

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 JUNE 21, 2021

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 7:02 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Village Clerk April J. Arellano called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen, Trustees: Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra, Mr. Bill Ruhl, Joe Montana (Village Attorney); April J. Arellano (Village Clerk), Dan Corcoran (I.T. Director), Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources/Health and Welfare), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Mike Witz (Police Department Director), John Schneider (Community Development Director), Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director) Tom McCabe (Village Engineer), David Gonzalez (Village Comptroller)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present

IV. SWEARING IN OF:

Village Clerk April J. Arellano, administered the oath to Christopher De Lara as Franklin Park Police Officer

Village Clerk April J. Arellano administered the oath to Tom Ferris as Franklin Park Commander

Mr. Russ Klug was not present

V. PRESENTATION: OFFICER OF THE YEAR RIBBONS

Officer of the Year Ribbons were presented by Director of Police Mike Witz to the entire Franklin Park Police department for their relentless work, ethic, integrity and professionalism during a challenging pandemic year

The following officers were present to receive ribbons:

Officer Ian Ives, Officer Melisa Jones, Commander Tom Ferris, Officer Matt Bowes, Officer Tom Klos, Officer De Lara, Sargent Witnik, Commander Robert Jensen

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

There were no in-person public comments

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL BE GIVING A REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS**
- 2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, IS ITEM NUMBER 5 IS “AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE CARNIVAL FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST ON AUGUST 26 THROUGH AUGUST 29. THE CARNIVAL IS FANTASY AMUSEMENT COMPANY”**

B. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

(Ms. Avitia, Chair)

- 1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE VILLAGE RECEIVED 2.1 INCHES OF RAIN LAST NIGHT. NO FLOODING OR MAJOR DAMAGES OCCURED, THE VILLAGE RECEIVED 3.5 INCHES OF RAIN SO FAR FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE. SHE ALSO STATED 4 STREET DRAINS WERE REBUILT**
- 2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT A PRIVATE SANITARY LIFT STATION ON COPENHAGEN FAILED AND THE OWNER DID NOT NOTIFY THE VILLAGE. THE VILLAGE WORKED WITH THE M.W.R.D. AND ILLINOIS E.P.A. TO STOP CONTAMINATION INTO THE VILLAGE STORM RETENTION AT COPENHAGEN RETENTION POND, WHICH TOOK 5 DAYS TO CLEAN UP**
- 3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 156 EMAILS AND 97 PHONE INQUIRY’S CONCERNING WATER BILLS, 5 F.O.I.A. REQUESTS COMPLETED**
- 4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES STARTED RECEIVING SURVEY LETTERS REGARDING CROSS CONNECTIONS ON THE PORTABLE WATER SUPPLY. THIS PROGRAM IS MANDATED BY THE I.E.P.A., REQUIRES A CROSS CONNECTION SURVEY BE COMPLETED EVERY 3 YEARS BY ANY WATER UTILITY OWNER. THIS IS BEING DONE BY A VILLAGE VENDER BSI INC., THEY WILL SUPPLY THE VILLAGE A COMPLETE ELECTRONIC FILE OF ALL RESPONSES TO BE COMPLIANT WITH I.E.P.A**
- 5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT REUTERS PHASE 3 AND 4 IS MOVING ALONG, ALL SANITARY LATERAL SERVICES ON THE EAST SIDE OF SHEILA STREET ARE COMPLETED, STORM SEWER CONSTRUCTION ALONG NEVADA AVENUE FROM ATLANTIC STREET TO DEAD END SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY, 2, 700 FEET OF SANITARY SEWERS AND 3,400 FEET OF STORM SEWERS CLEANED OUT AND JETTED**

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

- 1. MR. RUHL CONGRATULATED POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER DE LARA, AND COMMANDER TOM FERRIS ON THEIR PROMOTIONS, AND HE CONGRATULATED THE OFFICERS WHO RECEIVED THE “OFFICER OF THE YEAR” RIBBONS**
- 2. MR. RUHL STATED HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

- 1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED CREWS WERE OUT ALL DAY CHECKING THE FOR BRANCHES AND CLEAN UP FOR LAST NIGHT'S STORM**
- 2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED CREWS STARTED INSTALLING BIKE PATH SIGNS IN THE VILLAGE FOR A NEW BIKE PATH ROUTE, AFTER THAT IS COMPLETED, THE CREW WILL START ON THE THERMAL PAVEMENT BIKE PATH DECALS**
- 3. MR. YBARRA STATED COMCAST STARTED INSTALLING NEW CABLE IN THE REUTERS PHASE 3 AND 4 AREA, THEY WILL BE INSTALLING TWO-2-INCH CABLES FROM EDGINGTON STREET AND NEVADA STREET GOING WEST TO THE DEAD END OF NEVADA AVENUE**
- 4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED VILLAGE STAFF AND SMITH LASALLE STAFF ARE ATTENDING AN ONSITE COORDINATION MEETING WITH I.D.O.T. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 22, FOR THE ROBINSON ROAD AND RIVER ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL, EQUIPMENT FROM I.D.O.T. STARTED IS BEING DELIVERED TODAY AND THIS IS PROJECTED TO BE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID OCTOBER 2021**
- 5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED ON THE COMPLETE SHUTDOWN OF FRANKLIN AVENUE FOR CONSTRUCTION THAT STARTED ON JUNE 14 AND THE STREET WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL AUGUST 2**
- 6. MR. YBARRA STATED I.D.O.T. MISPLACED OUR GM PROJECT CLOSURE SUBMITTALS AND SMITH LASALLE HAS RESUBMITTED FOR 17GM, 18 GM, 19GM, AND 20 GM**
- 7. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE FLEET DIVISION ADDED A SECOND MECHANIC AND IS NOW FULLY STAFFED. THIS MEANS THAT THE VENDER BILLS WILL START BEING REDUCED AS WORK WILL START IN-HOUSE AGAIN**

E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Ms. Special, Chair)

- 1. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF REVIEWED 32 BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCCUPANCY PACKETS, AND BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS, AND CONTINUES TO FIELD INQUIRES ON AVAILABLE PROPERTIES, BUSINESS PROPOSALS AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITES**
- 2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED FROM THE ZONING DEPARTMENT THE ZONING BOARD APPROVED A CONDITIONAL USE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE SALES IN THE RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT PER VILLAGE CODE FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9206 GRAND AVENUE, THE PETITIONER PLANS TO OPEN UP A VINTAGE CAR DEALERSHIP THAT SPECIALIZES IN SALES AND STORAGE OF VINTAGE CARS**
- 3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, 71 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 127 BUILDING, 15 ELECTRICAL, 1 SIGN, 5 DUMPSTER, 9 FIRE PERMITS, 10 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 5 NEW BUSINESSES THAT APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 1 OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE WAS ISSUED**

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM STATED THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM

- 1. Mr. David Gonzalez, Village Comptroller, reported that 11 months into the fiscal year the Village has 25.7 million general fund revenue and 25.2 million in expenditures, leaving us with \$346,000 surplus after 11 months**
- 2. Mr. Gonzalez reported that the year to date general fund was down \$791,000 from the year before due to COVID but the village expenditures were also down \$844,000**
- 3. Mr. Gonzalez reported that this week the April report is being completed, which is a bit more time consuming. Mr. Gonzalez reported on ongoing issues and is trying to address the 2 funds that have been underwater for many years. Mr. Gonzalez will have a draft of the report by Friday**
- 4. Mr. John Schneider, Director of Community Development, reported that Microsoft is going to build out facilities, creating 350 jobs**
- 5. Mr. John Schneider, reported there is commercial interest out west by Grand and Mannheim, but run into issues because the area is not development ready**
- 6. Mr. Tom McCabe, Village Engineer, reported out on Grand and Mannheim, the hotel on Mannheim is caved in and filled with rubble. Mr. McCabe reported on their plan to help remove those lots out of the flood plain, by saving money and minimize carbon release**

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 April J. Arellano 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, JUNE 07, 2021**
- 2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$1,498,472.98**
- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 2122 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AMENDMENT #1 FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FRANKLIN AVENUE WEST OF THE SILVER CREEK CROSSING TO EAST OF I-294 BRIDGE OVER FRANKLIN AVENUE BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2122 G
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 700
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2122 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN FANTASY AMUSEMENT COMPANY, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (FRANKLIN PARK FEST - CARNIVAL CONTRACT)
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2122 Z
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A “MOTOR VEHICLE SALES” USE WITHIN THE I-1 RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 21-07: 9206 GRAND AVENUE)
7. MOTION TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE CHRISTOPHER SARDO’S PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CLAIM AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME ON CONDITION THAT ALL PARTIES EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
8. MOTION TO APPROVE ST. GERTRUDE PARISH REQUEST TO CLOSE GUSTAV STREET FROM THE ALLEY TO SCHILLER BLVD FROM 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 2021, FOR THEIR ANNUAL FEST

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

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IX. APPOINTMENTS / SWEAERING IN:

None

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

1. Village Clerk Arellano announced that the next board meeting will take place on July 19 and the next meeting after that will be on August 16, 2021

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need for Salary Schedules for one or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of certain Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Motion made by Ms. Avitia, seconded by Mr. Johnson to go into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. for "Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees; and Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Certain Employees"

Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, and Mr. Ybarra, Nay – 0. Absent – 1 (Ms. Special). Abstain – 0

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 7:56 P.M.

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

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

1. Mayor Pedersen reported that he will preparing a memo about the deficit money collected for waste hauling and the amount that is paid by residents for the service, this has not seen an increased in 10 years

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.
Voice vote carried*

ATTEST

April J. Arellano, Village Clerk

Notice of Meeting Duly Posted as per Illinois Open Meeting Act