

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
November 06, 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, Ms. Avitia, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special and Mr. Hagerstrom

Department Heads:

Mark Stewart (Fire Department Chief), Mike Witz (Director of Police), Nick Weber (Sewer & Water Division Supervisor), Joe Thomas (Acting Utilities Director), Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director), Dan Corcoran (IT Director), Nick Walny (Deputy Director of Community Development), Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

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

1. NONE

Trustee Ybarra entered the room at 7:03 PM

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON STATED COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL BRIEFLY DISCUSS TENTATIVE 2023 TAX TEXY DURING STAFF REPORTS**
- 2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE VILLAGE AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 974 WILL BE HOSTING THE ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 11 AM AT THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL**

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 2 WATER MAIN BREAKS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED A 12" VALVE WAS REPLACED. THE OLD VALVE WAS BROKEN IN THE CLOSED POSITION CREATING A COUPLE OF DEAD-ENDS IN THE DISTRIBUTION
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED A HYDRANT THAT WAS HIT BY A TRUCK AND LEAKING WAS REPLACED
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 2 SEWERS WERE REPAIRED ELIMINATING A SINK HOLE HAZARD
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED A REPAIR OF A B-BOX FOR THE 50/50 CONTRACTOR
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED NO ISSUES AT ANY OF THE 9 LIFT STATIONS
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF CHECKED SEWER BAD SPOTS AROUND TOWN WITH NO NEW ISSUES
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED RESTORATION DIRT STOPS WERE COMPLETED FROM DIG JOBS FOR THE YEAR
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED ESI IS PLANNING TO CHANGE OUT THE PLC AT THE KING STREET PUMPING STATION. THIS WILL TAKE THE STATION OFFLINE FOR 2-3 DAYS, STAFF WILL HAVE TO RUN THE STATION IN HAND FOR THAT TIME FRAME
10. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 1 SEWER BACK UP AND A PRIVATE ISSUE
11. MS. AVITIA REPORTED VACTOR TRUCK 211 COMPLETED 15 HYDRO EXCAVATIONS IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS BETWEEN HOLES FOR TREES TO BE PLANTED, B-BOX RESETS, MAIN BREAKS AND SEWER REPAIRS

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

1. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 3,023 CALLS FOR SERVICE, ISSUED 556 PARKING CITATIONS, ISSUED 24 LOCAL CITATIONS, ISSUED 193 STATE CITATIONS, MADE 58 ARREST, 484 TRAFFIC / PEDESTRIAN STOPS, REVIEWED 18 HIGH GRASS / WEEDS COMPLAINTS AND ISSUED 5 HIGH GRASS / WEEDS CITATIONS
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS DOWN 4 FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS. THERE ARE 2 FIREFIGHTER/ PARAMEDICS ARE OFF ON INJURIES, THE NEW FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDICS WRITTEN TEST WILL OPEN ON DECEMBER 1, IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 342 CALLS
3. MR. RUHL EXPRESSED HIS CONDOLENCES FOR RETIRED POLICE OFFICER SKIP TWARDOSZ

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED VILLAGE EQUIPMENT IS BEING WORKED ON TO PREPARE FOR WINTER
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 16 TONS OF COLD PATCH WERE USED TO REPAIR 5 LOCATIONS DUE TO WATER MAIN BREAKS
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 19 SIGNS WERE INSTALLED,
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED FORESTRY DIVISION COMPLETED THE FINAL BRANCH COLLECTION FOR THE SEASON

5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 22 TREE STUMPS WERE REMOVED AND BACKFILLED WITH DIRT & SEED
6. MR. YBARRA REPORTED ADVERTISING SIGNS WERE REMOVED FROM THE PARKWAYS ON THE MAIN STREETS AND STAFF HELPED THE I.T. DEPT WITH CAMERA INSTALLATIONS AND ALL ROUTES WERE SWEEP
7. MR. YBARRA BRIEFLY WENT OVER THE FUEL REPORT NUMBERS

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, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE CORNER STONE WALL AT VILLAGE HALL PREVIOUSLY BEEN DAMAGE FROM AN AUTO ACCIDENT IN 2022 HAS BEEN REPAIRED.
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE ROOF AT THE WILLIAMS LIFT STATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED, 66 HAVE BEEN PLATED THROUGH OUT TOWN/
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ANYONE INTERESTED IN PLANTING A TREE, PLEASE CONTACT ANDY SMOLEN
4. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT ON OCTOBER 26TH, STAFF PROVIDED THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AN UPDATE ON ONGOING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND WORKFORCE INITIATIVES
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, STAFF HOSTED AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING OUTLINING A NEW PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS. WITH GRANT FUNDING FROM THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, COOK COUNTY IS SPEARHEADING THIS EFFORT TO ADDRESS WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN THE METALS, MACHINERY, AND EQUIPMENT SECTOR OF MANUFACTURING. WE WERE JOINED BY THE ILLINOIS MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE CENTER AND EMPLOYERS FROM AC WITH THE VILLAGE'S RICH MANUFACTURING HISTORY, THE VILLAGE IS HAPPY TO PARTNER ON THIS EXCITING OPPORTUNITY
6. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 30 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 38 BUILDING PERMITS, 6 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 1 SIGN PERMIT, 0 DUMPSTER PERMIT, 6 FIRE PERMITS, AND 0 POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 51 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 5 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 4 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 1 NEW BUSINESS WAS ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE FINAL BLOOD DRIVE OF THE YEAR WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE POLICE STATION ON DECEMBER 01, 2023

2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE ANNUAL WINTER FEST WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 FROM 6PM TO 8PM IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT GARAGE

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Village Comptroller David Gonzalez briefly went over the tentative 2023 Tax Levy Summary

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 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 1,646,934.01
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND FRANKLIN RETAIL, LLC FOR THE SALE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A VACANT PARCEL OF VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3010 MANNHEIM ROAD, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 Z
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF TWO CONDITIONAL USES PREVIOUSLY GRANTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 2223-Z-08 (ZBA 22-18) AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2223-Z-09 (ZBA 22-17) IN THE C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AT 3010 MANNHEIM ROAD
5. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM METRO STRATEGIES GROUP, DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND GRANT FUNDING COORDINATION SERVICES FOR MULTIPLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON AN HOURLY RATE BASIS NOT TO EXCEED A MONTHLY FEE OF \$7,000.00 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 A SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT IN LESINSKI V. ROBLES AND FRANKLIN PARK, CASE NUMBER 2022 M1 012644 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
7. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM METRO TANK AND PUMP COMPANY, WHEELING, ILLINOIS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FUEL SYSTEM AT THE VILLAGE'S FUEL STATION TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,005.00 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. Hagerstrom to approve the Consent Agenda
Roll Call: Ayes - Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Ms., Avitia, and
Mr. Ybarra Nay - 0. Absent - 0 Abstain - 0.*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. NONE

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

1. NONE

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Mayor Pedersen announced CPKC is creating a moving exhibit of an old steam engine in Franklin Park on April 2024. Mayor Pedersen stated this event appears to be a full scale Railroad Day of its own

XI. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at
7:22 pm. Voice vote carried.*

ATTEST

April J Arellano, Village Clerk