

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
FEBRUARY 16, 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 of the Village of Franklin Park in regular session at 7:01 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Village Clerk Roberta Johnson called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Mayor Pedersen; Joe Montana (Village Attorney); Roberta Johnson (Village Clerk)

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 (Police Department Director)

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 to make a comment and no one submitted a comment to the Clerk by 4:30 p.m. today to be read to the President and Board of Trustees during the meeting.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON STATED HE HAD NO REPORT FOR FINANCE OR SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSIONS AND HE THANKED JOE LAURO AND THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT FOR A GREAT JOB AT CLEARING THE SNOW ON THE VILLAGE STREETS**

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

- 1. MS. AVITIA STATED, DUE TO THE EXTENDED DEEP FREEZE IN THE WEATHER, CALLS HAVE BEEN COMING IN REGARDING FROZEN PIPES AND WATER MAIN BREAKS**
- 2. MS. AVITIA ANNOUNCED THAT CURRENTLY THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING ON SNOW REMOVAL FOR THE STREETS AND ALLEYS AND WILL BE FOCUSING ON THIS FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK**
- 3. MS. AVITIA STATED STREETS AND ALLEYS DEPARTMENT RECEIVED 131 WATER BILLING CALLS, 145 EMAILS REGARDIGN HIGH BILLS OR ESTIMATED READS, 15 WATER BILL FINALS AND 72 SERVICE CALLS FOR WATER METER CHANGE OUTS**
- 4. MS. AVITIA THANKED EVERYONE FOR HELPING WITH THE SNOW STORM**

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

- 1. MR. RUHL STATED HE HAD NO REPORT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUT HE THANKED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR GOING OUT AND CLEARING SNOW AWAY FROM HYDRANTS**
- 2. MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED IGNATIO GARCIA WILL BE SWORN IN AS FIRE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

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

- 1. MR. YBARRA ANNOUNCED THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS PAST SNOW EVENT WITH 7.8" ADDITIONAL SNOW ON TOP OF THE LARGE AMOUNT ALREADY ON THE GROUND AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS WILL STAY IN EFFECT THROUGH THE WEEK UNTIL THE SNOW REMOVAL IS COMPLETE. MAIN AND SECONDARY STREETS HAVE BEEN CLEARED WITH FOCUS NOW ON SIDE STREETS AND ALLEYS**
- 2. MR. YBARRA ANNOUNCED REPUBLIC SERVICES WAS NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE THE WEEKLY WASTE PICKUP ON MONDAY BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT GET DOWN SOME ALLEYS DUE TO THE SNOW PILE UP, BUT WILL COMPLETE THE PICKUP ON WEDNESDAY**
- 3. MR. YBARRA ANNOUNCED FLEET IS STILL LOOKING FOR TWO FULL-TIME MECHANICS AND ONE MECHANIC IS STILL ON MEDICAL LEAVE SO THEY CONTINUE TO OUTSOURCE MECHANICAL WORK AND THERE ARE CURRENTLY SIX TRUCKS OUT OF SERVICE**

E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Ms. Special, Chair)

- 1. MS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCED FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT 22 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 24 BUILDING PERMITS, 10 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 9 SIGN PERMITS, 1 DUMSTER PERMIT FOR A TOTAL OF 35 PERMITS ISSUED. THERE WERE 11 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, INCLUDING RESIDENTAL AND COMMERICAL, 2 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 2 OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES ISSUED ALONG WITH 1 HEALTH LICNESE RENEWED AND 1 STORAGE COTNAINER RENEWAL**
- 2. MS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCED FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF ATTENDED A VITURAL OPEN HOUSE HOSTED BY COOK COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE COOK COUNTY BIKE PLAN. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH MULTIPLE BICYCLE INITIATIVES LIKE THE DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT THAT WILL PROVIDE A SAFER, MORE ASSESSIBLE BIKE NETWORK FOR RESIDENTS**
- 3. MS. SPECIAL STATED STAFF HAS COMPLETED THE REVIEW OF 4 BUIDLING PERMIT OR OCCUPANY PACKETS AND BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND CONTINUES TO FIELD INQUIRIES REGARDING AVAILABLE PROPERTIES, BUSINESS PROPOSALS, AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
- 4. MS. SPECIAL THANKED THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND COMPLIMENTED THEM FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK IN CLEARING THE STREETS OF SNOW FROM THE LATEST SNOW EVENT**

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

- 1. MR. HAGERSTROM STATED THE SENIOR SNOW PLOW CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT TWICE WITH THE MOST CURRENT SNOW EVENT AND ARE WORKING HARD TO KEEP OUR SENIORS DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS CLEARED**
- 2. MR. HAGERSTROM STATED ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN ANSWERING PHONE CALLS ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE COVID VACCINE AND ARE RECOMMENDING RESIDENTS TO CONTACT THEIR PHYSICIAN OR GO TO THE COOK COUNTY WEBSITE TO REGISTER AND THEY WILL GET NOTIFICATIONS OF WHEN THE VACCINE IS AVAILABLE FOR WHATEVER PHASE THEY ARE IN. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO CHECK THE VILLAGE WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION**

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Utilities Director Joe Lauro reported on Utility Department trucks that have broken down and the mechanical work being outsourced while the search continues for mechanics. He submitted a summary to the Trustees on the issues of the trucks**
- 2. Mr. Lauro commented on the latest snow event that brought 7.8” of new snow on top of already accumulated snow and snow operations will be continuing all week with side streets and alleys being a problem since there is no place to put the snow**
- 3. Mr. Lauro thanked the Police Department for helping to get vehicles moved so plows could get through to plow. He thanked the Administration Department as they have been fielding a high volume of phone calls regarding plowing, garbage pickup and other storm related issues, also he thanked the Fire Department for clearing snow away from fire hydrants, the entire Utilities Department for all their work in clearing the snow and to all Village employees for working together during this event**
- 4. Mr. Lauro commented on the road salt situation and that the Village will be receiving a new shipment on Wednesday. He stated 50 to 60 tons are usually used during a snow event but this event about 120 tons of salt have been used so far**
- 5. Mr. Lauro stated garbage pickup should resume on Wednesday for those that did not get a pick up on Monday due to the weather conditions**

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, FEBRUARY 01, 2021**
- 2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,374,966.20**
- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPROVE FRANKLIN AVENUE FROM THE SILVER CREEK CROSSING TO THE I-294 BRIDGE (SECTION NUMBER 17-00083-01-BR)**

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING AN EXTENSION TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE GRAND AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES FOR GRAND AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

7. **MOTION TO APPROVE LES TURNER ALS FOUNDATION REQUEST TO HOLD A TAG DAYS DRIVE ON SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021 AT THE INTERSECTION OF 25TH AND GRAND AVENUE FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Ms. Avitia 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. Ms. Johnson announced the Village Hall will be an early voting site for the Consolidated Election and early voting will be available March 22 through April 4. The hours for early voting are Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays, March 29 and April 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2. Ms. Johnson stated the last day the Clerk's Office is available to accept voter registrations is Tuesday, March 9, but voter registration will continue via the Cook County Clerk's website through March 21 and also during the early voting period at a voting site

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. Mr. Pedersen thanks the Village employees who have worked hard on this past snow event

XI. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Special, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:25 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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