

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
JANUARY 4, 2021

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 meeting of the Village of Franklin Park in regular session at 7:00 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Village Clerk Roberta Johnson called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Barrett F. Pedersen (Mayor); Joe Montana (Village Attorney); Roberta Johnson (Village Clerk); Tom Dailly (I.T. Director)

Present Via Teleconference: 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 Human Resources/Health and Welfare), Joe Lauro (Utilities Commissioner), Tom McCabe (Engineer Consultant for Smith LaSalle), Frank Grieashamer (Treasurer), Mike Witz (Director, Police Department), David Gonzalez (Comptroller), John Schneider (Director, Community Development)

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

(Public was also give the opportunity to submit comments to the Village Clerk via email to be read at the meeting) There was no one from the public in the meeting and no emails were submitted to the Village Clerk to be read at the Board Meeting by 4:30 p.m.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL REVIEW THE NOVEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL STATUS**

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

- 1. MS. AVITIA STATED THERE WERE 7 WATER MAIN BREAKS SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING, 5 BACKED UP SEWERS AND ALL WERE PRIVATE ISSUES (4 HAD INSURANCE)**
- 2. MS. AVITIA STATED THERE WERE SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS ON DECEMBER 29 AND 30, 2020**
- 3. MS. AVITIA STATED IN REGARDS TO WATER COLLECTIONS, RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN SETTING UP PAYMENT PLANS AND WATER BILLING HAS HAD A HIGH VOLUME OF CALLS FOR HIGH UTILITY BILLS, FINAL READS AND ESTIMATED READ APPOINTMENTS**
- 4. MS AVITIA STATED THE FLOATS THAT MAINTAIN THE WET WELL LEVELS WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED AND 2 CHECK VALVES WERE REPLACED AND BACK IN SERVICE. A STARTER MOTOR AT THE TALBOTT RETENTION LIFT STATION FAILED AND WAS REPLACED**

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

- 1. MR. RUHL STATED HE HAD NO REPORT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- 2. MR. RUHL REPORTED FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AFTER SUBMITTING POLICIES, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE NEW FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER ON SAFE POLICING, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED BY THE ILLINOIS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION THAT THE POLICIES FRANKLIN PARK SUBMITTED MET THE FEDERAL USE OF FORCE GUIDELINES**

D. STREETS, ALLEYS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)

- 1. MR. YBARRA STATED ON DECEMBER 29 AND 30, 2020, THERE WAS A 2.5" SNOWFALL AND SNOW OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED. THERE WERE TWO TRUCK BREAKDOWNS BUT WERE FIXED AND BACK IN SERVICE. SENIOR SNOW CONTRACTORS WERE NOT CALLED OUT FOR THIS EVENT**
- 2. MR. YBARRA STATED THE VILLAGE IS STILL LOOKING FOR A MECHANIC TO FILL THE VACANT MECHANIC POSITION IN FLEET MAINTENANCE**
- 3. MR. YBARRA ANNOUNCED MANY COMPLIMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA WERE RECEIVED FOR THE SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS**
- 4. MR. YBARRA STATED 3 STOP SIGNS, 7 SNOW REMOVAL SIGNS, 5 NO PARKING SIGNS AND 3 STREET NAME SIGNS WERE REPLACED**
- 5. MR. YBARRA ANNOUNCED JANUARY 4 AND 11, 2021, CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE PICKED UP. TREES SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE FRONT PARKWAY OR CURB, DO NOT PUT THEM IN THE ALLEY.**

RESIDENTS NEED TO REMOVE LIGHTS, TINSEL, ORNAMENTS AND DECORATIONS FROM THE TREE BEFORE PUTTING THEM OUT FOR COLLECTION

- 6. MR. YBARRA STATED 17 TONS OF COLD PATCH WERE APPLIED TO POTHoles AND 9 TONS OF HOT PATCH APPLIED ON STREET CUTOUTS**

**E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE
(Ms. Special, Chair)**

- 1. MS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCED THAT SHE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- 2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THERE WERE 32 BUILDING PERMITS, 6 ELECTRICAL, 1 SIGN PERMIT APPLIED FOR WITH A TOTAL OF 39 PERMITS ISSUED IN A TWO-WEEK SPAN. THERE WERE 15 PROPERTY CLOSINGS BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 3 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY, 2 OCCUPANCIES CERTIFIED AND 16 STORAGE CONTAINER RENEWALS**

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

- 1. MR. HAGERSTROM THANKED ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO DECORATED THEIR HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND ALSO TO THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE BEST DECORATED HOME CONTEST. JUDGING THE HOMES WAS CONDUCTED BY THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY KAREN SPECIAL. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND RECOGNIZED AT THE UPCOMING BOARD MEETING**

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

- 1. CONTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ GAVE A BRIEF REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE VILLAGE AS OF END OF NOVEMBER 2020 AND THANKED THE DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR KEEPING EXPENDITURES DOWN WHICH WAS GOOD NEWS IN THAT THE VILLAGE IS IN A GOOD FINANCIAL POSITION**
- 2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JOHN SCHNEIDER STATED BUILDING PERMITS ARE UP WITH COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES DOING MORE RENOVATIONS AND THERE IS MOVING ACTIVITY FOR INDUSTRIAL SPACE. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON MAPPING OUT POTENTIAL SITES FOR COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE**

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) **REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020**
2. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,776,341.26**
3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A POTABLE WATER PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
4. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL REDUCTION IN LIQUOR LICENSE FEES TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC RELIEF TO RESTAURANTS AND BARS
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE A RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH PACE SUBURBAN BUS DIVISION OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO SECURE EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT OR FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE SAME**

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Ybarra 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. APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING IN

None

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

1. Village Clerk Roberta Johnson wished everyone a happy and healthy new year

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. Mayor Pedersen commented on an email he received from Cook County regarding registering to receive a COVID 19 vaccine shot

XI. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Avitia to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.
 Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra.
 Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

ATTEST

Roberta Johnson, Village Clerk

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