

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 12, 2009**

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 December 15, 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 Curry that the minutes from the Closed Session Council meeting on December 15, 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

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department and Community Center submitted their December Reports.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**R-01-09
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$982,116.23
APPROVED**

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 payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$982,116.23.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Jennifer Wolfe, representative of the Forest Park Recreation Board, gave a presentation to the Village Council outlining their progress and desired improvements to the Circle and Randolph Park. A drawing was distributed to the Council showing a stone wall that the Recreation Board felt would be well suited to this park. A suggested name for the park was Cornerstone Park. It was discussed that the quotes solicited ranged from \$14,000.00 to \$21,000.00, depending upon the scope of work. It was further discussed that Commissioner Tellalian will direct Christopher Burke Engineering to draw up specifications to be brought back before the Village Council for comments/approval.

**PRESENTATION BY
RECREATION BOARD
CHAIR – JENNIFER WOLFE**

It was jointly moved and seconded by Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone that the Resolution honoring Village Administrator, Michael J. Sturino upon his resignation be adopted. The clerk was instructed to read the Resolution into the record. Mayor Calderone presented Mr. Sturino with a plaque commemorating his service to the Village. Mr. Sturino expressed his gratitude to the Village Council and Staff as well as to the Village Attorney. The Council Members expressed their best wishes and thanks to Mr. Sturino.

**R-02-09
RESOLUTION HONORING
MICHAEL J. STURINO
UPON HIS RESIGNATION
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the Ordinance amending certain sections of Title 6 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park regarding Parking Fines and Provisions be adopted. It was discussed that the Ordinance will codify current practices with regard to parking fines.

**O-01-09
ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 6 RE: PARKING
FINES
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 Ordinance authorizing the alteration to a legal non-conforming residential structure re: ZAH 2008-04: 7419 Warren be adopted. It was discussed that the property is owned by Commissioner Hosty and Commissioner Hosty would answer questions posed by the Village Council as a citizen from the podium, if there were no objections from the Village Council. There were no objections. It was discussed that this variance request is nothing new and similar variances have been granted in the past. Mr. Hosty explained that the contractor's agreement specified that the contractor was responsible for all zoning relief and permitting for the work. It was not until after the contract skipped town without finishing the work that he discovered (via Village inspections) that the proper zoning and permits had not been obtained and that zoning relief was needed. Once Mr. Hosty discovered the problem, he applied for the proper zoning relief and permits necessary to complete the work.

**O-02-09
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
ALTERATION TO LEGAL
NON-CONFORMING
BUILDING RE: ZAH 2008-
04: 7419 WARREN
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to direct the Village Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one (1) Fire Lieutenant from its current Fire Lieutenant Eligibility List, and to appoint one (1) candidate from its current Firefighter Eligibility List, effective February 4, 2009, to fill a vacancy.

**MOTION TO APPOINT ONE
FIRE LIEUTENANT AND
ONE PROBATIONARY
FIREFIGHTER
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 to authorize the Mayor to execute the six agreements for busing services provided by The Free Enterprise System, 17727 Volbrecht Rd., Lansing, IL 60438,

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
MAYOR TO SIGN BUSING
AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF
OF THE COMMUNITY**

on behalf of the Community Center for events associated with Senior Citizen Activities.

**CENTER
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 announced the following:

- There will be a Special Meeting of the Council on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of recessing into closed session to discuss the Village Administrator's position.
- The Public Works department has been doing a great job with the snow removal this winter.
- The U.S. Census is hiring full and part-time employees. The Village will be hosting employment testing for the Census at Village Hall in the near future. No dates have been confirmed, but once they are, they will be posted on the Village's website at www.forestpark.net.
- The Youth Commission is hosting a Super Bowl Party on February 1 from 4:30 to 9:30 at the Community Center. This free event is for children from 6th through 10th grade. Refreshments and food will be served. Those attending are asked to bring 1 or 2 canned goods, if possible, to replenish the Forest Park Food Pantry.
- The Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and Development is sponsoring a workshop through the S.C.O.R.E. program, featuring retired business executives. The purpose of the workshop is to help local businesses and entrepreneurs. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of Village Hall.

Mayor Calderone challenged Commissioner Curry to work with him to present an ordinance to the Village Council amending the zoning code to eliminate the need for zoning variations for alterations to buildings with inadequate side yard setbacks where the alterations do not change the footprint of the building. This would eliminate the need for these property owners to go through the zoning process to improve their homes.

Commissioner Hoskins reported that the finance department is purchasing an upgrade to the Springbrook accounting system. This system is currently used by 7 staff members and after the upgrade, it will be expanded to 8-9 staff members. This will allow the building department to be in synch with the Clerk's office. The upgrade will be implemented soon.

Commissioner Hoskins further reported that the Village will hold off on ordering replacement letterhead until the Village Council decides the final outcome of the Village Administrator position.

Commissioner Curry wished everyone a happy and safe New Year. Commissioner Curry reported that a new zoning code, map and building code is being drafted and has been in the works for several months now. He expects to present a draft of these changes soon. Commissioner Curry asked the Village Council to consider appointing Commissioner Hoskins as the interim Village Administrator. Finally, Commissioner Curry expressed his congratulations to Mr. Sturino.

Commissioner Hosty reported that we have a chance of beating last year's total snowfall this week. We have had over 40 inches of snow this year so far. Commissioner Hosty thanked the Public Works department on keeping the snow removal in Forest Park second to none.

Commissioner Tellalian reinforced Commissioner Hosty's praise of the snow removal efforts of the Public Works department. He further expressed his thanks to those residents who honored the snow route parking bans to allow the department to plow the streets.

Mayor Calderone asked Commissioner Curry to clarify whether he was asking Commissioner Hoskins to resign as Commissioner so that he could serve as the Village Administrator. Commissioner Curry confirmed that he was not suggesting the Commissioner Hoskins resign. He merely thought it would be in order to first ask Commissioner Hoskins whether he would be willing to serve as interim Village Administrator, research whether it would be necessary to resign in order to serve as interim Village Administrator, and finally adopt an ordinance appointing the interim Village Administrator.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk