

**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
December 04, 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 7:03 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), Dan Corcoran (IT Director), Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources), Nick Walny (Deputy Director of Community Development), Nick Weber (Sewer & Water Division Supervisor), Tom McCabe (Village Engineer) and 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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
2. MR. JOHNSON STATED ITEM 5 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA IS AN AGREEMENT WITH FANTASY AMUSEMENT TO PROVIDE THE CARNIVAL FOR THE 2024 FRANKLIN PARK FEST
3. MR. JOHNSON STATED ITEM 7 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA IS THE RENEWAL OF THE LIABILITY AND WORKMAN'S COMP INSURANCE WITH ICRMT

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 6 WATER MAIN BREAKS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF DEDICATED 2 DAYS TO JET AND CUT THE 10" SEWER THAT RUNS BEHIND THE 3100 BLOCK OF MANNHEIM TO FREE UP SERVICE TO KFC. THE TOTAL LENGTH OF PIPE CLEANED WAS 280 FEET
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS WERE CHECKED AROUND TOWN WITH NO NEW ISSUES, THE 3100 BLOCK OF MANNHEIM HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE LIST
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 3 SEWER BACK-UPS
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED VACTOR TRUCK 211 COMPLETED 15 HYDRO EXCAVATIONS IN THE PAST WEEKS BETWEEN HOLES FOR TREES TO BE PLANTED, B-BOX RESETS, MAIN BREAKS AND SEWER REPAIRS
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED ALL OF THE DIRT STOP RESTORATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE YEAR AS OF NOVEMBER 21ST
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED 10 FEET OF 15 INCH SEWER AT 9240 CRESENT
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED ALL THE 4 INCHES PVC PIPING THAT IS THE DISCHARGE LINE FOR THE UNDERGROUND RETENTION SUMP PIT AT 9535 BELMONT
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF FLUSHED OUT ALL THE 25 DEAD-END MAINS IN TOWN TO KEEP UP WITH THE MONTHLY WATER MAIN MAINTENANCE

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

1. MR. RUHL REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED FRANKLIN PARK FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC KEVIN BARTNICKI HAS RECEIVED FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD. THE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2023. THIS IS CO-SPONSORED BY FRANKLIN PARK MANILLA LIONS CLUB AND THE FRANKLIN PARK AMERICAN LEGION
3. MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD 313 CALLS, AND DOWN 4 FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS

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

1. ON BEHALF OF MR. YBARRA'S ABSENCE, MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED 2 TRUCKS WERE TAKEN TO FLEET FOR REPAIRS
2. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED GRAND AVENUE AND 25TH AVENUE WERE POTHOLE PATCHED, 2 TONS OF HOT PATCH WERE USED
3. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED 2 CUT OUTS WERE HOT PATCHED AND 3 TONS OF HOT PATCH WERE USED
4. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS WERE COMPLETED
5. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED THE SET UP FOR THE TREE LIGHTING WAS COMPLETED
6. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED 1 DEAD ANIMAL WAS PICKED UP

7. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED ALL ROUTES AND MAIN STREETS WERE SWEPT

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

(Ms. Special, Chair)

1. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED MEMBERS ARE MEETING WITH MORTON ARBORETUM ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IRA GRANT. THIS MEETING WILL ALLOW THE VILLAGE TO SEE WHAT GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS WILL BE AVAILABLE. THE GRANT IS IN THE AMOUNTS FROM \$25,000 TO \$150,000 AND THERE IS NO MATCHING FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED WINTER PREPERATION FOR ALL VILLAGE GARDENS HAVE BEEN PERFORMED
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF PLANS TO PRUNE ALL PARKWAY TREES FROM WASHINGTON STREET TO SCOTT STREET AND GRAND AVENUE NORTH TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS STARTING IN JANUARY 2024
4. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MET TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TWO 6B APPLICATIONS. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AT THE DECEMBER 18TH BOARD MEETING
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE GRAND CORRIDOR STUDY IS UNDERWAY AS CMAP CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT. THERE ARE STILL WAYS THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN GET INVOLVED AS STAFF AND CMAP CONTINUE TO GATHER INFORMATION. A SURVEY ABOUT FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS IS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, AND INFORMATION ON HOW TO ACCESS IT WILL ALSO BE SHARED IN THE UPCOMING NEWSLETTER. THE PROJECT ALSO HAS ITS OWN WEBSITE WHERE YOU CAN TRACK PROGRESS AND FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED. VISIT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEBPAGE TO FIND LINKS TO ALL OF THESE RESOURCES
6. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 30 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 30 BUILDING PERMITS, 4 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 4 SIGN PERMIT, 1 DUMPSTER PERMIT, 3 FIRE PERMITS, AND 0 POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 42 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 5 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 4 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 3 NEW BUSINESS WAS ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM STATED THE ANNUAL WINTERFEST/TREE LIGHTING EVENT WAS A SUCCESS. THE WEATHER WAS GREAT AND EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING TO MAKE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT
2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE ANNUAL “LIGHT UP FRANKLIN PARK” HAS BEGUN AND GOES THROUGH DECEMBER 18. THE VILLAGE ASKS PARTICIPANTS TO SEND PHOTOS OF DECORATED HOMES ALONG WITH THE FAMILY NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER
3. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED THERE WERE 17 PARTICIPANTS DONATING BLOOD LAST FRIDAY FOR THE FINAL BLOOD DRIVE OF THE YEAR. THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION WHO VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT AT ALL THE BLOOD DRIVES

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Leah Cozad from Alliant gave a brief overview of item number 7 for up consideration on the consent agenda, which is the renewal of the general, law enforcement and employee liability, property and casualty, cyber, automobile and worker’s compensation insurance

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 MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 1,324,741.66
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER THIRTEEN OF TITLE SEVEN OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (INCREASE IN NUMBER OF TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS)
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-2-7 OF CHAPTER TWO OF TITLE THREE OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ISSUING A CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE TO NEW DAVID'S MEXICAN GRILL L.L.C.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 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. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AND ASSIGNMENT OF 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
7. MOTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF GENERAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMPLOYEE LIABILITY, PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, CYBER, AUTOMOBILE AND WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE PREMIUMS WITH ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT TRUST (ICRMT) FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2023, TO NOVEMBER 30, 2024, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,107,829.00 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. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to approve the Consent Agenda
Roll Call: Ayes - Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Ms., Avitia
Nay - 0. Absent – Mr. Ybarra Abstain - 0.*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

*Motion made by Ms. Special and seconded by Mr. Johnson to appoint Monika Surovych, Mary Smolen and Katarina Modrich as members of the Tree Preservation Commission
Roll Call: Ayes - Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Ms., Avitia
Nay - 0. Absent – Mr. Ybarra Abstain - 0.*

Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Mary Smolen as Tree Preservation Commission Member

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

Clerk Arellano briefly went over the Clerk's Office monthly report for November 2023, 44 passports were processed, 26 photos taken, 57 FOIA requests completed, 1 garage sale registered, and 12 notaries performed

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

1. Mayor Pedersen stated it was nice to see Congressman Chuy Garcia and Speaker Welch at the Necahual Event in Oak Brook

XI. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST

April J Arellano, Village Clerk