

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK HELD IN
THE POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM AT
9451 BELMONT AVENUE
March 18, 2024**

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. CALL TO ORDER:** Village President Pedersen called to order the Board of Trustees of the Village of Franklin Park in special session at 7:00 p.m.

- III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
Village Clerk April J Arellano called the roll:
Present at Board Meeting: Barrett F. Pedersen (Village President) and April J Arellano (Village Clerk), Joseph Montana (Village Attorney)

Trustees (Present in the Room): Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Ybarra, Ms. Avitia, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special, and Mr. Hagerstrom

Department Heads:

Mark Stewart (Fire Department Chief)

Mike Witz (Director of Police)

Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)

Joe Thomas (Utilities Commissioner)

Nick Weber (Deputy Utilities Commissioner)

Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director)

Nick Walny (Community Development and Zoning Director)

Dan Corcoran (IT Director)

Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources)

Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

- IV.** *Motion made by Mr. Ybarra and seconded by Ms. Avitia to approve the Appointment of CARLOS LAZCANO as Franklin Park Police Department Sergeant*

Roll Call: Ayes - Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Avitia, Mr. Ybarra and Ms. Special

Nay - 0. Absent - 0 Abstain - 0.

Village Clerk April J Arellano administered the oath of office to CARLOS LAZCANO as Franklin Park Police Department Sergeant

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)

1. Franklin Park Lions member and resident Teresita G Zaretsky announced Mayor Pedersen was chosen as the Lions' Club Citizen of the Year. He was nominated for his dedication to improving the quality of life of our residents including co-hosting the annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner and annual Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year event and sponsoring an annual Health Fair and Vaccine Clinic. The Mayor was also nominated for his passion for preserving our environment.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. FINANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEES (Mr. Johnson, Chair)

1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THAT ON MAY 8, A STEAM LOCAMOTIVE AND MUESUM WILL BE STOPPING BY FRANKLIN PARK BETWEEN 3PM AND 8PM, MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED

2. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Ms. Avitia, Chair)

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 1 WATER MAIN BREAKS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED 2 LEAD SERVICE LINES
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED M.E. SIMPSON IS IN TOWN DOING LARGE METER TESTING
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWERS WERE JETTED AT 9500 GRAND AVE AND 2600 MANNHEIM TOTALING 280 FEET OF SEWER CLEANING LAST WEEK. THE VACTOR TRUCK WAS ALSO ON THE STREET 5 TIMES FOR FLOODING ISSUES DURING LAST RAIN EVENT
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF IS CURRENTLY RAMPING UP APPOINTMENTS WITH 2 METER CREWS TO HANDLE THE 600 ESTIMATED METER ACCOUNTS. STAFF ARE CURRENTLY DOING 60 APPOINTMENTS A WEEK AND ON SCHEDULE TO BE CAUGHT UP WITH ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS BY THE END OF MAY
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF HAS 105 ADDRESSES THAT HAVE BEEN DOOR TAGGED FOR SHUT OFF ON APRIL 2ND
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS CHECKED AROUND TOWN ON 03/12/24 WITH NO NEW ISSUES TO REPORT
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE VACTOR 211 TRUCK WAS DOWN FOR A FEW DAYS FOR REPAIRS TO THE DEBRIS TANK. THE TRUCK WILL ALSO BE DOWN AGAIN THIS WEEK FOR SO MORE SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF HAS 5 COMPLETED OF 9 ADDRESSES FOR LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT DUE TO DISRUPTION OF THE LEAD SERVICE
10. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF CLEANED GRAFFITI AT 3 LOCATIONS IN TOWN

3. POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE (Mr. Ruhl, Chair)

1. MR. RUHL CONGRATULATED SERGEANT CARLOS LOZCANO ON HIS PROMOTION
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED TO 211 FIRE AND EMS CALLS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH SO FAR

3. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS STILL DOWN 3 FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS
4. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE NEW AMBULANCE WILL BE DELIVERED ON MARCH 22, 2024

