

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING AUGUST 25, 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 Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on August 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

Mr. Chris Wessels of 1800 Desplaines expressed his dissatisfaction with the lack of notice and insufficient notice from the Village of Forest Park. He further expressed his opinion that it is unfair to the property owners on Industrial Drive to have to pay a disproportionate share of taxes. Mayor Calderone replied to Mr. Wessels that he did assure Mr. Wessels in the past that he would be notified if the Village takes any steps toward an SSA or SA and none have been taken at this time. Mayor Calderone further stated that developers traditionally contribute toward the cost of public improvements that are an impact from their specific development.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Kathleen Hanrahan from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and Development requested permission to host the second annual Forest Park Arts Fest from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday September 27 and Sunday, September 28. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Hanrahan of the approval.

The Picnic Committee from St. John Lutheran Church requested permission to display banners on Madison Street advertising their September 7, 2008 picnic from August 23 through September 7, 2008. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to notify the Committee of the approval.

Mr. Jerry Lordan of the Forest Park Kiwanis Club requested permission to hold their Peanut Day Drive on September 25, 26, 27, and 28, 2008. There being no objections from the Council, the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Lordan of the approval. Further, Mayor Calderone announced

that he would like to sign a Proclamation in honor of Kiwanis Peanut Day 2008. There were no objections to the Proclamation.

Mr. Robert Marani of Whole Cellars LLC requested permission to use the Municipal parking lot directly south of his establishment to hold an Annual Autumn Harvest Moister with the Oyster October Fest on September 19 and September 20, 2008. It was discussed that any costs incurred by the Village relative to this event will be the responsibility of Mr. Marani. The Village Council approved the request and asked staff to discuss the event and advise Mr. Marani of the approval as well as any requirements and/or appropriate charges.

Mr. Matt Groark of Grassroots Campaigns requested permission to canvass on behalf of the ACLU. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Groark of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

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 \$415,950.70.

**R-54-08
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$415,950.70
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 honoring Quitsch Florist and Ms. Dixie Paugh upon her retirement be adopted.

**R-55-08
RESOLUTION HONORING
QUITSCH FLORIST AND
MS. DIXIE PAUGH UPON
HER RETIREMENT
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 Hoskins that the Ordinance granting and permitting site plan approval, preliminary and final plat approval, and approving variations in the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance re: ZBA 2007-12/PC 2008-05: 7501 Industrial Drive be adopted.

**O-37-08
ORDINANCE RE: ZBA 2007-
12/PC 2008-05: 7501
INDUSTRIAL DRIVE
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 granting and permitting site plan approval, and approving variations in the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance re: ZBA 2008-04/PC 2008-03: 1215 Harlem be adopted.

**O-38-08
ORDINANCE RE: ZBA 2008-
04/PC 2008-03: 1215
HARLEM
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Sturino reported the following:

- The installation of the Red Light Enforcement Cameras at Roosevelt and Desplaines has experienced some difficulties with the placement of utilities. This is being resolved with the coordination of Burke Engineering and should be completed soon. The installation at Roosevelt and Harlem should be completed in September.
- He met with the Industrial Drive Business owners and State Legislators and DCO Representatives. They discussed that there are no grant funds available from DCO, however the Engineer and Mr. Sturino discovered that they may be able to obtain grant funds for the intersection work. All affected businesses will be contacted if the project moves forward.
- Public Works Director John Dos has been pricing out salt for this winter and the prices do not look good. He has been finding pricing that is double last year’s cost. Mr. Sturino advised that the Village should be prepared for the impact this will have on the budget.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Hoskins reported that he heard that the State approved a small planning grant of \$50,000 through DCEO to study development on Roosevelt Road and projects for the south side of Forest Park. Commissioner Hoskins further reported that the finance department discovered another vendor using full social security numbers as identifiers and they have been asked to amend this practice.

Mayor Calderone stated that he agrees with Mr. Pacyga with regard to the real estate trends in Forest Park and commented that the increase was in property values from 2007 to 2008.

Commissioner Curry announced that Forest Park is holding their annual Rib Fest on Saturday September 13, 2008 at the picnic grove on Van Buren and Madison.

Commissioner Hosty reported that work on the raised crosswalk on Madison is underway and should be completed in the next few days. The project is being publicized on Madison with the use of a new portable electronic sign that we received at no charge from the Department of Homeland Security. A major Village-wide street patching program is also underway as a result of the extreme weather last winter.

Mayor Calderone announced a first time program being sponsored by Cook County in cooperation with West Cook Municipal Conference, the West Cook Solid Waste Agency, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Cook County Sheriff Dart. This program is called Medication Take Back and residents can bring any expired or unnecessary medications to Triton College Parking Lot F On September 20, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for proper and environmentally friendly disposal. Residents are asked to remove or black out any name on the label of the bottle, if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Curry to adjourn into closed session concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of municipal employees and to consider the sale or lease of property owned by the public body and to discuss pending litigation.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk