

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 p.m. Those in attendance reflected in silence on the 2001 attack on our country and reinforced Americans' pledge to never forget.

**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 Novak that the minutes from the August 17, 2017, Special 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 Byrnes that the minutes from the August 28, 2017, 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 Novak that the minutes from the August 28, 2017, 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the minutes from the August 31, 2017, Special 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. Chris Harris expressed his support of the cultural park at Altenheim. He further thanked the village for their continued support of the Kiwanis Club and their activities.

**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 \$446,434.62.

**R-63-17  
RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$446,434.62  
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:**

The Village Council received a presentation on the possible Cultural Park on the grounds of the village’s Altenheim property, by members of the ad hoc committee. Mr. Ralph DiFebo gave an overview of the committee’s research and development of the idea, Mr. Brian Peterson reviewed the three different layout concepts, Mr. Todd Petersen reviewed the sound engineering results, Mr. James Amelio reviewed the parking, traffic effects, and cost estimates, and Mr. Gary Franzen spoke about his economic analysis. It was discussed that the village applied for two grants, one for financial help with a feasibility study from CMAP, and the other for technical assistance from the National Park Service. The results of the grant applications should be known in October. The committee was commended for all of their hard work on the project. It was also discussed that the Village Council would like to have regular updates on the status and progress.

**CULTURAL PARK UPDATE  
PRESENTATION BY RALPH  
DIFEBO**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Ordinance granting approval of a conditional use for a dine-in restaurant re: ZBA 2017-08 – 7314 Madison/Falafel Restaurant be adopted.

**O-26-17  
ORDINANCE APPROVING  
CONDITIONAL USE FOR A  
DINE-IN RESTAURANT  
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 providing for the levy of an additional library tax for building and maintenance be adopted.

**R-64-17  
RESOLUTION FOR  
LIBRARY BUILDING AND  
MAINTENANCE LEVY  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion ensued about a letter of intent from IDOT regarding the proposed improvement plan, cost participation responsibilities and maintenance/jurisdictional responsibilities of the village regarding the I-290 expansion project. IDOT is requesting concurrence with the proposed improvement plan. It was discussed that at this point, the village’s financial commitment would be approximately \$354,000.00. There were

**DISCUSSION ABOUT I-290  
EXPANSION AND IDOT  
REQUEST FOR VILLAGE  
CONCURRENCE WITH  
PROPOSED  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Additional questions regarding whether the CTA improvements were included were left unanswered. The answers will be sought and the issue will be brought up at an upcoming meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on an application for a Police Safety Grant.

**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 authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of a Building Inspector be adopted.

**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 request from the Forest Park Kiwanis Club to hold their annual Peanut Day Drive from September 21<sup>st</sup> through September 24<sup>th</sup> and to display banners promoting the fundraiser.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone proclaimed September 22, 2017 to be Peanut Day in Forest Park and encouraged all residents to recognize and support the Kiwanis Club of Forest Park in their commitment to community service.

**POLICE SAFETY GRANT  
APPLICATION  
AUTHORIZED AND  
RATIFIED  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**R-65-17  
RESOLUTION WAIVING  
IMRF HIRING FREEZE RE:  
BUILDING INSPECTOR  
POSITION  
APPROVED**

**KIWANIS CLUB REQUEST  
TO HOLD PEANUT DAY  
AND BANNER REQUEST  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION  
OF KIWANIS PEANUT DAY**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to approve the request from St. John Lutheran Church to display banners promoting their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Hymn Festival and their Christmas Concert.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN  
CHURCH BANNER  
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 agreement associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

- Hard Rock Café Chicago

**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 expressed his appreciation to Finance Director, Tish Olmsted, for her work and quick turnaround on the discussed changes in the budget meeting. In addition, Commissioner Byrnes congratulated Karen Dylewski, Community Center Director, and John Doss, Public Works Director, on a great Ribfest this last weekend.

Mayor Calderone echoed Commissioner Byrnes' sentiments regarding the Ribfest and apologized to John Doss and the Public Works crew for failing to mention them and appreciate their hard work on Saturday.

**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 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk