinance eventually that will allow us to collect franchise fees. More information will be forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Mayor Calderone expressed his thanks to the Police, Fire and Public Works departments for all of their efforts during and after the big storm last week. There were trees down, flooding, etc and everyone did a great job. Mayor Calderone further stated that the Village is planning a big weekend Centennialfest to celebrate the 100th birthday of Forest Park. The weather is expected to be beautiful and the fest will be a treat to all who attend. Mayor Calderone gave a special thanks to Sally Cody and Patty Marino who have been working tirelessly on the arrangements. Mayor Calderone announced that the second annual Rib Fest will be held on September 15th. This is an event that is put together by the staff at the Community Center and was a smashing success in 2006. The Village of Forest Park was pleased to host a town hall meeting on August 16th. This was attended by 50 or 60 people as well as elected officials. Mayor Calderone reported that he is planning an employee appreciation barbeque in the near future. The last Groovin' in the Grove was held last week. Mayor Calderone expressed his thanks to Beverly Thompson and her staff for their dedication and hard work as well as to the Public Works department for the preparation and clean up efforts.

Commissioner Hoskins reported that the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Beloit held their block party and would like to thank the Public Works and Fire departments as well as the Mayor and Commissioner Curry for attending and helping out. In addition, Commissioner Hoskins expressed appreciation to his wife Monique (block Secretary) as well as the Rice, Hopp, Berndt, Thompson, Wawzenek and Watson families for organizing and all their work on the party.

Commissioner Curry expressed his appreciation to all of the residents who attended and provided feedback at the ZBA hearing regarding the zoning code text amendments. Commissioner Curry reported that the Health and Safety Department has received reports of rodents and has instituted a Rodent Control Program. Commissioner Curry reminded all in attendance that the Centennial Fest is this Labor Day weekend and wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day.

Commissioner Tellalian congratulated Public Works Department on the great job done with the storms last week and reported that we are accepting requests for tree plantings at this time.

Announced that the Forest Park Fire Department received a grant from Homeland Security to help pay for a new fire engine as well as for supplying free smoke detectors to Forest Park residents.

Commissioner Curry reminded all in attendance that Forest Park will be celebrating its centennial over Labor Day weekend. Commissioner Curry further urged public attendance at the August 20, 2007 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, where the zoning text amendments will be discussed. Last, Commissioner Curry reported that on July 13th a Forest Park woman was diagnosed with the West Nile Virus and reminded residents to take precautions against insect bites.

Commissioner Hosty reported that the expansion of the pocket park on the 1100 block of Lathrop should be completed by tomorrow.

The Village Council recessed into closed session at 8:20 p.m.

The Village council reconvened into open session at 10:16 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Ordinance fixing the salaries for the officials and employees of the Village of Forest Park from and after May 1, 2007, be tabled.

**ORDINANCE FIXING
SALARIES FROM AND AFTER
MAY 1, 2007
TABLED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins to reappoint Michael J. Sturino to the position of Village Administrator, Vanessa Moritz to the office of Village Clerk, Storino, Ramello & Durkin to the office of Village Attorney, Christopher Burke Engineering to the office of Village Engineer, Sharon O'Shea to the office of Village Prosecutor, Andrew Collis to the office of Village Treasurer, James Ryan to the position of Chief of Police, Steven Glinke to the position of Fire Chief, Robert Kutak to the position of Public Works Director, Beverly Thompson to the position of Community Center Director and Michael Boyle to the position of Public Health and Safety Director. It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry to amend the motion to add the reappointment of Judy Kovacs to the position of Finance Director. Roll call was called on the amendment to the motion:

**MOTION TO REAPPOINT
CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND
DEPARTMENT HEADS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Roll call was then called on the main motion:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian
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 Curry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 10:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk