

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
AUGUST 10, 2020

MEETING MODIFICATION DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR PRITZKER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07, DATED MARCH 16, 2020, WHICH SUSPENDS THE REQUIREMENT OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PERTAINING TO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC BODY DURING THE DURATION OF THE GUBERNATORIAL DISASTER PROCLAMATION, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING THROUGH AUDIO ACCESS TECHNOLOGY. THE MEETING ROOM REMAINED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC WAS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING. ALL PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING PRACTICED APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING. AS GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-10, DATED MARCH 20, 2020, AND CDC GUIDELINES, REQUIRE THAT NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED IN THE BOARD ROOM AT ANY ONE TIME. THE PUBLIC WAS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING TO VILLAGE CLERK ROBERTA JOHNSON AT RJOHNSON@VOFP.COM.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER: President Pedersen called to order the Board of Trustees of the Village of Franklin Park in regular session at 7:36 p.m. (*Meeting started late due to phone issues for teleconferencing*)

III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Village Clerk Roberta Johnson called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Roberta Johnson, Village Clerk; Joe Montana, Village Attorney; Joe Modrich, Park District; Jacob Koeller and Zachary Kafitz (6B for 11201 Franklin Avenue)

Present Via Telecommunications: President Pedersen, Trustees Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra.

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Staff Members Present Via Telecommunication: Lisa Anthony (Director of Health and Welfare), David Gonzalez (Comptroller), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Joe Lauro (Utilities Commissioner), Pete Cajigas (Director, Department of Building), John Schneider (Community Development Director), Tom McCabe (Engineer Consultants for Smith LaSalle), Director of Police Mike Witz (Police Department), Chief William Brehm (Fire Department)

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

- 1. (Public was also give the opportunity to submit comments to the Village Clerk via email to be read at the meeting) No comments were received via email**

Joe Modrich commented on the past building fee waiver policy and past cooperative approach that involved the Park District reimbursing the Village for plan reviews and more extensive engineering, including MWRD studies and expertise provided by Village of Franklin Park engineering firms. The Park District is requesting the Village revert back to the past agreement for Park District projects so that their capital project investments can be utilized for the maintenance and improvement of our parks and facilities. Mr. Modrich also thanked the men and women of the police and fire departments and paramedics for their outstanding service to the Park District and community. They recently helped with a gas leak before Nicor Gas arrived and have arrived on many false alarms

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Mr. Johnson, Chair)

- 1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE AUDIT IS IN PROGRESS AND ON SCHEDULE. THE COMPTROLLER EXPECTS TO HAVE THE JUNE REPORT FINALIZED SOON. THE VILLAGE IS CURRENTLY GATHERING ALL COVID RELATED EXPENDITURES AND WILL BE SUBMITTING FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO FEMA VIA THE STATE**
- 2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED SOME 2ND INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAXES WERE PAID BY AUGUST 1 EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY EXTENDED THE DEADLINE TO OCTOBER 1, 2020. AS OF TODAY, THE VILLAGE HAS COLLECTED NEARLY 70% OF THE PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED**

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

- 1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THERE WERE 4 SEWER REPAIRS AND 2 HYDRANTS REPLACED SINCE THE LAST MEETING. THERE WERE ALSO 1 WATER MAIN BREAK, 5 WATER LEAKS DUG UP AND REPAIRED**
- 2. MS. AVITIA STATED THE SILVER CREEK EMBANKMENTS WERE CLEANED WITH WEEDS AND OVERGROWTH REMOVED FROM FULLERTON AVENUE TO BELMONT AVENUE**
- 3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF RESUMED GOING INTO HOMES TO ADDRESS WATER BILLING ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS AS WELL AS ZERO CONSUMPTION AND LEAK DETECTION**

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

- 1. MR. RUHL REPORTED TWO OFFICERS BEGAN A “TRAIN THE TRAINER” INSTRUCTOR CLASS ON A NEW LESS THAN LETHAL PEPPER BALL GUN THAT WILL BE UTILIZED BY OFFICERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

2. **MR. RUHL STATED AXON HAS PROVIDED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH 10 BODY CAMERAS TO BE TESTED FOR POSSIBLE PURCHASE. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED 3 DIFFERENT BODY CAMERA PRODUCTS BUT HAS CHOSEN THE AXON BODY 3 BECAUSE OF THE TECHNOLOGY AND COST**
 3. **MR. RUHL STATED AGENDA ITEM #4 IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND QUICKET A SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY THAT WILL BE PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE ABILITY TO ISSUE CITATIONS ELECTRONICALLY AND PROVIDE AN ON-LINE PAYMENT SYSTEM**
- D. STREETS, ALLEYS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
1. **MR. YBARRA STATED SINCE THE LAST MEETING, 37 TONS OF COLD PATCH WAS APPLIED THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE TO REPAIR POTHOLES AND 9 TONS OF HOT PATCH WAS APPLIED AT TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS**
 2. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE LANDSCAPING WALL WAS REDONE AT THE CORNER OF ROSE STREET AND PACIFIC AVENUE BY STAFF. THERE WERE 37 TREE TRIMS AND 13 TREE REMOVALS**
 3. **MR. YBARRA STATED 2 HANDICAP SIGNS WERE REMOVED AND 1 INSTALLED. NUMEROUS OTHER SIGNS WERE REPLACED**
 4. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED ROOF REPAIR HAS BEGUN AT 9280 CHESTNUT STREET. THIS IS A COMPLETE TAKE OFF AND A NEW RUBBER FLAT ROOF. THERE WERE SOME STRUCTURAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED THAT WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW ROOF**
 5. **MR. YBARRA STATED THEY WENT OUT FOR BIDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE G.A.R.R.A. UNDERPASS BRIDGE. THEY DID NOT RECEIVE ANY BIDS. THE VILLAGE IS GOING TO PROCEED WITH A DESIGN BUILD REPAIR THROUGH SMITH LASALLE TO COMPLETE THE MUCH NEEDED WORK**
 6. **MR. YBARRA THANKED FIRE CHIEF BREHM AND ALL THOSE WHO RESPONDED TO THE FIRE ON BELMONT AVENUE AND TO THE RECENT WIND STORMS**
- E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE (Ms. Special, Chair)**
1. **MS. SPECIAL REPORTED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF COMPLETED THREE OF THE FOUR VIDEOCONFERENCING EVALUATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM THROUGH "AMERICA IN BLOOM." THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES BEAUTIFICATION THROUGH EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE FRANKLIN PARK NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ITS LANDSCAPING, COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES**

2. **MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAD 60 CONTRACTORS APPLY AND REGISTER FOR LICENSES SINCE JULY 17. THEY ALSO HAD 124 BUILDING PERMITS, 6 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, AND 5 SIGN PERMITS APPLIED FOR. THERE WERE 17 PROPERTY CLOSINGS AND 5 NEW BUSINESSES THAT APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY. THERE WERE 4 OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES APPROVED**

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

1. **MR. HAGERSTROM STATED “RELAY FOR LIFE” WILL BE HELD THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, FROM 8:30 TO 10:00 P.M. AT THE CIRCLE IN ELMWOOD PARK. THIS EVENT WILL HAVE A DIFFERENT LOOK THIS YEAR, AS IT WILL ONLY BE THE LUMINARIA CEREMONY. YOU CAN ATTEND THE CEREMONY IN PERSON, BUT NEED TO KEEP THE SOCIAL DISTANCE RULES IN PLACE AND WEAR A FACE COVERING**
2. **MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 FROM 3:00 TO 7:30 P.M. IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM**

