

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING OCTOBER 9, 2007**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call. Mayor Calderone stated that Commissioner Hosty is absent because he was married over the weekend and is on his honeymoon.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on September 24, 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, Tellalian  
and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Kathleen Garness of 102 Lathrop stated that when the forms were removed from the replacement curbs on Lathrop she noticed pitting and substandard work. Ms. Garness further stated that she spoke with the engineer from Christopher Burke Engineering and he told her that they would obtain an extended surety bond. Ms. Garness expressed her concern about Christopher Burke Engineering's capabilities and dissatisfaction with tax dollars being spent on substandard work that will likely need to be done again.

Ms. Odessa Bynum-Wynn of 7456 Washington stated that there is a sidewalk adjacent to the parking lot of her building that is not accessible to wheelchairs due to uneven pavement. Ms. Bynum-Wynn further requested the data gathered by the speed sensor because she feels that there is excessive speeding traffic on Washington. Last, Ms. Bynum-Wynn complimented the Fire Department Staff for working so hard and for doing a terrific job.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Roland Comer of Family Outreach Program requested permission to hold a fund raising event in Forest Park on October 12 and 13, 2007. Commissioner Tellalian stated that this organization does most of their work in the Joliet area and asked whether they will provide any assistance to local residents. Clerk Moritz stated that when she last checked, Family Outreach stated that they were doing a lot to help Hurricane Katrina victims all over the Chicago area. Clerk Moritz was asked to

follow up with Family Outreach and to provide information to the elected officials. There being no further objections, the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Comer of the approval.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Finance Department and the Department of Public Health and Safety submitted their September reports.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry 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 \$305,639.19.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Calderone stated that the next order of business was for information only and that no Council action is necessary. Mayor Calderone continued that Village Clerk, Vanessa Moritz, requested to have an additional Deputy Village Clerk and has appointed Ms. Susan Bothie as a Deputy Village Clerk. Mayor Calderone administered the official oath of office to Ms. Bothie.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian to set the Trick-or-Treat hours on October 31, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Village Administrator, Michael J. Sturino, reported on the following:

- He is working on an intergovernmental agreement with River Forest and Oak Park. The agreement would require the respective Villages to provide matching funds for a Phase I Engineering Study of the Harlem Avenue Viaduct. The purpose of the study is to have “shelf-ready” plans in order to be prepared for federal grant dollars for the ultimate reconstruction of this location. The total cost of Phase I is \$800,000. River Forest is the lead community and has obtained a grant. Oak Park and Forest Park would be expected to contribute \$45,500 each. Mr. Sturino stated that the source of the Village of Forest Park’s \$45,500 match is the Brown Street Tax Increment Finance District. The Brown Street TIF current balance is \$1,800,000.
- Staff has analyzed our current parking and local ordinance fine structure. Parking and local ordinance fines were compared with neighboring communities and staff believes that three parking fines be increased by \$5.00. The result would be approximately \$97,000 per year in additional fines. Another staff recommendation is to amend the Village Code to provide for a fine for trucks not displaying their safety test decal in the amount of \$100 rather than the current \$25. This offense is now a class C misdemeanor if charged on a state violation.
- A defendant charged with violation of local code pertaining to “unlawful deposit” was found not guilty after her attorney persuaded the Village Administrative Adjudicator that our code is deficient. Staff intends to present an amendment to the Village Code to provide clarification of this issue.
- The new automated parking meter devices are set to be installed beginning this month in 4 locations along Madison Street. Electrical service is in place and the machines have arrived. Mr. Sturino spoke about this program at today’s Chamber of Commerce meeting. We will pursue a public awareness and educational campaign with the business community to work on a smooth transition.
- Mr. Sturino met with School Superintendent, Dr. Lou Cavallo on October 3 to discuss the school’s continued commitment to the well-being of Forest Park school-aged children. Specifically, he addressed the issue of use of school facilities for basketball activities for youth. Dr. Cavallo stated that the facilities are well utilized after regular school hours. They both agreed to continue the dialogue to ensure that every available avenue is explored to find recreational opportunities for youth. A more formal meeting with the School District, the Park District and Village leaders will be held in the near future.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

Commissioner Hoskins congratulated the Fire Department on a job well done with respect to their response to a recent fire and rescue in Forest Park last week.

Commissioner Curry reported that there will be a Senior Safety Seminar on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. at the Community Center and urged the public to attend.

Commissioner Tellalian reported that the Recreation Board has reviewed the information from DLK regarding the replacement fencing style for the Circle and Randolph park and stated that the plans will be presented to the Village Council soon.

Mayor Calderone reported on the following:

- The Forest Park Centennial Cookbook is still available for \$5.00 each. The Mayor urged everyone to spread the word that they are available at Village Hall and the Community Center.

- The annual Cindy Lyons Health Fair will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. All are welcome. Free flu shots will be administered at that time.
- Provision Township will be presenting a Taxpayer Outreach Program on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. They will explain the process of a tax appeal and will have forms available. All are welcome.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
**Village Clerk**