

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THE SPECIAL 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  
September 05, 2023**

**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 special session at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

**Trustees (Present in the Room): Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Ybarra**

**Department Heads:**

**Nick Steker (Fire Department Battalion Chief), Mike Witz (Director of Police), Joe Thomas (Acting Utilities Director), Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director), Dan Corcoran (IT Director), Rudy Repa (Village Planner), Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Tom MacCabe(Village Engineer)**

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

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

**1. NONE**

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE ANNUAL EDDIE BIUNDO FALL FEST PARADE WILL BE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, THE VILLAGE IS PARTICIPATING**
- 2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 AUDIT IS MOVING ALONG, A DRAFT WILL BE READY AT THE END OF THE MONTH. JUNE 2023 FINANCIAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN EMAILED TO THE BOARD AND THE COMPTROLLER WILL GO OVER THEM AT THE NEXT MEETING**

3. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE 2<sup>ND</sup> INSTALL MENT OF PROPERTY TAXES HAS BEEN DELAYRED AGAIN BY COOK COUNTY, THE VILLAGE DOES NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE THOSE FUNDS UNTIL DECEMBER 01, 2023. THE VILLAGE HAS SUFFICIENT RESERVES AND WILL NOT NEED TO DRAW ON THE LINE OF CREDIT DUE TO THE DELAY FROM THE COUNTY

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

1. MR. YBARRA ON BEHALF OF MS. AVITIA'S ABSENCE REPORTED A WATER MAIN BREAKS WITH 4 SMALL LEAKS SCHEDULED FOR REPAIR
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED STAGE 2 WATER SAMPLES COMPLETED FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER OF THE YEAR
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 8 DIRT STOPS WERE COMPLETED AFTER CONCRETE WORK WAS COMPLETED
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 4 WATER MAIN BREAKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS
5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 2 MANHOLES WERE REPLACED ON SCHILLER BOULEVARD AND ONE AT ATLANTIC STREET AND THE OTHER ON RUBY AND SCHILLER BOULEVARD
6. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE CL2 SUPPLY LINK PUCK EJECTORS ON PUMPS 1,2,3,4 AND CL2 TANK CHLORINATOR FEEDER AT THE MAIN PUMPING STATION WERE REPLACED
7. MR. YBARRA REPORTED STAFF RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF CHLORINE CYLINDERS AT THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE
8. MR. YBARRA REPORTED STAFF IS GETTING PRICING FOR THE HYDRANTS IN TOWN
9. MR. YBARRA REPORTED BAD SPOTS WERE CHECKED LAST WEEK WITH NO ISSUES

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

1. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 3,290 CALLS FOR SERVICE, ISSUED 548 PARKING CITATIONS, ISSUED 42 LOCAL CITATIONS, ISSUED 341 STATE CITATIONS AND MADE 75 ARREST
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 608 TRAFFIC/PEDESTRIAN STOPS, REVIEWED 33 HIGH GRASS/WEED COMPLAINTS, AND ISSUED 13 HIGH GRASS/WEED CITATIONS
3. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM COOK COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE SPEED RADAR SIGN GRANT, WHICH WILL COVER 100% OF THE COST FOR THE SPEED CAMERAS
4. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS DOWN 5 FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDICS, 3 MORE NEW HIRES ARE COMPLETING TESTING AND LOOKING TO HIRE BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER
5. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE NEW AMBULANCE WAS DELIVERED

6. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 377 CALLS

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

1. MR. YBARRA BRIEFLY WENT OVER THE FUEL USAGE DETAILS BY DEPARTMENT
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 4 VEHICLES WERE REPAIRED BY FLEET DEPARTMENT
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED POTHOLES WERE PATCHED THROUGHOUT TOWN, 4 TEMPORARY STREET PATCHES WERE DONE AND USED 1 TON OF COLD PATCH, 8 PERMANENT PATCHES WERE COMPLETED,
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 7 SIGNS WERE REPLACED, 1 TREE WAS REMOVED, 28 TREES WERE TRIMMED AND BRANCH COLLECTION WAS COMPLETED
5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED FLOWERPOTS, RAIN GARDENS, AND ISLANDS WERE WATERED EVERYDAY, PARKING LOTS AT FRANKLIN & 25TH, AND 3019 ROSE WERE MULCHED, GARBAGE BAGS WERE CHANGED TWICE A WEEK, 2 HOMELESS CAMPS WERE CLEANED AND 2 DEAD ANIMALS WERE PICKED UP

**E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, BUILDING, AND TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**(Ms. Special, Chair)**

1. ON BEHALF OF THE SUSTAINABILITY, FORESTRY, PARKWAYS AND FACILITIES DIRECTOR, ANDY SMOLEN, AND ON BEHALF OF MS. SPECIAL'S ABSENCE, MR. JOHNSON REPORTED A CLEAR COAT CONCRETE SEALANT WILL SOON BE APPLIED TO THE NEWLY STAMPED CONCRETE ALONG FRANKLIN AVENUE TO PRESERVE THE COLOR AND APPEARANCE OF THE COLORED STAMPED CONCRETE
2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED ROOFING REPLACEMENT WILL SOON BEGIN ON THE WATER AND SEWER GARAGE, ROOFING REPLACEMENT WILL SOON BEGIN AT THE J.B. WILLIAMS RESERVOIR
3. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED A FRANKLIN PARK SCOUT WILL BE MAKING 8 BENCHES TO BE INSTALLED AT THE JOHN MAZUR ARBORETUM AS HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
4. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE PACIFIC AVENUE RAINGARDENS ARE DOING TREMENDOUSLY, THE MWRD SENT A PHOTOGRAPHER TO BE USED FOR THEIR PUBLICATIONS
5. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED METRA PARKING LOT HAS ALL ITS CONCRETE WORK COMPLETED AND WAITING TO COMPLETE LANDSCAPING
6. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED MASONRY REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED BRICKS IN FRONT OF VILLAGE HALL SHOULD START IN THE NEXT WEEKS

7. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR. JOHNSON REPORTED, ON AUGUST 17TH, MAYOR PEDERSEN, CLERK APRIL ARELLANO, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF HOSTED CONGRESSMAN CHUY GARCIA AND STATE REP NORMA HERNANDEZ ON A TOUR OF THREE FRANKLIN PARK BUSINESSES. THANK YOU TO MAINFREIGHT, EKLIND TOOL, AND CHICAGO HARDWARE & FIXTURE COMPANY FOR HELPING US SHOWCASE FRANKLIN PARK'S INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT TOURS AND ENGAGEMENTS LIKE THIS WILL FOSTER STRONGER SUPPORT FOR OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY
8. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED ON AUGUST 22ND, SENATOR DICK DURBIN AND CONGRESSMAN CHUY GARCIA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MAYOR PEDERSEN TO ANNOUNCE THE \$8 MILLION GRANT THAT WILL BE AWARDED TO FRANKLIN PARK THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION GRANT PROGRAM. THE GRANT WILL BE USED TO COMPLETE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND FINAL DESIGN TO PROVIDE A SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT WAY TO CROSS THE RAILROAD TRACKS NEAR DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN PARK, REDUCING DELAYS AND OTHER NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF FREIGHT MOVEMENT ON NEARBY COMMUNITIES
9. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED PLAN COMMISSION MET ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD TO DISCUSS THE GRAND AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY THAT WILL BE COMPLETED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AS THE STUDY PROGRESSES
10. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF WHAT'S COOKING AROUND TOWN WAS FILMED AND WILL FEATURE TWO LOCAL FAVORITES: PEKING CAJUN SEAFOOD AND NEW DAVID'S MEXICAN GRILL. BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE VIDEO WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE ON FRANKLIN PARK'S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK AND HELP SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY'S SMALL BUSINESSES
11. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, Mr. JOHNSON REPORTED 96 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 87 BUILDING PERMITS, 12 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 5 SIGN PERMIT, 1 DUMPSTER PERMIT, 8 FIRE PERMITS, AND 3 POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 116 PERMITS. HE ANNOUNCED 13 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 3 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 3 NEW BUSINESSES WERE ISSUED OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES

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

1. ON BEHALF OF MR. HAGERSTROM'S ABSENCE, MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE BLOOD DRIVE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 FROM 3:00 PM TO 7:30 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE POLICE STATION
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED RELAY FOR LIFE IS ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 AT 7 PM AT THE ELMWOOD PARK CONTI CIRCLE

3. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED SHRED DAY WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 FROM 9:00 AM TO NOON AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

1. NONE

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

(Items on the Consent Agenda will be enacted or approved by a single motion or omnibus vote. 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.)

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:
  - (a) THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:  
\$ 2,874,560.33 - *moved to new business*
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 VC  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE FOR 9569 SCHILLER BOULEVARD)
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 VC  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE FOR 2921 EDGINGTON STREET)
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HEZNER CORPORATION FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLANNING SERVICES FROM THE COUNTY OF COOK
7. MOTION TO APPROVE ALAMP CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, INCORPORATED, SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS, AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE PHASE THREE EAST INDUSTRIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,134,956.27 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BID ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE VILLAGE ENGINEER AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

8. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A 450KW NATURAL GAS GENERATOR FOR THE MAIN PUMPING STATION FROM ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, EAST HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$405,500.00 TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
9. MOTION TO APPROVE ALTERNATE #001 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK AS PART OF THE COOPERATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES UNDER THE GOVERNMENTAL JOINT PURCHASING ACT WITH F.H. PASCHEN, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS FOR THE FIRE STATION 1 ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000.00 FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$45,767.86 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

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

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

*Motion made by Mr. Ybarra and seconded by Mr. Ruhl to amend the Voucher Expenditure List by Deleting Invoice Number 10430 from Vendor 3588 in the Amount of \$1,324.00 and Approve the Amended Voucher Expenditure List in the amount of \$ 2,873,236.33*

*Roll Call: Ayes – Mayor Pedersen, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, and Mr. Ybarra  
Nay – 0 Absent – Mr. Hagerstrom, Ms. Avitia and Mr. Ybarra. Abstain - 0.*

#### **IX. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**

Clerk Arellano introduced new Deputy Clerk Sarah Guevarra

#### **X. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Mayor Pedersen read a proclamation declaring September 18, 2023 through September 24, 2023, a National Rail Safety Week

#### **XI. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NONE

#### **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ruhl to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Voice vote carried.*

**ATTEST**

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**April J Arellano, Village Clerk**