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Joe Lauro spoke about agenda item #11 regarding an intergovernmental agreement between Leyden Township and the Village of Franklin Park for the repavement of certain streets within the jurisdiction of Leyden Township and the Village. There was a discrepancy in the amount of funds to be provided by the Village due to a section of street that is the property of Franklin Park. Mr. Lauro explained there are funds left over from other projects that can be use and will send out a letter to residents letting them know this is being paid for by the Village of Franklin Park, if this item is approved. Mr. Lauro also spoke about the aftermath of the windstorms causing many trees to fall and a lot of damage occurred. Some of the trees have electrical wires running through them and he stated residents are being notified to not try to clear the fallen trees and let the Village access the danger**
2. **John Schneider spoke about agenda item #5. He explained this is a 6B request for 11201 Franklin Avenue, a 10,000 square foot building which has been vacant in excess of a year. This building is owned by Jakub Koeller. Mr. Koeller is going to be investing \$200,000 to \$300,000 into this property. The property is located by Franklin Avenue and Wolf Road and Mr. Koeller has agreed to do landscaping on both sides of the street. Mr. Schneider spoke about agenda items #12 & #13 explaining both are the sale of properties the Village owns. The one property is located at 9800 Franklin Avenue and the other is located at 9150 Grand Avenue. The 9800 Franklin Avenue property is a cleaner facility for hospital supplies and the 9150 property is for a landscaping firm that sells desert turf. The revenue from these sales will go into the Village’s economic development pool and will be used to do other projects**

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

(Items on the Consent Agenda will be enacted/approved by one motion. 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.)

Village Clerk Roberta Johnson read aloud public recital of Consent Agenda items

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:

(a) THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020

(b) THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR APPROPRIATION HEARING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,595,473.03

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM BEST TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS FOR SHOOTING RANGE MAINTENANCE AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH QUICKET SOLUTIONS, INCORPORATED FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT SOFTWARE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATION BY JAKUB KOELLER, FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 11201 FRANKLIN AVENUE, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FROM APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL REVIEW APPRAISER SERVICES FOR THE FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

7. RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FROM POLACH APPRAISAL GROUP INCORPORATED FOR PROFESSIONAL APPRAISER SERVICES FOR THE FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R**
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FROM JENSEN RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED FOR PROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATION SERVICES FOR THE FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 VC**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING SECTION 11-1-5 OF CHAPTER ONE OF TITLE ELEVEN OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS (FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES)
10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF COOK AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS
11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEYDEN TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE REPAVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF LEYDEN TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE
12. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILAGE AND 1937 CORPORATION D/B/A MAISON DE RITZ CLEANERS FOR THE VILLAGE OWNED PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY AT 9800 FRANKLIN AVENUE
13. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND DESERT TURF FOR THE VILLAGE OWNED PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY AT 9150-9158 WEST GRAND AVENUE
14. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND AFFIRMING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY AND WEST PEARL STREET ADJACENT TO 9535 FRANKLIN AVENUE AND LOCATED IN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2021 Z

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF CONSOLIDATION FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9600 FRANKLIN AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

16. MOTION TO APPROVE VISU-SEWER OF ILLINOIS, LLC, PEWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE SEWER CLEANING AND INSPECTION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,178.76, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND PURSUANT TO THE BID ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION BY THE VILLAGE ENGINEER, AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

17. MOTION TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND EXP U.S. SERVICES, INCORPORATED FOR FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PHASE 2 ENGINEERING DESIGN AND PLAN PREPARATION

18. MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOWEST PROPOSAL FROM JUST FENCE IT, INCORPORATED, MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS, TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL A CEDAR FENCE WITH STEEL POST AND GATE TO PROTECT THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT FIRE STATION 2 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,995.00, AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

19. MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOWEST PROPOSAL FROM TOWN FENCE, INCORPORATED, GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS, TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL A WOOD FENCE AT FIRE STATION 1 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,940.00, AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

20. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF JAMES AVENUE BETWEEN HOUSTON STREET AND BRIGHT STREET FOR A VILLA ALEGRE AND SAINT GERTRUDE CHURCH SPECIAL EVENT FROM 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020, AND DIRECT THE UTILITIES COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF POLICE TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH SAME

Motion made by Mr. Ybarra, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra.
Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. None

IX. APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING IN

1. None

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

1. Village Clerk Roberta Johnson announced the Village will be hosting early voting October 19 through November 2, 2020

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. President Pedersen spoke about the financial effect of the pandemic and people receiving supplemental aid
2. President Pedersen spoke about grants and stated he is excited over finishing up the “America in Bloom” conferences tomorrow

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Special, seconded by Ms. Avitia to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

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

Nay – 0. Absent – Mr. Ruhl. Abstain – 0.

ATTEST

Roberta Johnson, Village Clerk

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