

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING MARCH 23, 2009**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

Mayor Calderone requested all those present observe a moment of silence in honor of a good friend, and supporter of communities in West Suburban Cook County, Chairman of the Board of Paramedic Services of Illinois and Mayor of Norridge, Earl Field who passed away on Friday.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the minutes from the February 18, 2009 Special Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Minutes from the February 23, 2009, Closed Session meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the Minutes from the March 9, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Meyer of 814 Hannah spoke on behalf of the National Federation of the Blind, the National Federation of the Blind in Illinois and those who are blind in Forest Park. Mr. Meyer expressed his thanks to Mayor Calderone for supporting the full integration of blind people into society and presented Mayor Calderone with a token gift of appreciation to recognize the importance of Braille and how it affects the lives of those who use it. The gift was a replica of the coin that was released today honoring Louis Braille for Braille Readers are Leaders day.

Mr. Jerry Webster of 627 Circle expressed his opinion that the Village Council should consider a funding or grant writer when hiring a replacement Village Administrator.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Kathy Stigler of the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana requested permission to extend their annual Cookie Program through April 30, 2009. There were no objections and the Clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Stigler of the approval.

Mr. Larry Piekarcz of the Park District of Forest Park requested involvement and assistance from the Village Police, Fire and Public Works departments in connection with the 36th Annual Bob Haeger All School Picnic scheduled on Thursday, May 21, with Friday, May 22nd as the rain date. There were no objections and the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Piekarcz of the approval.

The Salvation Army requested permission to hold their annual Donut Day fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, June 5th and 6th, 2009. There were no objections and the Clerk was instructed to notify the Salvation Army of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Department of Public Health and Safety submitted its January and February, 2009 report and the Police Department submitted their February, 2009 report.

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 payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$477,327.71.

**R-14-09
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$477,327.71
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian to deny the Amendment to Lease Agreement to the Clear Channel Outdoor Lease Agreement #33748.

**MOTION TO DENY
REQUEST TO AMEND
CLEAR CHANNEL
OUTDOOR LEASE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Resolution Authorizing the award of the contract for the North Park Wall project be adopted. It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins to amend the Resolution to award Alternate 2 and to eliminate two 7' fir trees and the installation of mulch and sod, reducing the contract price from \$24,170.00 to \$22,790.00. The clerk was instructed to call the roll call vote on the Resolution as amended.

**R-15-09
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF
CONTRACT FOR NORTH
PARK IMPROVEMENTS TO
EMERALD SITE SERVICES
FOR \$22,790.00
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commission Curry to accept and approve the proposal of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., ("CBBEL"), for professional services for the preparation of Design/Build Bridging Documents for improvements to the property known as 501 Desplaines Avenue, and further move to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract between CBBEL and the Village of Forest Park, and all documents necessary thereto. It was discussed that the goal is to do away with the rented trailer in the alley and move the police detectives into this space.

**MOTION APPROVING
PROPOSAL AND
CONTRACT FOR
DESIGN/BUILD BRIDGING
DOCUMENTS BY CBBEL
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**R-16-09
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AGREEMENT WITH RIVER
FOREST AND STATE OF
ILLINOIS FOR ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS TO
LATHROP AVENUE
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry that the Resolution Approving an Agreement between the Village of Forest Park, and the Village of River Forest and the State of Illinois for roadway improvements on Lathrop Avenue from Madison to Lake Street be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**R-17-09
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AGREEMENT WITH STATE
OF ILLINOIS FOR
ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS TO
DESPLAINES AVENUE
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Resolution Approving an Agreement between the Village of Forest Park, and the State of Illinois for roadway improvements on Desplaines Avenue be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**R-18-09
FUNDING RESOLUTION
RE: DESPLAINES
ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Funding Resolution regarding Desplaines Avenue Roadway Improvements be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

**O-20-09
ORDINANCE RESTRICTING
PARKING ALONG
DESPLAINES AVENUE
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Curry that the Ordinance restricting parking along Desplaines Avenue within the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the Ordinance Prohibiting Encroachments within the State of Illinois Right-of-Way along Desplaines Avenue be adopted.

**O-21-09
ORDINANCE PROHIBITING
ENCROACHMENTS WITHIN
RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG
DESPLAINES AVENUE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry to table Agenda Items 8, 9 and 10 relating to the annual Tax Abatement Ordinances.

**MOTION TO TABLE TAX
ABATEMENT ORDINANCES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins to authorize the Mayor to execute the following agreements on behalf of the Community Center for senior citizen and youth related activities:

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF
OF COMMUNITY CENTER
APPROVED**

Free Enterprise System (4 agreements), 17727 Volbrecht Road, Lansing, IL 60438, in the total amount of \$4,602.00.
Ed Debevic's Chicago \$964.06.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

The Clerk read the Mayor's Proclamation entitled "Braille Readers are Leaders Day" aloud, proclaiming March 26, 2009 as Braille Readers are Leaders Day in Forest Park.

**PROCLAMATION:
BRAILLE READERS ARE
LEADERS DAY
MARCH 26, 2009**

The Clerk read the Mayor's Proclamation entitled "CROP Walk Day in Forest Park, Illinois May 3, 2009" aloud, declaring May 3, 2009 as "CROP Walk Day in Forest Park."

**PROCLAMATION:
CROP WALK DAY
MAY 3, 2009**

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Hoskins reported that in addition to working on revising the 2009/2010 budget, he and his staff are conducting ongoing negotiations with both the Teamsters Union and FOP Dispatchers Union Bargaining Units.

Commissioner Curry expressed his appreciation to the Village Council and the Recreation Board for their work in developing and approving the wall for the North Park.

Mayor Calderone asked for the Commissioners' support in writing our State Senator and Representatives asking the State to share in any increased State income tax revenue with the municipalities at the normal sharing rate of 10%, with a copy of the letter to him.

May 15th is the Annual Dinner for the West Cook Municipal Conference at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont.

Mayor Calderone reported that Forest Park was not awarded any of the money that was distributed through the West Central Council of Mayors. He further explained that and the WCCM funds had requirements that (1) the project be shovel ready and (2) the project be on routes with Federal Aid Urban (FAU) status. Forest Park did not have any projects that would qualify because although Harvard and Jackson are FAU routes, they are not eligible because they are already approved for Federal dollars. We should have been working to identify streets to apply for FAU status so that we can be in the position to take advantage of funding in future years. It is important to have a 5 or 6 year plan in place for the future.

Mayor Calderone reported that last Friday, United States Congressman, Dan Lipinski was in Forest Park to present us with a check for \$100,000.00 as a result of a request made by Mayor Calderone about 1 year ago. This money is allocated to Police Department technology. Chief Jim Ryan is working on 3 different areas to use the funding. Mayor Calderone and Commissioner Hoskins met with Congressman Lipinski and took a tour of the Police Department facility. Finance Director Judy Kovacs was presented with the oversized check.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Curry motioned to adjourn into closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Commissioner Hoskins seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hosty

The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk