

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the minutes from the January 22, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Village Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

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 minutes from the January 22, 2018, Closed Session Meeting of the Village Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jim Collis expressed a special thank you to John Doss and the Public Works employees for a consistent great job on snow removal for the 9 snow events so far this winter, as well as to the Village Council for providing the equipment to get the job done.

Mr. David Show spoke as a member of the Ad Hoc Cultural Park Committee and on behalf of Ralph DiFebo to thank the village for moving forward and extended an invitation to Mayor Calderone to meet with the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department submitted its December 31, 2017 report.

The Police Department submitted its 4th quarter 2017 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 \$506,094.18.

**R-06-18
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$506,094.18
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Michael Mencarini of the National Parks Service gave a presentation about the technical assistance the NPS is going to provide the village with regard to the Altenheim property. The first phase is community outreach to 1) select organizations and institutions and 2) public events for feedback on activities and amenities. Feedback will be taken on opportunities and concerns. The timeline is detailed in the handout.

**CULTURAL PARK UPDATE
AND PRESENTATION**

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay the principal of and interest on the village's \$6,745,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012, of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-03-18
ORDINANCE ABATING THE
TAX ON SERIES 2012 G.O.
BONDS
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 Novak that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Change Orders No. 15 through 24 to the contract with Alliance Contractors, Inc., for the 2017 Roosevelt Road Streetscape Improvements Project be adopted.

**R-07-18
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING CHANGE
ORDERS NO. 15-24 WITH
ALLIANCE CONTRACTORS
FOR ROOSEVELT ROAD
STREETSCAPE
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
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 Novak to approve the request from Harlem Manner-Und Damenchor to hold its annual "German Fest" at the Picnic Grove June 8 and 9, 2018.

**HARLEM MANNER-UND
DAMENCHOR GERMAN
FEST REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 Novak to approve a request from O'Sullivan's Public House to erect a tent on Marengo at Madison Street for St. Pat's Parade Day event on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

**O'SULLIVAN'S TENT
REQUEST FOR ST.
PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 to approve a request from the Friends of the Forest Park Community Center to solicit donations through vehicle sticker renewal process in support of a new kitchen for the Community Center.

**FRIENDS OF FOREST
PARK COMMUNITY
CENTER REQUEST TO
SOLICIT FUNDS
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 Byrnes to approve the February 1, 2018, request from Misericordia to conduct their annual Misericordia / Jelly Belly Candy Days fundraising event on April 27 and 28, 2018. It was discussed that the approval is pending confirmation that the solicitation will not occur as door-to-door and that the clerk obtain details on the locations and mode of solicitation.

**MISERICORDIA CANDY
DAYS EVENT REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on the following agreements associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center:

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENTS
RATIFIED BY MOTION**

- Levy Restaurants
- Grant Park Music Festival

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Byrnes thanked John Doss and the Public Works crews for their hard work on clearing the large amount of snow in the latest weather event. In addition, Commissioner Byrnes reported that the budget process will start soon and requested some dates in early April to schedule budget workshops with the Village Council and staff.

Commissioner Mannix thanked the Public Works department on doing an exceptional job with the latest snow storm.

Commissioner Novak gave kudos to all the Public Works, Police and Fire personnel for their hard work and efforts during the recent snow storm.

Commissioner Entler echoed her fellow commissioners and stated the staff did an amazing job. In addition, Commissioner Entler thanked the residents for their patience in allowing the staff to get the job done.

Mayor Calderone discussed the use of snow routes in the village and explained that the Police Department goes above and beyond the call when it comes to towing cars. They do everything in their power to locate the vehicle's owner before resorting to towing the car. In addition, Mayor Calderone announced an event to help the people in Puerto Rico. There will be a fundraiser on Wednesday, February 28th, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at McGaffer's called "ForestPark4PR". The minimal cost is \$10.00 for a wristband and includes pizza, pop and live music. The Redmonds will be entertaining the crowd. All proceeds will go toward feeding victims in Puerto Rico through World Central Kitchen.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk