

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING JUNE 23, 2008**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 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 Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on June 9, 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 table the minutes approval to allow the clerk to include detail of discussions regarding the need for an assistant public works director as well as the discussion regarding the garage fee moratorium and other potential moratoria.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry and Tellalian

NAYS: Commissioner Hosty and Mayor Calderone

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the minutes from the June 16, 2008 Special Meeting of the Council be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Linda Marianiello of 505 Elgin Avenue spoke both in favor of and opposed to the development at 504-508 Elgin Avenue. Ms. Marianiello stated that she supports Mr. O'Reilly's proposal and appreciates the developer's working to come to a compromise with the area residents. Ms. Marianiello spoke in opposition of the density, scale and precedent that may be set with this development and added that zoning is important. She further expressed her dissatisfaction with staff reports and expressed her hope that the elected officials would vote keeping what is best for the Village of Forest Park in mind.

Mr. Jeff Lundeen of 7432 Washington stated that there is a nuisance dog in his building that is being kept on the balcony of an apartment, defecates and urinates on the balcony and barks incessantly.

Mr. Lundeen requested that the Village work on resolving this problem and that they respond in person when a complaint is called in.

Ms. Odessa Bynum Wynn of 7456 Washington expressed her appreciation to the Fire and Police Departments for their prompt assistance when she was trapped in the elevator during a power outage. Ms. Wynn stated that she was calmed by the dispatcher and professionally and quickly rescued by our Fire and Police personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and Development requested permission to hold their 8th annual Progressive Dinner and Arts al fresco event on Madison Street on Sunday, July 20, 2008 from 4:00 until 9:00 p.m. There being no objections, the clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Kokenes and Ms. Hanrahan of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police 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 \$327,256.30.

**R-37-08
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$327,256.30
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 honoring the life and accomplishments of Mr. August Scolaro and dedicating a portion of the 400 block of Hannah Avenue in his name be adopted. It was noted that an official copy of the Resolution will be presented at the street sign dedication ceremony.

**R-38-08
RESOLUTION HONORING
AUGUST SCOLARO AND
DEDICATING A PORTION
OF THE 400 BLOCK OF
HANNAH IN HIS NAME
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-39-08
RESOLUTION HONORING
HOWARD "BUD" BOY AND
DEDICATING HARRISON
STREET BETWEEN
FERDINAND AND
LATHROP IN HIS NAME
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the Resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of Mr. Howard "Bud" Boy and dedicating that portion of Harrison Street between Ferdinand Avenue and Lathrop Avenue in his name be adopted. It was noted that an official copy of the Resolution will be presented at the street sign dedication ceremony.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-40-08
RESOLUTION HONORING
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
ROBERT KUTAK UPON HIS
RESIGNATION
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioners Hosty and Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Resolution honoring Public Works Director Robert Kutak upon his resignation be adopted. Mr. Kutak was presented with an official copy of the Resolution.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
TO PROMOTE ONE
OFFICER TO THE RANK OF
POLICE SERGEANT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry to authorize the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to promote one police officer to the rank of police sergeant.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
TO HIRE ONE
PROBATIONARY POLICE
OFFICER
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins to authorize and direct the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to hire one probationary police officer.

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 Sections 11-1-2, entitled "Definitions," and 11-1-5, entitled "Base Flood Elevations," of Chapter 1, entitled "Development in Flood Hazard Areas," of Title 11 of the Code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was noted that although the map is not attached to the Ordinance, the Village Engineer is currently updating the map.

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 Appropriation Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal year beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009, be adopted. It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins to amend the Appropriation Ordinance by increasing the line item for Playground Maintenance and Improvements by \$20,000.00 from \$40,000.00 to \$60,000.00. It was noted that the additional \$20,000.00 expense would be included in subsequent sum totals in the ordinance. The Clerk was instructed to call the roll call on the amendment to the proposed Appropriation Ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

The Clerk was then instructed to call the roll call on the original motion, as amended.