4. **STREETS, ALLEYS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
 1. MR. YBARRA BRIEFLY REPORTED ON DIESEL AND UNLEADED GAS USAGE
 2. ON BEHALF OF FLEET DEPARTMENT MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD A TOTAL OF 36 REPAIRS FOR A TOTAL OF 42 HOURS, UTILITIES HAD A TOTAL OF 42 REPAIRS FOR A TOTAL OF 64 HOURS

5. **PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, BUILDING, AND TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION (Ms. Special, Chair)**
 1. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED SUSTAINABILITY, FORESTRY, PARKWAYS AND FACILITIES DIRECTOR ANDY SMOLEN, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED TREE TRIMMING OF ALL VILLAGE TREES FOR THE AREA FROM FULLERTON AVENUE TO GRAND AVENUE ALSO SCOTT STREET TO MANNHEIM ROAD WAS COMPLETED
 2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED SEVERAL DEAD TREE REMOVALS WERE ALSO COMPLETED
 3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED WORK WILL BE STARTING AT THE FIRE MUSEUM DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL, THERE WILL BE NEW ROOFING INSTALLED AND INTERIOR WORK TO REPAIR WATER DAMAGE INSIDE THE FIRE MUSEUM
 4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE FRANKLIN PARK GAZEBO LOCATED AT 9501 BELMONT WILL BE PAINTED AND REPAIRED
 5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE COMED SUSTAINABILITY GRANT IS COMPLETE AND READY FOR SUBMITTAL
 6. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED VILLAGE STAFF ATTENDED VISIT OAK PARK'S TOURISM SUMMIT AND BREAKFAST WHERE VALUABLE DISCUSSIONS ON THE BENEFITS THAT REGIONAL TOURISM PROVIDES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SPEAKERS INCLUDED THE DIRECTOR OF THE ILLINOIS OFFICE OF TOURISM, DANIEL THOMAS
 7. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE VILLAGE WAS FORTUNATE TO GARNER SUPPORT FROM OUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVES WHICH RESULTED IN GRANT FUNDING FOR VITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER FOR FAMILIES THROUGH THE REMOVAL OF LEAD SERVICE LINES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. THE VILLAGE ATTENDED TWO PRESS CONFERENCES TO COMMEMORATE THESE PARTNERSHIPS. MAYOR PEDERSEN ATTENDED A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH CONGRESSMAN CHUY GARCIA; AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, NICHOLAS WALNY, CLERK APRIL ARELLANO, AND VILLAGE STAFF ATTENDED A PRESS CONFERENCE

WITH CONGRESSWOMAN DELIA RAMIREZ

8. MS. SPECIAL STAFF PROVIDED THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH AN UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS DURING THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MARCH MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH
9. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 57 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 52 BUILDING PERMITS, 10 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 2 SIGN PERMIT, 3 DUMPSTER PERMIT, 18 FIRE PERMIT AND NO POD PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 85 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 8 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 7 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 1 NEW BUSINESS WAS ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE

6. HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE (Mr. Hagerstrom, Chair)

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED LEYDEN HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE HOSTING A CAREER FAIR ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 FROM 11 AM TO 3 PM, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE EAST CAMPUS AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED EARTH DAY WILL BE ON APRIL 20 FROM NOON TO 2PM
3. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE SENIOR LUNCHEON WILL BE ON APRIL 25 AT 11:30 AM AT NORTH PARK

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. NONE

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

(Items on the Consent Agenda will be enacted or approved by a single motion or omnibus vote. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless so requested by a member of the Village Board, in which case that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the normal sequence of the Agenda.)

