

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING MARCH 24, 2008**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the minutes from the Closed Session Council meeting on February 25, 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, Tellalian  
and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Curry that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on March 10, 2008 be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Curry to amend the March 10, 2008 minutes on page four to read "The grant cannot be used to improve existing parking, but for addition of parking in or adjacent to the Madison Street Business District."

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to call the roll call on the approval of the minutes as amended.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Brian Kaczmar of 7420 Madison Street stated that he is the president of the Forest Park Liquor Association and stated that he is opposed to the increase in the Liquor License fees and requested that the Village Council either decline the increase or reduce to a more level ground.

Mr. Martin Sorice, owner of Blueberry Hill at 7425 Madison, stated that this is the worst economy in the 25 years he has been in business and requested that the Village Council forgo an increase this year and then split the proposed increase over the following three years. Mr. Sorice further requested that the license fee be payable in two installments rather than all at once.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Ms. Laurie Kokenes, Executive Director of the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce & Development requested permission to hold Summerfest 2008 on Madison Street on Friday, June 6 from 5 to 11 p.m. and Saturday, June 7 from noon to 10 p.m. Ms. Kokenes further requested permission to sell beer at the event. There being no objections from the Village Council, the clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Kokenes of the approval.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Police and Public Works Departments submitted their February reports.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian 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 \$353,276.58.

**R-16-08  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$353,276.58  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry that the Ordinance amending Chapter 3 entitled "Liquor Control" of Title 3 entitled "Business and License Regulations" of the Village of Forest Park Village Code of Ordinances be adopted. It was discussed that in addition to amending the annual fees, the classifications of licenses was relabeled. It was discussed that license fees must be associated with the amount of work necessary to license the business and the work is generally the same,

**O-09-08  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
LIQUOR CODE  
APPROVED AS AMENDED**

regardless of the size of the establishment.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry to amend the Ordinance to allow for payment of the liquor license fee in 2 installments.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that Ordinance amending Chapter 3 entitled "Liquor Control" of Title 3 entitled "Business and License Regulations" of the Village of Forest Park Village Code of Ordinances be amended to reduce fees for A2 licenses to \$1,400.00, reduce fees for A3 licenses to \$1,200.00 and to define the Classification for A2 to read "This license shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquor at one dispensing station (bar) for consumption only on the premises specified, occupied by patrons for consumption in connection with, and as part of, the meals sold to them by such business."

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Hoskins and Tellalian

**NAYS:** Commissioner Curry and Mayor Calderone

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion fails.

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian that the Ordinance amending Chapter 3 entitled "Liquor Control" of Title 3 entitled "Business and License Regulations" of the Village of Forest Park Village Code of Ordinances be amended to reduce fees for A6 licenses to \$600.00 and to reduce fees for B2 licenses to \$600. The motion fails for lack of a second.

The clerk is instructed to call the roll call on the amended motion that the Ordinance amending Chapter 3 entitled "Liquor Control" of Title 3 entitled "Business and License Regulations" of the Village of Forest Park Village Code of Ordinances be adopted as amended to allow two installment payments of the license fee.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**MOTION TO AMEND  
PROPOSED LIQUOR CODE  
ORDINANCE REGARDING  
FEE PAYMENT IN  
INSTALLMENTS  
APPROVED**

**MOTION TO AMEND  
PROPOSED LIQUOR CODE  
ORDINANCE REGARDING  
A2 AND A3 LICENSE FEES  
FAILS**

**MOTION TO AMEND  
PROPOSED LIQUOR CODE  
ORDINANCE REGARDING  
A6 AND B2 LICENSE FEES  
FAILS**

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the Ordinance amending Chapter 10, entitled "Taxicabs, Taximeters, and Drivers" be adopted. It was discussed that the requirement of a minimum fleet size be eliminated and that the maximum age the taxi can be is 10 years.

**O-10-08  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 10 REGARDING  
TAXICABS, TAXIMETERS  
AND DRIVERS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Curry that the Resolution for the maintenance of streets and highways by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code be adopted.

**R-17-08  
RESOLUTION FOR  
MAINTENANCE OF  
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Tiered Approach to Corrective-Action Right-of-Way Agreement for the alley adjacent to the property located at 7201 West Madison Street in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted. It was discussed that this is the fourth agreement of this type, which indemnifies the Village of Forest Park from liability.

**O-11-08  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
TIERED APPROACH TO  
CORRECTIVE ACTION  
RIGHT OF WAY  
AGREEMENT RE: 7201  
MADISON  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Resolution providing for the levy of an additional Library Tax for Building and Maintenance be adopted.

**R-18-08  
RESOLUTION FOR LEVY  
OF LIBRARY TAX FOR  
BUILDING &  
MAINTENANCE  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

Mayor Calderone reported the following:

- That the St. Patrick's Day Parade was a success. The Village again sponsored the reviewing stand, which was borrowed from the Park District and the rental of the sound equipment was sponsored by a \$1,200.00 donation by corporate partner, Commonwealth Edison. The parade was filmed by Comcast, another corporate partner of the Village.
- The Mayor asked that the word be spread about the "Earth Hour" campaign we are supporting. The idea of the campaign is to switch off the lights for an hour at 8:00 p.m. on March 29, 2008.
- Forest Park National Bank and Trust is sponsoring a shredding event on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Anyone can have up to 2 boxes of documents shredded at no charge by the on-site shredder.
- The West Cook Municipal Conference is hosting an electronic recycling event at Triton College. Mayor Calderone recommended that the Village of Forest Park have an electronics collection the Saturday before and transport the recyclables to Triton College for our residents.
- The Illinois Attorney General's Office is holding an Internet Safety presentation on April 18 at the Community Center. The purpose of the presentation is to teach children and their parents how to protect kids who use the internet. There is no registration or fee required.
- Community Center Director, Beverly Thompson has arranged for the Illinois Secretary of State's office to be at the Community Center on Monday, April 21 for Super Senior Day. Anyone wishing to renew their driver's license or state I.D. can attend.
- The West Cook Municipal Conference has adopted a resolution supporting the Chicago bid for the 2016 Olympics. If Chicago wins the bid, Forest Park will benefit as well.
- Mayor Calderone thanked the other elected officials for attending the West Cook Municipal Conference's Legislative Breakfast.
- The Village of Forest Park's elected officials are participating in a legislative drive down to Springfield on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- After being contacted by both the Mayor and the Public Works Director, IDOT has agreed to make needed pothole repairs on State roads, saving the Village the cost of repairing these ourselves.

Commissioner Hoskins reported that we are almost at the end of fiscal year 2008. He is working with department heads on the budget for fiscal year 2009 and asking them to submit austere budget requests for the coming year. This year we have had large overtime costs and some large purchases. Revenue did not meet expectations, especially with regard to permit fees and sales tax. In addition, our liability insurance was required to be paid in one lump sum as opposed to the installments in past years. Staff is working to cut costs and curtail spending and making progress

with that. Commissioner Hoskins assured the voters and taxpayers that we are honoring the trust they have placed in us.

Commissioner Curry noted that it is the time of year when contractors have been known to take advantage of citizens. Commissioner Curry asked residents to report any unsolicited contractors to the Health and Safety Department. Commissioner Curry reminded residents that they should ask Contractors whether they are licensed with the Village and to remember to obtain permits as needed.

Commissioner Tellalian reported that the Village of Oak Park is hosting a presentation about the Cook/DuPage corridor and is taking public comments on that subject until March 31, 2008. They will be discussing proposed improvements to infrastructure including the Blue Line and the Eisenhower expressway. This is a good opportunity for citizens to give input.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
**Village Clerk**