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 execution of a contract with Mercury Systems to provide equipment and services to update the Village's Emergency

**O-27-08
ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTIONS 11-1-2 AND
11-1-5 OF TITLE 11 OF THE
VILLAGE CODE RE: FLOOD
HAZARD AREAS
APPROVED**

**O-28-08
APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2008
THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009
APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**MOTION TO AMEND
PROPOSED
APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2008
THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009
APPROVED**

**R-41-08
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION
OF CONTRACT WITH**

**MERCURY SYSTEM, INC
AND AUTHORIZING
FINANCING A PORTION OF
THE EXPENDITURE
APPROVED**

911 System and authorizing the E-911 Board to finance a portion thereof be adopted. It was discussed that a grant has been applied for and may be available to avoid having to finance part of this purchase. It was further discussed that this action is ministerial as the E-911 board is already authorized to make these decisions, but the Village Council must authorize them to sign the agreements.

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 authorizing certain variations in the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZBA 2008-07: 504 Elgin Avenue be adopted.

**O-29-08
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
VARIATIONS RE: ZBA
2008-07: 504 ELGIN AVE.
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Tellalian

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Curry that the Ordinance authorizing certain variations in the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: ZBA 2008-07: 508 Elgin Avenue be adopted.

**O-30-08
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
VARIATIONS RE: ZBA
2008-07: 508 ELGIN AVE.
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 granting Site Plan Approval for properties located at 504 & 508 Elgin Avenue in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: PC 2008-01: 504 Elgin Avenue and PC 2008-02: 508 Elgin Avenue be adopted. It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian that the Ordinance granting Site Plan Approval for properties located at 504 & 508 Elgin Avenue in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: PC 2008-01: 504 Elgin Avenue and PC 2008-02: 508 Elgin Avenue be tabled to allow the Plan

**O-31-08
ORDINANCE GRANTING
SITE PLAN APPROVAL RE:
PC 2008-01 504 ELGIN AVE.
AND PC 2008-02 508 ELGIN
AVE.
APPROVED**

Commission to review the revised plan. The motion died for lack of a second. The Clerk was instructed to call the roll call on the original motion.

**MOTION TO TABLE SITE
PLAN APPROVAL FOR 504-
508 ELGIN AVE. TO ALLOW
PLAN COMMISSION TO
REVIEW REVISED PLAN:
DIES FOR LACK OF A
SECOND**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Tellalian

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - No Report

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Hoskins reported that after discussing with the Village Clerk about various tasks being performed in the Clerk's office, he asked the Village Clerk to evaluate the performance of the Clerk's office employees. It was completed and was a useful exercise to review the strengths of our employees as well as to identify areas for improvement. Commissioner Hoskins encouraged the other departments to perform performance evaluations as well.

Commissioner Curry reminded homeowners about the moratorium on garage permit fees for new construction and repairs.

Commissioner Hosty commended new Public Works Director, John Doss on a job well done in the clean up of the recent storm damage. There were many trees down and our crews did an A+ job. Commissioner Hosty further reported that after discussions with the Traffic and Safety Committee as well as our engineers, it has been decided that a raised table cross walk will be installed for pedestrian safety at the Madison Street crosswalk at Constitution Court. This will work be completed in connection with the Village's 50/50 sidewalk replacement program.

Commissioner Tellalian reinforced the commendation to Public Works Director John Doss and noted that the crews did an excellent job with the storm cleanup. Commissioner Tellalian further requested that the resident who has called him regarding shrubs surrounding the AT&T boxes call him again and leave a telephone number where they can be contacted.

Mayor Calderone congratulated Mr. Gus Scolaro and Mr. Howard "Bud" Boy on their lifetime of accomplishments and noted that these men are an example of the type of residents that are the best a community can hope for. Mayor Calderone further congratulated Mr. Bob Kutak and stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to work with him. The business community of Forest Park is planning a farewell get-together for Mr. Kutak at Shanahan's tomorrow evening and the Village employees are planning a party after that.

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 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk