

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING OCTOBER 27, 2008**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:06 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 October 14, 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. Steven Backman of 7452 Warren Street asked the Village Council to vote no on agenda item #6 regarding the destruction of audio recordings. Mr. Backman further expressed his opinion that the tapes belong to the citizens of Forest Park and that dialogue cannot be put into written minutes. Mr. Backman also stated that this is a test for transparency in government.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Sister Rosemary Connelly of Misericordia Heart of Mercy requested permission to hold their annual "Tag Days" fundraiser on April 24 and 25, 2009. There were no objections from the Village Council and the clerk was instructed to notify Sr. Connelly of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian 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

**R-64-08
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$995,476.75
APPROVED**

payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$995,476.75.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to appoint Ms. Karen Dylewski to the position of Director of the Howard Mohr Community Center.

**APPOINTMENT OF MS.
KAREN DYLEWSKI AS THE
DIRECTOR OF THE
HOWARD MOHR
COMMUNITY CENTER**

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 fixing the salaries for the officials and employees of the Village of Forest Park from and after May 1, 2008 be adopted. It was discussed that the Village Administrator is working on costs associated with a uniform benefits policy that can be added to Section II of the proposed Ordinance. Discussions involving those benefits are due to be discussed at in a closed session meeting in November, 2008. It was further discussed that the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor also assists the Village Administrator. The Ordinance reflects the position as "Administrative Assistant to the Mayor." Some of the Commissioners would like that language in the Ordinance to reflect both the Mayor and the Village Administrator. It was further explained that this is a housekeeping item and technically the position is Administrative Assistant to the Mayor. The Mayor makes the services of this employee available to the Village Administrator and intends to continue to do so. It was decided to keep the position as "Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and the Village Administrator."

**O-42-08
SALARY ORDINANCE FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2009
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 authorizing the alteration to a legal non-conforming residential structure re: ZBA 2008-13: 1133 Ferdinand 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 Tellalian that the Ordinance authorizing the alteration to a legal non-conforming residential structure re: ZAH 2008-02: 144 Belvidere 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 authorizing the alteration to a legal non-conforming residential structure re: ZAH 2008-03: 1002 Thomas 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 Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Curry that the Resolution authorizing the destruction of audio recordings of certain closed meetings of the Village Council be adopted. It was explained that the sole purpose of the statute requiring creating a verbatim record for a certain period of time of closed session meetings was to allow a judge to determine "in camera" whether a meeting has violated the open meetings act and to confirm that the subjects discussed were those closed as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. It was further discussed that maintaining the

**O-43-08
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
ALTERATIONS TO A NON-
CONFORMING STRUCTURE
RE: ZBA 2008-13: 1133
FERDINAND
APPROVED**

**O-44-08
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
ALTERATIONS TO A NON-
CONFORMING STRUCTURE
RE: ZAH 2008-02: 144
BELVIDERE
APPROVED**

**O-45-08
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
ALTERATIONS TO A NON-
CONFORMING STRUCTURE
RE: ZAH 2008-03: 1002
THOMAS
APPROVED**

**R-65-08
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
DESTRUCTION OF AUDIO
RECORDINGS OF CERTAIN
CLOSED MEETINGS
APPROVED**

tapes would allow for more detail than currently exists in

the minutes of these meetings and there are issues that were discussed that have not been fully resolved to date. The Village Council is not permitted to make business decisions or take votes in closed session so that the public can be aware of the actions taken in relation to Village business. It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the Resolution authorizing the destruction of audio recordings of certain closed meetings of the Village Council be tabled.

**MOTION TO TABLE
RESOLUTION RE:
DESTRUCTION OF AUDIO
RECORDINGS
FAILS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Curry and Tellalian

NAYS: Commissioners Hoskins, and Hosty
and Mayor Calderone

ABSENT: None

The motion failed.

The clerk was instructed to take the roll call vote on the main motion.

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 Resolution regarding the need for confidentiality of closed session minutes be adopted.

**R-66-08
RESOLUTION REGARDING
CONFIDENTIALITY OF
CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES
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 Tellalian that the Mayor's Proclamation proclaiming the week of November 16 – 22, 2008 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week be adopted.

**PROCLAMATION
NOVEMBER 16-22
NATIONAL HUNGER AND
HOMELESSNESS
AWARENESS WEEK**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian

and Mayor Calderone

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Mayor Calderone reported the following:

- The Village is nearing completion of the installation of cameras in the Village Hall and Police Department building. The recordings will be kept on DVR for a specified period of time. The project is being funded by the Customs Seizure Account.
- All property owners should have received a notice of reassessment on their property. On October 30th at 7:00 p.m., CUinFP is hosting a tax appeal seminar at the Library.
- The Village is hosting its annual tax appeal outreach program on November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Howard Mohr Community Center. Tax appeal forms will be available as well as personnel to assist in completing the forms. Attendees are encouraged to bring their tax bill and reassessment notice.
- The official Trick-or-Treat hours are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 31, 2008.
- Congressman Danny Davis is holding a Town Hall Meeting on November 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillside Village Hall located at 425 Hillside Avenue. The topic of discussion will be assistance with low interest loans or no interest grants for anyone experiencing damage from the floods of September 13 and 14th.
- The annual Cindy Lyons Health Fair will be held on November 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Howard Mohr Community Center. Many health screenings will be available as well as free flu shots.

Commissioner Hoskins reported that the Clerk's Office has been successful in having another vendor discontinue the use of our employee's full social security number in their documents. If there are any other similar situations, please notify either Commissioner Hoskins or the Village Clerk's office.

Commissioner Curry warned residents to be on the lookout for unscrupulous contractors, especially those soliciting door-to-door that may swindle residents. If you would like any information on a contractor or would like to report suspicious activity of a contractor, please call 708-366-2323 and press 2 for the Department of Public Health and Safety. Commissioner Curry further reminded all those in attendance that the General Election is November 4, 2008 and asked them to please vote.

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 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk