

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 25, 2008**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 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 Special Council meeting on February 11, 2008 be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct. Commissioner Tellalian requested a copy of the presentation materials that were distributed at the February 11, 2008 special meeting.

**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 minutes from the Regular Council meeting on February 11, 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

Mayor Calderone asked whether there was any objection to moving the Crowe Chizek audit presentation from new business item #1 to be prior to the communications. There were no objections.

Mr. Jim Pandolfi of Crowe Chizek explained different aspects of the audit report for the period ended April 30, 2007. Mr. Pandolfi outlined the audit report, the auditor's opinion, the summary of assets, the debt to equity ratio, the asset to liability ratio and statement of budget and actual. Mr. Pandolfi

stated that the Village received a clean opinion, that the Village's asset to liability ratio is better than good, the debt to equity ratio is good, and explained that though the expected revenue was about \$400,000 less than anticipated, there was a reduction in expenditures, which resulted in a breakeven year. Mr. Pandolfi further stated that the Village has been living within its means and is fiscally in a strong position. Mr. Pandolfi offered a template for the Village Council to use to analyze its fraud and risk potential and advised that new standards for journal entries have been put in place this year. In closing Mr. Pandolfi stated that in comparison with other municipalities, Forest Park is about in the middle of the curve when it comes to reserves and has a very strong ability to pay bills on a timely basis.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Matthew Sullivan, Owner, O'Sullivan's Public House requested permission to erect a tent on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> for the St. Patrick's Day parade. There were no objections and the clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Sullivan.

The Board of Directors of the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and Development expressed their desire for the Village Council to take action to remedy the parking shortage along Madison Street. A discussion ensued and the Mayor and Commissioners expressed their opinions and ideas. Commissioner Tellalian expressed his desire for businesses to fund the solution. Commissioner Hoskins expressed his desire for improvements to the south side of Forest Park. Business owner, Joe Locke, spoke on behalf of the Chamber. It was discussed that the revenue in the parking fund is supplied by the users of the parking lots, not property taxes.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Community Center and Police 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 payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$1,156,915.57.

**R-09-08  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$1,156,915.57  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution approving and publishing the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-10-08  
RESOLUTION ADOPTING  
OFFICIAL ZONING MAP  
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 authorize the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to hire two (2) police officers from the current eligibility roster.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
BOARD OF FIRE AND  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
TO HIRE TWO POLICE  
OFFICERS  
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 to grant a variance regarding ZBA 2008-01: 1310 Marengo.

**MOTION DIRECTING  
VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO  
PREPARE ORDINANCE RE:  
ZBA 2008-01: 1310  
MARENGO  
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 Curry that the Proclamation designating the week of March 2 through March 8, 2008 "LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK" in the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**PROCLAMATION  
DESIGNATING MARCH 2 –  
8, 2008 "LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT WEEK"  
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 Tellalian to recess into closed session to discuss pending litigation and to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for use by the public body.

**MOTION TO RECESS INTO  
CLOSED SESSION AT 9:00  
P.M.  
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 Curry to reconvene into open session.

**MOTION TO RECONVENE  
INTO OPEN SESSION AT  
10:00 P.M.  
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 execution of a settlement agreement between J&B Signs, Inc., I290 at Desplaines, LLC and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-11-08  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH J&B SIGNS, INC.  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner Curry

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

Commissioner Hoskins reported that the Village is getting ready for fiscal year 2009 and winding down fiscal year 2008. We are looking at trimming wherever possible and limiting growth where we can. Forest Park is in a strong position and we will try to make 2009 good with sensible spending, zero waste while providing quality services.

Commissioner Curry announced that on March 27 at 11:30 a.m. the Community Center will be hosting Senior bingo. In addition, the St. Patrick's parade will be held Saturday, March 1 at 1:00.

Commissioner Hosty stated that he and his department are working on the pothole issues. This winter was the worst on record with regard to the volume of cold patch material as well as street salt usage. Public Works Director Bob Kutak and Assistant Director John Doss are working on identifying the worst areas for prioritizing repairs. There are large projects planned for Harvard and Jackson streets. Commissioner Hosty further stated that the Village is going to try a pilot program at Madison and Circle by converting the traffic light to a flashing red “stop sign.” This will be tested for approximately 30 days. In addition, there are permanent crosswalk improvements planned for this spring.

Commissioner Tellalian stated that he would pass along some information regarding raised sidewalks as a traffic calmer. Commissioner Tellalian reported that the Public Works department is gearing up for the spring tree planting program. Any property owner interested in a parkway tree installation should call the Public Works Department. Commissioner Tellalian reported that the Recreation Board will meet on Tuesday, March 4 to discuss ongoing projects at the Village-owned parks.

Mayor Calderone announced that our Village Council meetings can now be viewed by accessing our website [www.forestpark.net](http://www.forestpark.net). Anyone interested can view the entire meeting if they look for the icon on the Council Minutes page. Mayor Calderone further stated that he had some discussions with the Village of Oak Park on the topic of minutes and the content of minutes and discovered that the Village of Oak Park recently decided that they would only include action items in their minutes, as has the Village of Forest Park.

### **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 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
**Village Clerk**