

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING APRIL 22, 2013**

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix that the minutes from the April 8, 2013, 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 Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

O'Sullivan's Public House shared its thank you letter from Shamrock for Kids regarding the fundraising event held on the St. Patrick's Day Parade day.

The Park District of Forest Park requested permission and support for the annual Bob Haeger All School Picnic on May 23, 2013. There were no comments or questions from the Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department submitted its March, 2013 report and the Department of Public Health and Safety submitted its first quarter 2013 report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix 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 \$668,075.17.

**R-23-13
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$668,075.17
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2012 to pay the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds, series 2005, of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-10-13
2005 GENERAL
OBLIGATION BOND
ABATEMENT ORDINANCE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to ratify the Mayor’s signature on an agreement between the Village and American Computer & Communications, Inc. regarding electronic software for J.U.L.I.E.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AND
RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH
ACC FOR J.U.L.I.E.
SOFTWARE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix to approve the April 2013 request from St. Bernardine Church in support of their annual St. Bernardine Day Family Festival on Sunday, May 19th, 2013.

**MOTION APPROVING
SUPPORT OF ST.
BERNARDINE DAY FAMILY
FESTIVAL ON MAY 19, 2013
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Mannix to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on an agreement with Enchanted Castle Group Reservations for an event organized by the Community Center.

**MOTION RATIFYING
AGREEMENT WITH
ENCHANTED CASTLE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

There was a joint motion and second that the Resolution honoring Robert "Bob" Maroney, Honor Flight Chicago Recipient be adopted. Clerk Moritz read the resolution aloud and Mr. Maroney was presented with a suitable copy of the resolution with the heartfelt thanks of the Village of Forest Park. Mr. Maroney thanked the Mayor for a job well done, and commended the Commissioners and all the village department heads for running a "good ship."

**MOTION HONORING
ROBERT "BOB" MARONEY
HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO
RECIPIENT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Hoskins, Mannix, Harris and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Mayor Calderone explained that there are certain steps that the village may be able to take in response to the devastating rains last week. He stated that Forest Park is not the only community that suffered flooding due, in part, to a combined sewer system. In addition, the MWRD has not completed their reservoir and likely will not do so until 2020. Mayor Calderone reported that he has directed Christopher Burke Engineering to prepare a proposal for the village to address separating the storm and sanitary sewer systems in an effort to eliminate basement flooding associated with the sewers. This process was estimated to cost approximately \$50 million dollars back in 2000. Once the proposal is completed, it will be addressed by the village council. It is possible that the village could take a phased-in approach, taking multiple years to complete the work. In any case, this Village Council could be setting the stage for future generations. Mayor Calderone stated that it is most likely that the village will ultimately need to borrow money to finance this project. There are several financing options that will be discussed at that time.

Mayor Calderone further reported that the County of Cook and the Village of Forest Park have signed declarations of disaster from the rains. Once Governor Quinn does the same, it will set the stage for financial assistance for the village and its residents. In order to ascertain whether FEMA assistance

will be made available, the village is required to gather Data Collection Forms from village residents. The state has set a preliminary deadline for this data collection and the village is requesting that any property owner/resident who has suffered flooding complete the form and submit it to the village by Thursday, April 25th. Forms will be available at Village Hall, the Community Center, the Public Library, Ed's Way Grocery Store, Shauer's Hardware and on the village website. Mayor Calderone asked for everyone's help in spreading the word.

Commissioner Hosty stated that for reference purposes only, a \$50 million dollar bond would cost \$282,331 per month for 20 years.

Commissioner Hoskins reported that we have increased baiting activity for rodents in town and reminded commercial and residential properties to be sure to close their waste receptacles. In addition, Commissioner Hoskins reported that he has been working with the CTA in order to have them increase their security and clean up debris along the blue line station on Desplaines Ave. This was in response to reports of illegal activities and reports of debris and human waste alongside the station.

Commissioner Mannix reported that he has been proactively working to discover ways to pay for a solution to the flooding in town and has toured the town looking to see which areas are affected the worst. Commissioners Mannix further reminded residents to beware of people trying to take advantage of them due to the local flooding and to report any suspicious activity or solicitations to the police.

Commissioner Harris reminded all those in attendance that he will be hosting a Department of Public Property open/participatory budget meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the Library, main floor in the board room.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk