

**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 16, 2026**

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 session at 7:00 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Village Clerk April J Arellano called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Mr. Barrett F. Pedersen (Village President),
Ms. April J Arellano (Village Clerk), and Joseph Montana (Village Attorney)

Trustees (Present in the Room):

Ms. Irene Avitia

Ms. Karen Special,

Mr. John Johnson,

Mr. William "Bill" Ruhl,

Mr. Andres "Andy" Ybarra

Mr. Gilbert Hagerstrom

Department Heads:

Thomas Ferris (Police Chief)

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Nick Steker (Battalion Fire Chief)

Nick Weber (Utilities Commissioner)

Nick Walny (Director of Community Development and Zoning)

Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources & Operations)

Dan Corcoran (IT Director)

Dafne Henriquez (Assistant Village Engineer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

IV. *Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Deni Subasic as Franklin Park Fire Fighter and Paramedic of Franklin Park*

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V. PUBLIC COMMENT
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 1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 3 MAINBREAKS
 2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED 2 LEAD SERVICES AT 2902 AND 2901 ROSE ST. AFTER DISRUPTION
 3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF DOOR TAGGED 119 RESIDENTS FOR SHUT OFF FOR NONPAYMENT FOR LONGER THAN 90 DAYS, WE HAD 30 RESIDENTS COME IN AND CATCH UP ON THEIR BILLS. SHUT OFF DATE IS APRIL 7TH
 4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REBUILT THE FIRE HYDRANT AT PACIFIC AND ERNST
 5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED FULLERTON LIFT STATION PUMP 1 WAS PULLED TO HAVE IT REBUILT
 6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF PICKED UP GARBAGE AROUND TOWN FILLING 35 GARBAGE BAGS
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 8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED NO REPORTS OF ANY FLOODED BASEMENTS FROM THE LAST RAIN EVENT WHICH TOTALED 1.8" OF RAIN ON MARCH 15TH WITH A TOTAL OF 3.7" OF RAIN THIS MONTH

3. **POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE, (Mr. Ruhl, Chair)**
 1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER WAS MARCH 11TH. THE POWER TEST AND WRITTEN EXAM WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 28TH

4. **STREETS, ALLEYS, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
 1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 2 VEHICLES WENT TO THE FLEET DEPARTMENT FOR REPAIR
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5. **PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, BUILDING, AND TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, (Ms. Special, Chair)**
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Nay - 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0*

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XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:
Village Clerk Arellano announced 798 voters early voted

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:
Village President Pedersen introduced Israel Rodriguez, Young Ambassador for Representative Norma Hernandez

XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION
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Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Avitia to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for “Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)”

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Village Clerk, April Arellano, stated to let the record reflect that all members returned. No action was taken in Closed Session

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Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 8:22 PM. Voice vote carried.

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