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:
 - (a) THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 04, 2024
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 2,268,895.69
3. ORDINANCE NOL. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2324-G-22 (AMENDING SALARY SCHEDULE ORDINANCE)

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE UNDERPASS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (FRANKLIN PARK FEST BEER GARDEN VENDOR AGREEMENT)
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN LAS ISLAS VIP AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (FRANKLIN PARK FEST BEER GARDEN VENDOR AGREEMENT)
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A RAILCAM LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND RAILSTREAM, LLC
8. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A TERM SHEET FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 3548 RIVER ROAD, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
9. MOTION TO APPROVE A RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN POPPERT V. VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, CASE NUMBER 2020 L 009989 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
10. MOTION TO APPROVE A COOPERATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES UNDER THE GOVERNMENTAL JOINT PURCHASING ACT WITH F.H. PASCHEN, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS FOR THE FIRE STATION NUMBER ONE EXHAUST AND ROOFTOP VENTILATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$68,750.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
11. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, EAST HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS, FOR THE KING STREET STATION MAIN BREAKER REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,750.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE REQUIRED OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
12. MOTION TO APPROVE SAINT GERTRUDE PARISH'S REQUEST TO HOLD A PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION ON SCHILLER BOULEVARD AND EMERSON STREET ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024, FROM 8:10 A.M. TO 8:50 A.M. AND REQUEST FOR A POLICE ESCORT

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to approve the Consent Agenda Roll Call:
Ayes - Mr. Hagerstrom, Ms. Avitia, Mr. Ybarra, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, and Ms. Special
Nay - 0. Absent - 0 Abstain - 0.*

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

Clerk Arellano briefly went over the March Clerk Report.

On Tuesday, February 27, Clerk Arellano was part of the RAICES panel that included Congressman Jesus “Chuy” Garcia, Congresswoman Delia C. Ramirez, Representative Norma Hernandez and community leader and author Marien Casilla Pabellon sponsored by the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation. The panel aimed to discuss policy recommendations and data that supported their 5 pillars, Education, Health, Equity and Latine Representation. Clerk Arellano spoke on her experience coming into her role as Clerk

On Monday, March 11, Clerk Arellano participated as a guest speaker for Representative Norma Hernandez’s Youth Ambassador Program. This program aims to foster civic engagement and community involvement. Clerk Arellano spoke on what to expect at board meetings

On Friday, March 15, along with Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar and Cook County of Women Issues, Claudia Ayala, Leyden Township, Clerk Arellano Co-Hosted a women’s power brunch where Director of Health and Human Resources Lisa Anthony was honored and participated as a guest panelist. The brunch aimed to provide a platform for women to network, discuss issues related to leadership and empowerment. Clerk Arellano thanked Mayor Pedersen, Trustee Avitia, Trustee Special, Veronica, Deputy Clerk Sarah and Sandra for attending in support of the event

Clerk Arellano reminded everyone that the Passport Event at the Franklin Park library will be on March 30, 2024, with 23 applicants signed up

Clerk Arellano announced that she was invited to speak at Representative Norma Hernandez’ event Mujeres Business and Fitness event on Saturday, March 23, a fair which is dedicated to promoting physical and mental health resources for women

Finally, Clerk Arellano reported about 500 people voted during Early Voting

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

NONE

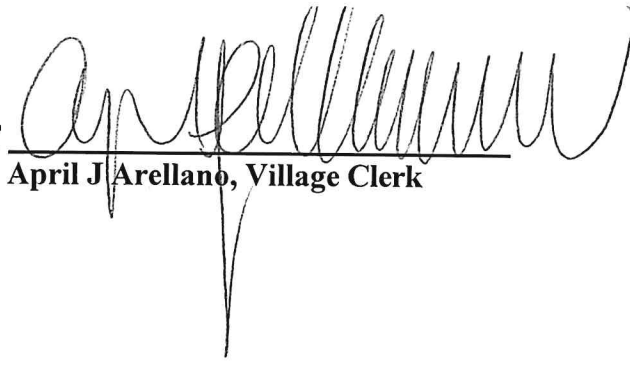
XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST



April J. Arellano, Village Clerk