

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 16, 2008**

Mayor Calderone called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call. Also in attendance were Village Administrator, Michael J. Sturino, Village Clerk, Vanessa Moritz and Finance Director, Judy Kovacs.

Mayor Calderone stated that the purpose of the meeting was a continuation of the first budget meeting held on May 28, 2008. Mr. Sturino stated that the proposed budget includes the changes discussed at the May 28 meeting and added that the revenue remains a realistic projection and the expenses reflect amounts required to provide necessary services. Revenue projections include built-in increases in water and garbage fees. Mr. Sturino further explained that the appropriation has been prepared based upon this budget with an allowance of 2% to accommodate unforeseen fluctuations on the expense side only. The budget will serve as the internal working document for staff. A document showing a comparison of the budget to the appropriation was distributed. It was also discussed that the fleet vehicles will be analyzed to determine whether any can be eliminated. Mr. Sturino will report back to the elected officials.

It was discussed that requested IT information has been forwarded to the elected officials. It was also discussed that Mr. Sturino will explore the use of rebuilt computers as opposed to purchasing new machines. Mr. Sturino explained that computers are being handed down from one department to another department (that has less demanding information processing needs). Mr. Sturino will confirm that our IT budget is in line with other comparable municipalities with regard to percent of gross expenditures.

Mr. Sturino alerted elected officials that an unexpected expense of converting traffic signals to LED lights at the proposed intersections of the red light cameras was discovered after the last budget meeting. Staff is reviewing state grants as well as the use of seizure funds and TIF funds. This would be considered a TIF eligible expense. Mr. Sturino will review the actual TIF document. The cost is approximately \$40,000.00 for both intersections.

It was discussed and agreed that should additional revenue become available, it will be earmarked for Youth Services. \$100,000.00 will be appropriated for this expense.

It was discussed and agreed that Public Property line item for Playground Maintenance/Improvements will be increased to \$60,000.00 from \$40,000.00 to allow for the completion of North Park and the possibility of building gazebos at other Parks. It was further discussed that dog park fees for non-residents should be increased.

It was discussed that the Police Department will re-evaluate their requests to determine if one motorcycle can be allocated for within the current dollar amount appropriated for the department.

It was discussed that we should investigate whether we can renovate the apartment building on Adams to accommodate the detectives and eliminate the need for the rental of the trailer.

Fuel costs will be adjusted to reflect current gas prices.

It was discussed that savings may be realized in Public Works salaries whether or not an Assistant Director has not been chosen as it is unlikely the search will be completed before Bob Kutak leaves at the beginning of July.

Conclusion:

The following adjustments will be made.

Added expenses:

\$100,000	Appropriation for Youth Services (not in operating budget) in Public Property budget.
\$ 20,000	Playground Maintenance/Improvements in Public Property budget.

Net Budget Change is \$20,000.00. Please note that Youth Services appropriation is not included in the budget as it will only be spent if additional revenue is realized.

It was discussed that the Village Council will consider the annual appropriation ordinance at the next Village Council Meeting on June 23rd. The public hearing will be held at 6:45 on June 23rd (just prior to the Regular Council Meeting).

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 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk