

**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 03, 2022**

**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 7:00 p.m.**

**III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**Village Clerk April J. Arellano called the roll:**

**Present at Board Meeting: Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen,**

**Village Clerk April J. Arellano, Trustees: Ms. Avitia, Ms. Special**

**Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, and Joe Montana (Village Attorney); Dan Corcoran**

**(I.T. Director), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Mike Witz (Director of Police)**

**Luke Palermo (Franklin Park Fire Battalion Chief), Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building**

**Director), John P. Schneider (Director of Community Development and Zoning)**

**Present via teleconference: Andy Ybarra, Trustee**

**The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present**

**IV. SWEARING IN:**

*Village Clerk April J. Arellano administered the oath to Daniel Delapaz, as Franklin Park Police Officer*

*Village Clerk April J. Arellano administered the oath to Benji Randy Cuyugan, as Franklin Park Police Officer*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)  
There were no in-person public comments**

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE OCTOBER, 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT WAS EMAILED TO THE BOARD AND THE COMPTROLLER WILL BRIEFLY REVIEW THAT REPORT AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING**

2. **MR. JOHNSON STATED ALL THE DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS WERE MADE THAT WERE DUE JANUARY 1, 2022, THE 2021 LEVY HAS BEEN FILED WITH COOK COUNTY, AND THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO START THE 2023 BUDGET PLANNING IN EARLY MARCH AND A DRAFT BUDGET BEFORE THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR APRIL 30, 2022**

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

1. **MS. AVITIA REPORTED THERE HAVE BEEN TWO WATER MAIN BREAKS AND THREE HYDRANTS REPLACED**
2. **MS. AVITIA REPORTED M.E. SIMPSON FOUND 3 SMALL UNDERGROUND LEAKS DURING THE ANNUAL LEAK SURVEY PROGRAM, ALL THREE SHOULD BE DUG UP AND REPAIRED BY THE END OF THE WEEK**
3. **MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE WATER DEPARTMENT SUPPLIED 2 DRIVERS TO STREET DIVISION FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND SHOVELED ALL CROSS WALKS FOR SCHOOL, BUS STOPS, AND VILLAGE BUILDINGS AND LOTS, METRA, G.A.R.R.A. AND FRANKLIN AVENUE**
4. **MS. AVITIA REPORTED 2 MAIN LINE SEWER COLLAPSES WERE DUG UP AND REPAIRED**
5. **MS. AVITIA REPORTED 21 METER TELE CODER HEADS HAVE BEEN CHANGED OUT, AND 31 METER BODIES CHANGED OUT. THE WATER METER DIVISION COMPLETED 69 SERVICE CALLS AND SEWER DIVISION COMPLETED 24 SERVICE CALLS, 191 EMAILS ANSWERED, 5 F.O.I.A. REQUESTS COMPLETED AND 213 PHONE CALLS ANSWERED**

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

1. **MR. YBARRA, ON BEHALF OF MR. RUHL'S ABSENCE, REPORTED IN THE YEAR 2021, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATED 162 COMPLAINTS OF HIGH GRASS/WEEDS, ISSUED 44 CITATIONS, AND OF THOSE 38 RECEIVED FINES**
2. **MR. YBARRA STATED POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUED OVER 140 SNOW PARKING TICKETS THIS PAST WEEKEND**

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

1. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE OFFICIAL SNOWFALL TOTAL AT O'HARE WAS ORIGINALLY 5.1" AND THEN WAS LOWERED IT TO 4.1, OUR WEATHER SOFTWARE REGISTERED 4.6" AT THE FRANKLIN PARK PUMP HOUSE**
2. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED THAT 4 EMPLOYEES ARE OUT WITH COVID, AND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT WORKED WITH STREET DEPARTMENT TO COVER SNOW REMOVAL ROUTES AND IT ALL WORKED**

3. **MR. YBARRA STATED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS A BIG HELP WITH TICKETING CARS THAT WERE NOT MOVED AND KNOCKED ON DOORS TO REQUEST CARS BE MOVED, A MAJORITY OF THE SNOW REMOVAL WAS ON SUNDAY AND A LOT OF CARS WERE ON THE STREET**
4. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE SNOW PLOW CONTRACTORS FOR THE SENIOR PROGRAM WERE CALLED OUT FOR SUNDAY MORNING**
5. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED LAST WEEK'S WIND STORM EVENT CAUSING A THREE DAY BRANCH PICK UP THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE VILLAGE, TWO TREES THAT SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE WERE ALSO REMOVED**
6. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED THAT 5 STOP SIGNS, 18 SNOW ROUTE AND RAILROAD SIGNS REPLACED**
7. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED THAT 33 TONS OF COLD PATCH WAS APPLIED THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, FOCUSING IN THE CENTER AND NORTH END OF VILLAGE FILLING OF POT HOLES**
8. **MR. YBARRA STATED THAT "TOYS FOR TOTS" WERE DELIVERED TO THE NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT BY CHIEF WITZ AND HIS STAFF**
9. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED 194 EMAILS ANSWERED, 236 PHONE CALLS WERE ANSWERED FOR STREETS DIVISION, AND 2 F.O.I.A.'S COMPLETED**
10. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE FLEET DEPARTMENT REPAIRED 4 POLICE VEHICLE REPAIRS AND 2 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 21 UTILITIES DEPARTMENT REPAIRS, 2 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPAIRS AND 1 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE COMPLETED**

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

1. **MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAD 15 CONTRACTORS APPLY AND REGISTER FOR LICENSES, 12 BUILDING PERMITS, 3 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 1 SIGN PERMIT, 1 FIRE PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR, 10 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AND 2 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY**

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

1. **MR. HAGERSTROM STATED THE WINNERS OF THE BEST DECORATED HOUSE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING**
2. **MR. HAGERSTROM WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

- VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM**
- 1. BATTALION CHIEF PALERMO ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION APPROVED TO HIRE VINCENT SANDOVAL, WHO WILL BE STARTING ON JANUARY 10, 2022**
  - 2. MAYOR PEDERSEN CLARIFIED THAT A NEWLY HIRED FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC RESIGNED AND TOOK A POSITION IN THE TOWN OF CICERO AFTER 6 MONTHS**

**VIII. 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, DECEMBER 20, 2021
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$ 1,503,303.65
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2122 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR GRANT FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATHS AND DEDICATED BIKE LANES
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2122 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROHIBITING THE USE OF GROUND WATER AS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY BY THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD AT 3601 ROSE STREET FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
5. MOTION TO APPROVE A COMCAST BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SERVICES SALES ORDER FORM FOR INTERNET AND PRI SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

6. MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SPM ARCHITECTS, INCORPORATED TO INSPECT AND EVALUATE THE CONDITION OF VILLAGE HALL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,400.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
  
7. MOTION TO APPROVE ALL SETTLEMENT AMOUNTS AND PAYMENTS OF FUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS AS WELL AS PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AS PART OF THE FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE COMPTROLLER, VILLAGE ENGINEER AND VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE ALL SUCH ACQUISITIONS TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Avitia to approve the Consent Agenda  
 Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ybarra, and Ms. Special  
 Nay – 0. Absent – Mr. Ruhl, Abstain – 0.*

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:  
 NONE**

**XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:  
 Mayor Pedersen announced that Thornton Township Supervisor, Committeeman, and President of the community college, Frank Zuccarelli passed away at the age 70**

**XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 NONE**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT  
*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Special to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.  
 Voice vote carried***

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
**April J. Arellano, Village Clerk**

**Notice of Meeting Duly Posted as per Illinois Open Meeting Act**