THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 11, 2019

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

<u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u>

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the minutes from the January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Village Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler

and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone noted that today was the kickoff event for District 91's "Kindness Week." There was a pep rally at Betsey Ross School and the students presented the mayor with a T-shirt, bracelet and stickers, which are being distributed village-wide by local businesses to share the spirit of kindness throughout the village. Mayor Calderone gave each person at the dais a sticker and a bracelet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department submitted its December 31, 2018, report and the Police Department submitted its November/December, 2018, report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes 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 \$342,752.97.

R-06-19 RESOLUTION FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$342,752.97 APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler

and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Karen Vaughan of the Cook County Forest Preserve District gave a presentation about the facilities and properties that the district owns. She explained that 70,000 acres (11% of Cook County) is preserved for nature. They provide 300 miles of trails, 10 lakes, 6 nature centers, 5 camp grounds, 3 pools, 10 golf courses and hundreds of picnic groves. Their website is www.pfdcc.com.

COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PRESENTATION

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 2019 Green Alley Improvements Project be adopted. It was discussed that Forest Park has been installing green alleys for some time and was the first municipality in Cook County to do so.

R-07-19
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR GREEN
ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS
APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler

and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 2019 Watermain and street resurfacing project be adopted.

R-08-19
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR WATERMAIN
AND STREET
RESURFACING
APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler

and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Philip Mammoser of O'Sullivan's Public House requested permission to use a portion of Marengo Avenue to erect a tent during the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 2nd. There were no objections and the clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Mammoser of the approval and to obtain all necessary documents and insurance from O'Sullivan's.

O'SULLIVAN'S REQUEST TO ERECT TENT FOR ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE APPROVED

Ms. Jackie Iovinelli of the Park District of Forest Park requested permission to host its Inaugural Go the Distance 3K race on Saturday, May 4th. There were no objections and the clerk was instructed to notify Ms. Iovinelli of the approval and to obtain all necessary documents and insurance from the Park District.

PARK DISTRICT REQUEST TO HOLD 3K APPROVED

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Mannix reported that the West Central Municipal Conference legislative breakfast was held last weekend. The legislation committee, of which Commissioner Mannix is a member, was happy to report that they have sponsored 2 bills to restore the LGDF funding, which was cut by the state, a capital infrastructure bill and a proposal for a 2% gasoline tax, which could benefit local municipalities.

Commissioner Novak thanked all of the village staff for their dedication and hard work responding to the recent weather events.

Commissioner Entler reminded residents to be on the ball and be careful because there seems to be an increasing amount of scams and scam artists trying to prey on individuals. The Commissioner warned to never give out personal information and if you have any suspicions, call the police.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Entler seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk