

**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  
APRIL 01, 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)  
Dafne Henriquez (Village Assistant Engineer)
- The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.
- IV.** *Village Clerk April J Arellano administered the oath of office to ROBERTO ZURITA AS FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTER AND PARAMEDIC*
- V.** Director Michael Witz presented on the Franklin Park K9 Unit and the important work Officer Voodoo does on a daily basis
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)**  
1. NONE

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED DAVID GONZALEZ, VILLAGE COMPTROLLER WILL GIVE A BRIEF REPORT DURING STAFF REPORTS
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST WILL BE ON APRIL 29 AT 11AM
3. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE VINTAGE STEAM ENGINE WILL BE STOPPING IN FRANKLIN PARK ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 FROM 3 – 8 PM. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW THE EXTERIOR OF THE STEAM ENGINE AND LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE LOCOMOTIVE. THERE WILL BE A MUSEUM ON WHEELS, CHILDREN CAN RIDE THE PUFFER BELLY EXPRESS AND PARTICIPATE IN CRAFT PROJECTS. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 0 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 M.E. SIMPSON COMPLETED 332 VALVE EXERCISING FOR 1/3 OF THE TOWN'S VALVES
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED M.E. SIMPSON HAS A CREW STARTING TO FLUSH HYDRANTS IN THE NORTHWEST RESIDENTIAL PART OF TOWN THIS WEEK. THEY HAVE 648 HYDRANTS TO COMPLETE. AREAS OF TOWN WILL HAVE SIGNAGE UP DURING FLUSHING.
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT THERE ARE 25 ADDRESSES THAT ARE ON THE LIST FOR SHUT OFF ON TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2024 FOR NON-PAYMENT
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS CHECKED AROUND TOWN ON 03/28/24 NO NEW ISSUES.
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF PUT IN A STORM DRAIN AND 48 FEET OF STORM LINE IN AT ROSE AND NERBONNE TO FIX THE FLOODING PROBLEM IN THE SIDEWALK AREA
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF HAVE COMPLETED 6 OUT OF 9 ADDRESSES FOR LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT DUE TO DISRUPTION OF THE LEAD SERVICE
10. MS. AVITIA REPORTED IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS STAFF CLEANED GRAFFITI AT 1 LOCATION AT GRAND AND COUNTY LINE ROAD

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

1. MR. RUHL CONGRATULATED ROBERTO ZURITA ON HIS APPOINTMENT
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED TO 336 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
  5. MR. RUHL REPORTED COMMANDER ROBERT JENSEN IS RETIRING AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE
  6. MR. RUHL REPORTED SERGEANT MICHAEL JONES IS RETIRING AFTER SERVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 25 YEARS
  7. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE SERVING CAKE AND COFFEE ON APRIL 3, 2023 AT THE POLICE STATION FOR BOTH RETIRED MEMBERS
  8. MR. RUHL REPORTED SERGEANT DAN MORYS WILL BE PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF COMMANDER ON APRIL 7, 2024 AND WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION
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 44 REPAIRS FOR A TOTAL OF 39 HOURS, UTILITIES HAD A TOTAL OF 56 REPAIRS FOR A TOTAL OF 68 HOURS
  3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 13 TREES WERE REMOVED, 5 WERE TRIMMED, ALL SWEEPING ROUTES WERE SWEPT, 5 SIGNS INSTALLED, 1 HOMELESS CAMP DEBRIS WERE REMOVED, BRANCHES WERE COLLECTED FROM PARKWAYS, POTHOLES WERE FILLED ON VARIOUS STREETS, AND 2 TRUCKS WENT TO THE FLEET GARAGE FOR REPAIRS
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 THE TREE CONTRACTOR WILL COMPLETE TRIMMING ALL PARKWAY TREES FROM ROSE STREET TO WASHINGTON STREET AND GRAND AVENUE TO FRANKLIN AVENUE
  2. MS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCED ARBOR DAY 2024 WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY APRIL 27 ON THE 3000 AND 3100 BLOCKS OF CULLERTON. 45 TREES WILL BE PLANTED THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF MORTON ARBORETUM
  3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ALL TREES LOCATED AROUND PASSOW SCHOOL AND HESTER SCHOOL WERE TRIMMED LAST WEEK WHEN SCHOOLS WERE ON BREAK, AVOIDING TRAFFIC ISSUES
  4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT ATTENDED SAFETY CLASSES CONCENTRATED ON TREE SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT USE
  5. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED VILLAGE STAFF
  6. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 74 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 50 BUILDING PERMITS,

6 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 2 SIGN PERMIT, 1 DUMPSTER PERMIT, 15 FIRE PERMIT AND NO POD PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 74 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 14 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 8 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 6 NEW BUSINESS WERE ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED EARTH DAY WILL BE ON APRIL 20 FROM NOON TO 2PM. IT WILL BE HELD AT NORTH PARK, IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THEY WILL HAVE, THERE WILL BE A SHREDDING TRUCK AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING
2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE SENIOR LUNCHEON WILL BE ON APRIL 25 AT 11:30 AM AT NORTH PARK

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

1. VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ BRIEFLY WENT OVER THE FEBRUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

**IX. 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 18, 2024
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:  
\$ 2,197,495.58
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 3548 RIVER ROAD, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
4. 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 3107 MAPLE, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9651 FRANKLIN AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS APPROVING A GROUND LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF  
FRANKLIN PARK AND UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
7. MOTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED ON MARCH 21, 2024, FOR THE  
SCHILLER BOULEVARD ROADWAY AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II  
PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ENGINEER TO PREPARE NEW BID  
DOCUMENTS FOR SAID PROJECT AND ADVERTISE SAME

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Avitia 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.*

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

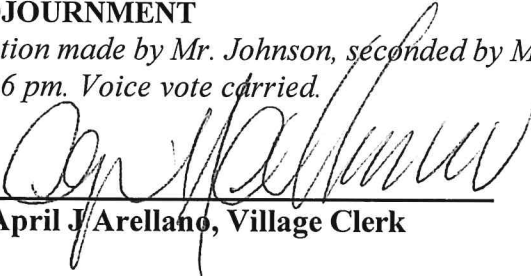
**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**  
NONE

**XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**  
Mayor Pedersen introduced and welcomed Dafne Henriquez as the new assistant village engineer

**XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
NONE

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**  
*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Special to adjourn at  
7:36 pm. Voice vote carried.*

ATTEST

  
April J. Arellano, Village Clerk