

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Tellalian that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on August 25, 2008 be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct. It was discussed that, in connection with the Marani request, the permit parkers be notified of the closing of the municipal lot in advance.

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 minutes from the Closed Session 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.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chris Wessels of 1800 Desplaines expressed his opinion that the property owners on Industrial Drive contribute 6-2/3% of the property tax revenue of the Village. Mr. Wessels further expressed his opinion that Weinstein Meats is not a developer and should not be held responsible for the impact the expansion of his business causes. Last Mr. Wessels stated that he feels the letter written by Mr. Sturino for the August 25 Council meeting regarding a Special Assessment on Industrial Drive constitutes action on imposing a Special Assessment and should have been noticed to all property owners affected.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fr. Pat Tucker of St. Bernardine Parish requested permission to hold their annual Oktoberfest at the picnic grove on Friday, October 3, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 4, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Fr. Tucker further requested a liquor license as well as permission to hang banners advertising the event along Madison Street, and police protection. There being no objections from the Council, the Clerk was instructed to notify Fr. Tucker 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 \$275,453.52.

**RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$275,453.52
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 requesting the Illinois Attorney General to investigate sodium chloride prices be adopted.

**R-57-08
RESOLUTION TO
INVESTIGATE SODIUM
CHLORIDE PRICES
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 Preliminary and Final Plat Approval for "Plat of Forest Park Shops Consolidation" Plat of Subdivision re: PC 2008-03: 1215 Harlem be adopted.

**R-58-08
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
PRELIMINARY & FINAL
PLAT RE: 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2008-11 / PC 2008-07 authorizing approval of variations to Section 9-7-5(E)(2) to reduce the amount of shade trees required from 22 to 17 and to Section 9-7-5(E)(3)(c) to reduce the landscape screening requirement below the 50 percent required as shown on the Landscape Plan; to re-zone the subject property by Map Amendment to B-2 Community Shopping District; and to grant approval of the Site Plan and Preliminary and Final Plat of Resubdivision to allow the modification of the off-street parking area for the property located at 901 Harlem Avenue.

**MOTION DIRECTING
VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO
PREPARE ORDINANCE RE:
ZBA 2008-11/PC 2008-07
901 HARLEM AVENUE
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 approve the following four Agreements, in relation to RIBFEST, scheduled for September 13, 2008, and hereby authorize and ratify the Mayor's execution of each of said Agreements:

**MOTION APPROVING
FOUR AGREEMENTS RE:
RIBFEST
APPROVED**

American Mobile Staging, Inc., Entertainment Management Group, Mid City Valet Parking Service, and J & B Appearances.

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

MOTION DIRECTING THE

Commissioner Curry to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance increasing the initial fine for parking violations to Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per citation, excluding meter violations and those violations whose fines are governed by state statute. It was discussed that all fines that are currently \$25.00 would be increased by \$5.00 to \$30.00 and that excludes parking meter violations.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO
PREPARE AN ORDINANCE
INCREASING CERTAIN
PARKING VIOLATION
FINES
AMENDED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry to amend the main motion to exclude offenses 110, 109, 111, 123, 129, 131 and 306. It was agreed by Commissioner Hoskins and Commissioner Curry to withdraw offenses 109 and 111 from the amendment to the main motion.

**MOTION TO AMEND MAIN
MOTION EXCLUDING
CERTAIN OFFENSES FROM
PARKING VIOLATION FINE
INCREASES
AMENDED & SEPARATED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty to remove offense 123 from the amendment to the main motion so that offense 123 will be included in the fine increase to \$30.00. The motion died for lack of a second.

**MOTION TO REMOVE
OFFENSE 123 FROM
INCREASES – DIES FOR
LACK OF SECOND**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian to divide the motion to amend the main motion by offense for voting purposes.

**MOTION TO SEPARATE
EXCLUSIONS FROM
PARKING VIOLATION FINE
INCREASES BY OFFENSE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioners Hoskins and Curry

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to take the roll call vote to exclude offense 110 from the main motion:

**MOTION TO EXCLUDE
OFFENSE 110 FROM MAIN
MOTION
FAILS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins and Curry

NAYS: Commissioners Hosty and Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

ABSENT: None

The motion failed.

The Clerk was instructed to take the roll call vote to exclude offense 123 from the main motion:

**MOTION TO EXCLUDE
OFFENSE 123 FROM MAIN
MOTION
FAILS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins and Curry

NAYS: Commissioners Hosty and Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

ABSENT: None

The motion failed.

The Clerk was instructed to take the roll call vote to exclude offense 129 from the main motion.

**MOTION TO EXCLUDE
OFFENSE 129 FROM MAIN
MOTION
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry and Tellalian

NAYS: Commissioner Hosty and Mayor Calderone

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to take the roll call vote to exclude offense 306 from the main motion.

**MOTION TO EXCLUDE
OFFENSE 306 FROM MAIN
MOTION
FAILS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins and Curry

NAYS: Commissioners Hosty and Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

ABSENT: None

The motion failed.

It was discussed that the Village takes extra and extraordinary steps every time it snows to locate and contact the owners of autos that are parked in the snow route to allow them to move their car before being ticketed.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry to amend the main motion to include offenses 131 and 100 in the offenses that are to be increased by \$5.00. It was discussed that these offenses pertain to parking meter violations.

**MOTION TO INCLUDE
OFFENSES 131 AND 100
TO BE INCREASED BY
\$5.00
FAILS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner Hoskins

NAYS: Commissioners Curry, Hosty and Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

ABSENT: None

The motion failed.

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins to reduce the fine for offense 129 to \$15.00 for a Forest Park resident that is parked within 300 feet of their home. It was discussed that in order for this type of fine structure to work, there would have to be two separate offenses with two separate fines. Commissioners Tellalian and Hoskins agreed to withdraw the motion and defer the request to staff to check into the logistics of this idea and to make a recommendation to the Village Council.

**MOTION TO REDUCE FINE
FOR OFFENSE 129 TO
\$15.00 FOR FOREST PARK
RESIDENTS
WITHDRAWN**

The Clerk was instructed to take the roll call on the main motion as amended excluding offense 129:

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON
MOTION AS AMENDED
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Curry, Hosty, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Hoskins

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to approve the 2009 Village of Forest Park Council Meeting Schedule as presented to the Village Council.

**MOTION APPROVING 2009
VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING SCHEDULE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Mayor Calderone made the following announcements/reports:

- Forest Park’s 3rd Annual Ribfest is being held Saturday, September 13 from noon to 11:00 p.m.
- The Village of Forest Park plans to apply to the U.S. Conference of Mayors to participate in their “Cash for Cans” program and contest. The purpose of the program is to build a sustainable environment for our community. Mayor Calderone asked for help from the Park District, the School Board, the School Districts and the entire community. The entries are divided by municipality size and many \$5,000.00 awards are to be given. If Forest Park wins, the prize can be given to the Elementary School District to further enhance their programs. Commissioner Hosty offered to involve the business community and to help coordinate that effort.
- An ordinance is being drafted to promote proper care of the front of properties in the village, including homes as well as businesses.
- The West Suburban Neighborhood Preservation Agency has received an additional \$1.3 million that is available to assist property owners in the rehabilitation of their properties. This is interest-free and applicants must fall within the income qualifications for moderate income. Payments are deferred until the property transfers ownership. More information will be available on the village website soon.
- Cook County is sponsoring a medication take back program on September 20, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Triton College. The program aids in reducing contaminants in our water supply.

- Cook County is offering free radon detector kits. Any interested party can call 708-865-6177 for a free kit.
- St. Bernardine School is holding an Oktoberfest the first weekend in October at the picnic grove from 4-11:00 on Friday and 2-11:00 on Saturday.

Commissioner Hosty reported that the village-wide pavement patching program has gone well and notified all in attendance that Madison Street will be shut down for the raised table crosswalk installation. The crosswalk is being installed to enhance pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Tellalian reminded all in attendance that the Dog Park hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and encouraged people who use the park to respect the neighbors of the park as well as to honor the rules and hours of operation.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to adjourn into closed session concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of municipal employees.

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 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk