

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 14, 2008**

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 Hoskins that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on December 17, 2007 be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct. It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian to amend the minutes by removing "because of an apparent error" and replacing that with "to allow the Village Clerk to increase the level of detail" on page one. The motion died for a lack of a second. The Clerk was directed to call the roll call on the motion to approve the minutes.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner Tellalian

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the minutes from the November 27, 2007 Closed Session meeting of the council be approved.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Finance, Fire and Health & Safety Departments submitted their November and December reports.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins 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 \$876,101.95.

**R-01-08  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$876,101.95  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Minutes from the November 26, 2007 Regular meeting of the Council be removed from the table and that said minutes be approved. Commissioner Tellalian expressed his desire for the Village Clerk to reflect a higher level of discussion detail in the minutes. There being no further discussion, the Clerk was directed to call the roll call.

**MINUTES FROM  
NOVEMBER 26, 2007  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
MEETING  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner Tellalian

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Minutes from the October 24, 2007 Closed Session meeting of the Council be removed from the table and that said minutes be approved.

**MINUTES FROM THE  
OCTOBER 24, 2007  
CLOSED SESSION  
COUNCIL MEETING  
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 a variation to the amount of permitted signage for a restaurant in the

**O-01-08  
ORDINANCE GRANTING  
VARIATION RE: ZBA  
Village of Forest Park, Cook  
County, Illinois, re: ZBA 2007-  
18: 7660 Madison Street be**

removed from the table and that said Ordinance be adopted. It was discussed that the proposed sign has fewer square feet than originally approved by the ZBA and will not have an electronic message reader included.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance granting a conditional use and granting a variation to reduce the existing off-street parking for a Restaurant in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZBA 2007-22: 7636 Madison Street/Gaetano DiBenedetto be adopted.

**O-02-08  
ORDINANCE GRANTING  
CONDITIONAL USE AND  
VARIATION RE: ZBA  
2007-22: 7636 MADISON  
STREET  
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 that the Resolution authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of an administration/switchboard operator be approved.

**R-02-08  
RESOLUTION WAIVING  
IMRF HIRING FREEZE RE:  
ADMINISTRATION/SWITCH  
BOARD OPERATOR  
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 that the Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposition of surplus property of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be approved. It was discussed that our Police Dog, Sam, will be retained by the canine officer for a nominal fee and the Canine program will be discontinued at the Police Chief's direction.

**O-03-08  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
SALE OR DISPOSITION OF  
SURPLUS VILLAGE  
PROPERTY  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution calling for the United  
**2007-18: 7660 MADISON STREET**

**R-03-08  
RESOLUTION FOR UNITED  
States to ratify the United  
Nations Convention on the**

Rights of Persons with Disabilities be adopted. The Clerk read the Resolution aloud.

**STATES TO RATIFY  
UNITED NATIONS  
CONVENTION ON RIGHTS  
OF PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

None

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS**

Commissioner Curry wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that The University of Illinois is holding “Quit Smoking” classes in connection with the Smoke Free Illinois Act, which commenced on January 1, 2008. Anyone interested can contact Amy Reynolds at 708-449-4320. Commissioner Curry further reported that the Little League is holding a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, January 20 from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Harrison Street Café.

Commissioner Hosty reported that since the Smoke Free Illinois Act has commenced, there are an excessive amount of cigarette butts on the street and sidewalk. Commissioner Hosty suggested that the Village select an appropriate “standard” ashtray to be used along Madison Street. Commissioner Hosty further urged smokers to be cognizant of the surrounding neighborhood when smoking outdoors.

Commissioner Tellalian expressed his desire to reinforce Commissioner Hosty’s remarks, however he further stated that the business owners should be responsible for purchasing and maintaining said ashtrays as well as for cleaning up after their patrons.

**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 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk