

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 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 January 28, 2008 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

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms Sandra Williams, Assistant Major Events Coordinator for the Salvation Army, requested permission to hold their annual Donut Day on Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, 2008 as well as the Christmas Kettles on Friday November 21 through Wednesday, December 24, 2008 in Forest Park. There were no objections by the Village Council and the clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Williams of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance and Public Health and Safety Departments submitted their January reports.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Resolution 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

**R-08-08
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$498,110.91
APPROVED**

payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$498,110.91.

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 Tellalian to amend the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 17, 2007 on page 1 to delete "because there is an apparent error." and replace that with "to allow the Village Clerk to increase the level of detail in the minutes." The motion died for lack of a second.

**MOTION TO AMEND
MINUTES OF DECEMBER
17, 2007
DIES FOR LACK OF
SECOND**

NEW BUSINESS

Village Administrator, Michael J. Sturino, presented a draft amendment to the Taxicab Ordinance to the Village Council for discussion and feedback. It was the consensus of the Council that the minimum fleet was too high at 10 cars and in the spirit of competition, the minimum should be set at a lower number with the possibility of exceptions for specialty/fuel efficient cars. It was also discussed that smoking should be prohibited at all times within the taxicab. The Village Council requested that staff review the ordinance and revise as appropriate.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING
AMENDMENT TO TAXICAB
ORDINANCE**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the Ordinance amending the Village Code with respect to Water Rates and Charges be adopted. It was discussed that the need for an increase was due to a 15% increase in our cost to purchase water from the City of Chicago. It was further discussed that we are merely passing along the Chicago increase to our customers, including other municipalities to which Forest Park supplies water.

**O-07-08
ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE WATER RATES AND
CHARGES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry and Hosty,

NAYS: Commissioner Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

A discussion ensued about snow route signage. It was explained that the current snow route plan allows for no parking on certain sides of certain streets after 2" or more

**DISCUSSION REGARDING
SNOW ROUTE SIGNAGE**
snowfall. The signs allow for towing so that the Public

Works Department can plow the street. It was suggested that we notify residents of the snow route implementation through our reverse 911 (Code Red) telephone system. It was also suggested that an alternate side-alternate day program be implemented October 15 through April 15 to allow Public Works to plow both sides of the streets. Staff was asked to research the cost to replace the signs throughout the Village.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Curry announced that the Forest Park St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 1st.

Commissioner Hosty commended the Public Works department for doing an amazing job of filling potholes before this last storm. Commissioner Hosty further stated that due to the harsh winter and the freezing and thawing, our streets are in poor condition and will need extensive repairs. The repairs will be reflected in the upcoming budget. Commissioner Hosty asked the Village Council for financial support to repair the streets.

Commissioner Tellalian commended the Public Works department on a great job clearing the streets and sidewalks and urged residents and businesses to clear and salt their sidewalks.

Mayor Calderone complimented and commended the Public Works department for their hard work in clearing the snow.

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 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk