

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING JUNE 9, 2008**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 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 May 27, 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the minutes from the May 27, 2008 Closed Session Meeting of the Council be approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian that the minutes from the May 27, 2008 Closed Session meeting of the Council be tabled to allow the Village Clerk to increase the level of detail. The motion failed for lack of a second and the Clerk was instructed to call the roll call on the original 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 Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the minutes from the May 28, 2008 Special meeting of the Council 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 to replace the sentence "The \$31,600 reduction in requested part-time police officer wages was questioned" with "Commissioner Tellalian asked that the other elected officials consider increasing the budget for part-time police officers by \$31,600.00." The motion failed for lack of a second and the Clerk was instructed to call the roll call on the original motion to approve the minutes.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: Commissioner Tellalian

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Debra Vines of 1038 Troost Avenue addressed the Council as a representative of The Answer, Inc., which is an organization that provides support, resources, education, recreation and advocacy for parents and caregivers of persons with Autism and other developmental disabilities. Ms. Vines distributed flyers outlining the organization’s dance on June 12, 2008 as well as their picnic on August 2, 2008 and asked the Village of Forest Park and other Proviso municipalities to support their organization.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Larry Piekarz, Co-Chairman of the All School Picnic Committee thanked the Mayor and Members of the Village council as well as the Village Police, Fire and Public Works departments for their help and support with the 35th Annual Bob Haeger All School Picnic.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department submitted its May, 2008 report.

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 \$387,006.41.

**R-30-08
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$387,006.41
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 direct the Village Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one (1) candidate from its current Firefighter Eligibility List to fill a vacancy.

**MOTION DIRECTING
BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
TO APPOINT ONE
FIREFIGHTER CANDIDATE
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 appoint Mr. John Doss to the position of Director of Public Works. It was discussed that this appointment would be effective upon the resignation of current Director, Bob Kutak on July 2, 2008. It was further discussed that it has not been agreed upon by Commissioners Tellalian and Hosty whether an assistant director will be hired. The Village Administrator was asked to research organizational changes or detail how to provide training to allow Mr. Doss to succeed as Public Works Director without an assistant.

**MOTION APPOINTING MR.
JOHN DOSS TO THE
POSITION OF DIRECTOR
OF PUBLIC WORKS
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 Resolution to enter into an agreement with Cook County for access to Cook County's Geographic Information System (GIS) databases for use by the Village of Forest Park Geographical Information System be adopted.

**R-31-08
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
AGREEMENT WITH COOK
COUNTY FOR GIS SYSTEM
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 establishing a temporary moratorium on the permit fees charged for the construction, demolition, and repair of garages as required by Section 8-2-3 of the code of the Village of Forest Park, Illinois be adopted. It was discussed that the Village may look at moratoriums as incentives for green design, conservation and energy savings in the future. It was noted that this moratorium would end on August 31, 2008. It was further discussed that the garage permit fees for the three victims of the recent arson fires were administratively waived prior to the adoption of this ordinance.

**0-22-08
TEMPORARY
MORATORIUM ON PERMIT
FEES FOR GARAGE
REPAIRS, DEMOLITION
AND CONSTRUCTION
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: Commissioner Tellalian

ABSENT: None
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance authorizing the execution of a First Amendment to Real Estate Contract with the West Cook Young Men's Christian Association's Incorporated be adopted.

**O-23-08
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
FIRST AMENDMENT TO
REAL ESTATE CONTRACT
WITH YMCA
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 Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Phase I Engineering Study of the Harlem Avenue Viaduct be adopted.

**R-32-08
RESOLUTION APPROVING
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT FOR PHASE I
ENGINEERING STUDY
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 Ordinance authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Surplus Property of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be approved.

**O-24-08
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
SALE OR DISPOSITION OF
SURPLUS PROPERTY
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 Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the CDBG Desplaines-Ferdinand Alley Reconstruction Project be adopted.

**R-33-08
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF
CDBG CONTRACT TO
J. NARDULLI CONCRETE,
INC.
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 Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the Forest Park 2008 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program be adopted.

**R-34-08
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF
50/50 SIDEWALK
CONTRACT TO M & A
CEMENT WORKS, INC.
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 amending Title 1 of the Code of the Village of Forest Park regarding the Fire and Police Pension Funds be adopted.

**O-25-08
ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 1 RE: FIRE AND
POLICE PENSION FUNDS
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 Hoskins that the Ordinance providing for the declaration of the General Prevailing Rate of hourly wages for the Public Works within the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-26-08
ORDINANCE PROVIDING
FOR GENERAL
PREVAILING WAGES
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 Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution in Honor of the 2008 Juneteenth National Freedom Day be adopted. Commissioner Hoskins explained that June 19th 1865 is the date that the Civil War General came to Galveston Texas to announce that Slavery was abolished in this country. This holiday is part of the American Heritage and 25 states, including Illinois and the City of Chicago recognize and celebrate this date. It was noted that a sample resolution was forwarded to all of the mayors that are members of the Proviso Municipal League and 100% support the adoption of the resolution.

**R-35-08
RESOLUTION IN HONOR
OF 2008 JUNETEENTH
NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY
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 Resolution stating that as a Result of a semi-annual review of the minutes of closed Meetings, a determination has been made that a need for Confidentiality still exists as to all of the minutes reviewed

**R-36-08
RESOLUTION RE: SEMI-ANNUAL
REVIEW OF CLOSED MEETING
MINUTES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - No Report

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Hoskins reported the following:

- He would like to recognize the outstanding performance of some of the Village staff.
 - Fire Chief Glinke released a department order not to idle vehicles in light of the increased fuel costs.
 - The fiscal year 2008 deficit projection has been cut to \$740,000 from \$1 million as a result of teamwork among the staff, including the Village Clerk rectifying the allocation of \$100,000.00 in health insurance payments and the Finance Director's work along with the Police Pension Fund, which shaved \$135,000.00.
- Commissioner Hoskins did some lobbying and applied for grants in the last year. The state passed their budget and we should be expecting the DCEO grant as soon as possible.
- He read an article about how the economy is affecting state governments, leaving 21 states in the red. There are thousands of local municipalities facing deficits due to a lack of revenues. Commissioner Hoskins expressed his pleasure in the fact that Forest Park has avoided laying off any employees.

Commissioner Curry expressed his thanks to the Elected Officials and Staff for their support of the garage permit fee temporary moratorium. Commissioner Curry further thanked Community Center Director, Beverly Thompson and the Senior Citizens who allowed him to participate in the Summerfest this weekend and have a great time.

Commissioner Hosty, speaking as the chair of the Summerfest Committee thanked the Community Center, Police, Fire and Public Works departments for their participation and great job on the Summerfest this weekend. Commissioner Hosty further recited a quote he heard over the weekend "Newspapers should reflect the tempo of the community, not try to dictate it."

Commissioner Tellalian agreed with Commissioner Hosty on the performance of the departments and a job well done for the Summerfest event. Commissioner Tellalian further stated that the Freedoms of Speech and Press are fundamental to this country. Last, Commissioner Tellalian stated that he does not wish to have to be faced with employee layoffs and feels that we should look at administrative waivers and moratoriums first.

Mayor Calderone stated that he is looking forward to hearing from Commissioner Curry to see how many residents take advantage of the garage permit fee moratorium and the calculation of the real cost to the Village, as he does not think it will affect the welfare of the Village of Forest Park. Mayor Calderone further stated that he would like to ask that the press report responsibly and accurately because citizens look to the Forest Park Review for information. Mayor Calderone further stated that he has no interest in asking the newspaper how the Mayor should establish policy or operate. There are a lot of people who have called Forest Park home for a long time. Forest Park government has been known as a town that can make decisions, as opposed to other municipalities who don't make decisions after years of discussion and debate. This is a town that gets the job done. Finally, Mayor Calderone challenged Commissioner Curry to find a way to get the word out to the homeowners and target properties that have garages that need work and/or replacement.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk