THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING MAY 12, 2008

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 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 April 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

Mr. Kevin E. Scott of 255 S. Marion, Oak Park stated that the YMCA was quoted in the newspaper as being a hybrid of a Hotel/Apartment.

Mr. Daniel Fore of 1116 Garfield, Oak Park stated that on January 30th, there was an article in the Wednesday Journal quoting West Cook YMCA President, Scott Gaalas as saying that the YMCA is a hybrid between a hotel and an apartment building, residents don't have leases, they pay for the week and the YMCA pays the hotel tax for the first 30 days. Mr. Fore further stated that in response to a FOIA request from the Village of Oak Park, they Village stated that the YMCA does not have a business license because they are not required to have one due to their not-for-profit status. In addition the Village of Oak Park stated that the YMCA does not pay hotel taxes due to the fact that the YMCA is not considered a hotel. Mr. Fore stated that his point was to bring to the attention of the Village of Forest Park the serious issue that the YMCA makes untrue statements to the public land the newspaper because the YMCA is moving to Forest Park.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Roland Comer of Family Outreach Program requested permission to hold a tag day fundraising event in the Village on June 6 and 7, 2008. There were no objections and the clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Comer of the approval.

Mrs. Colleen Kevil of Kevil's Restaurant requested permission to close a portion of Elgin Avenue on June 1st to hold a fundraising event for West Suburban Pads. There were no objections and the clerk was instructed to notify Mrs. Kevil of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance, Fire, Public Works and Public Health and Safety submitted their April Reports and the Police Department submitted their March report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

R-26-08
RESOLUTION FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $649,052.07
APPROVED

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 $649,052.07. It will be reflected in the record that not all of the $559,898.42 listed under Accounts and Finance, Clerks Office were for expenses from the Clerk's Office. Some of these expenses were for other departments.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The motion carried unanimously.

O-16-08
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OF THE VILLAGE
APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the Ordinance authorizing the sale by Public Auction of Surplus Property of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The motion carried unanimously.

O-17-08
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TIERED APPROACH TO CORRECTIVE-ACTION RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT FOR 949 SOUTH HARLEM
APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Tiered Approach to Corrective-Action Right-of-Way Agreement for the property located at 949 South Harlem, Forest Park, Illinois be adopted.

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 adopting certain standards regarding elevator inspections and approving an Illinois Elevator Safety Program Agreement with the Office of the State Fire Marshall be adopted.

0-18-08
ORDINANCE ADOPTING ELEVATOR INSPECTION STANDARDS AND APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL APPROVED

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The motion carried unanimously.

The clerk was asked to read into the record a Proclamation designating May 18 through 24, 2008 as "National Public Works Week."

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 18-24, 2008 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - No Report

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Hoskins reported that the most recent (projected) financial report still has the Village at a loss of about $700,000.00. Commissioner Hoskins stated that revenues were down about $250,000.00 in sales taxes, due primarily to Wal-Mart's lower sales volume as well as a lower property tax revenue than expected. Commissioner Hoskins further stated that he has worked with the Village Administrator and the Finance Director to keep the departments' budget requests at no more than a 5% increase over FY 08. Commissioner Hoskins requested that the Mayor schedule a budget workshop for the Village Council and Department Heads to discuss the FY 09 budget. Last, Commissioner Hoskins congratulated Fire Chief Glinke and his wife on the birth of their son this week.

Commissioner Curry wished a Happy Mother's day to all Mom's in attendance and to his own Mom.

Commissioner Hosty requested a copy of the revised department budget for his department prior to the budget workshop from Commissioner Hoskins.

Commissioner Tellalian noted that the Forest Park Review stated that the Village needs to name its parks and reported that the Recreation Board is and has been working on assigning names to all of the Village-owned parks.

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 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk