

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING AUGUST 22, 2016**

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 August 8, 2016, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Amber Ladeira expressed her gratitude for the speedy clean-up of the Picnic Grove and announced the Arts and Crafts event being held at Empowering Gardens on Saturday, August 27th from 2-4:00 p.m.

Ms. Lin Beribak stated that she is excited about the presentation tonight and further that she agreed with the village's purchase of the Altenheim property but is disappointed about the lack of development. She further stated that she feels the proposed cultural park would increase the visibility and reputation of the village.

Mr. James Watts expressed his concerns about the increase in out-of-control funeral processions that travel through town. He has witnessed, on multiple occasions, processions blaring loud music, people hanging out of the vehicles and the procession taking over both lanes of traffic on Jackson Blvd. Mr. Watts feels this is a safety issue and asked the village to consider options to control these in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

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 \$599,146.47.

**R-46-16
RESOLUTION APPROVING
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$599,146.47
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:

Mr. Ralph DiFebo presented a Cultural Park Concept for the Altenheim property owned by the Village of Forest Park, which included a concert facility, concessions, a picnic/lawn area skating pond, retention area, sculpture garden and trail. Included in the presentation were cost and profit estimates. In conclusion, Mr. DiFebo requested that the Village Council review the concept and decide if it has merit. If they feel it has merit, then develop the concept into a plan and develop the plan into a park. The Council requested the financial information that the plan was based upon. Mr. DiFebo will email this information to Sally Cody for distribution. There was discussion of coordinating with the Economic Development Consultant, the potential for phasing in the concept and the creation of an ad hoc committee with participation from stakeholders. Last, Mr. DiFebo offered to volunteer to help with anything he can to keep the idea moving forward.

**CULTURAL PARK
CONCEPT PRESENTATION
BY RALPH DIFEBO**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 2016 Parking Lot Sealcoating program be adopted.

**R-47-16
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDDING FOR 2016
PARKING LOT
SEALCOATING PROGRAM
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-48-16
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING ACTUARIAL
AGREEMENT WITH
ALLIANCE PENSION
CONSULTANTS, LLC
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution authorizing the execution of a consulting agreement between Alliance Pension Consultants, LLC and the Village of Forest Park, Illinois, be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**O-15-16
ORDINANCE APPROVING
DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Ordinance authorizing the disposal of surplus property (vehicles) owned by the Village of Forest Park be adopted. It was discussed that the vehicles are no longer disposed of through auction, but through competitive dealer offers.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-49-16
RESOLUTION WAIVING
HIRING FREEZE RE:
ADMINISTRATION/SWITCH
BOARD OPERATOR
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of an Administration/Switchboard Operator be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**CHIEF MCDERMOTT
APPOINTED TO E-911
BOARD**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to appoint Chief Bob McDermott to the E911 Board.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**INFANT WELFARE
SOCIETY BANNER
REQUEST
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to approve the request from Infant Welfare Society to display two banners to be hung on light poles located at Harlem and Madison in honor of its 100th Anniversary.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SOLICITATION REQUEST
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the request from the Knights of Columbus to solicit funds in conjunction with its Annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENTS RATIFIED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to ratify and authorize the Mayor's signature on the following agreements for events being managed by the Community Center:

- Northlight Theatre
- The Right Stuff Entertainment, Inc.
- Jenny King of Sonic 7
- R Gang
- Rick Schwartz of Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones Band
- Windy City Limousine

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 Mannix thanked all that participated and helped with the Forest Park Rotary Club's First Annual Dodgeball Tournament. It was a successful event and the Park District was a great partner. Opportunity Knocks won the tournament.

Commissioner Novak expressed his gratitude to the Police Department in connection with their increased patrols for the back-to-school season.

Mayor Calderone reported that he is holding his annual property tax appeal seminar on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Forest Park Community Center. Property owners can find out about and apply for a property tax appeal. Forms will be available for completion that night. A property tax I.D. number or P.I.N. are required to complete the forms. All are invited.

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 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk