

**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 17, 2024**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER: Village Deputy President Johnson called to order the Board of Trustees of the Village of Franklin Park in session at 7:00 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Village Clerk April J Arellano called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: April J Arellano (Village Clerk), Joseph Montana (Village Attorney)

Trustees (Present in the Room): Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special, Ms. Avitia, Mr. Ybarra and Mr. Hagerstrom

Department Heads:

Mike Witz (Police Director)

Mark Stewart (Fire Department Chief)

Dave Gonzalez (Village Comptroller)

Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)

Joe Thomas (Utilities Commissioner)

Nick Weber (Deputy Utilities Commissioner)

Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director)

Nick Walny (Community Development and Zoning Director)

Dan Corcoran (IT Director)

Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources)

Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

In absence of Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen, Trustee John Johnson presided over the meeting

IV. Village Deputy President John Johnson provided a statement regarding an update on Mayor Barrett F Pedersen's lung transplant surgery and his recovery

V. Utilities Commissioner John Thomas provided a statement on the water meter replacement process which includes mailing letters, posting notices and door to door contact. The water bill also contains a notice regarding estimated water bills and to contact Ewelina Kubkowski for more assistance

VI. Deputy Utilities Commissioner Nick Weber provided a statement on why a water bill may be significant higher than expected such as estimated water bills, missed payments or delinquent accounts or leaks

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

1. Resident expressed concerns due to water billing over payment and a \$3,700 credit he received
2. Resident expressed concern due to receiving a high water bill after meter was replaced
3. Resident asked if water meters were calibrated
4. Resident stated he did not receive notices about an estimated water bill and concerns over lien stipulations
5. Resident stated she did not receive her water bill
6. Resident expressed concern his water bill may be high as he had his water meter updated
7. Resident asked when the upcoming election would take place
8. Resident stated her water bill used to be around \$400 and has increased to \$980
9. Resident stated she did not receive notices about an estimated water bill. She stated her water reads the same even if she's on vacation
10. Resident concerned on how information is being communicated and suggested way to address the questions asked
11. Resident asked if the water meters were property of the village and not a responsibility of the resident to check whether a water meter reads estimate
12. Residents raised concerns over recent car break ins
13. Resident raised concern over car accidents on intersection of Rose and Chestnut and the intersection of the state road Rose and Schiller Boulevard and suggested ways to mitigate the issue
14. Resident raised concerns over car accidents on the same intersections
15. Resident raised concerns over car speeding down Oak Street and the need of more cameras

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE ANNUAL FRANKLIN PARK FEST WAS SUCCESSFUL AND HAD A GREAT TURNOUT DESPITE THE RAIN LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME OUT AND THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP ON SATURDAY DURING THE TRAIN VIEWING

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 2 WATER MAIN BREAKS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF SENT OUT 208 DOOR TAGS FOR ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS
3. MS. AVITA REPORTED THERE ARE 337 ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS IN TOWN, SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING, WE UPGRADED 48 OF THOSE ACCOUNTS
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 520 ACCOUNTS ARE ON THE OLD ACLARA NETWORK SYSTEM. SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING, 34 ACCOUNTS TO THE NEW

NEPTUNE 360 NETWORK

5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REBUILT 8 MANHOLES/ STREET DRAINS
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED PUMP 3 AT THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE HAD TO BE PULLED AND IS CURRENTLY BEING REBUILT
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED USG WATER SOLUTIONS STARTED RESTORING OUR 5-MILLION-GALLON STORAGE TANK AT KING STREET PUMPING STATION
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF CHECKED ALL SEWER BAD SPOTS AROUND TOWN WITH NO NEW ISSUES TO REPORT
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER DIVISION HAS STARTED JETTING AND CLEANING SEWERS IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN. THEY JETTED 1,901 FT. AND INSPECTED 31 SANITARY MANHOLES SO FAR
10. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF PULLED PUMP #2 AT 17TH AVE LIFT STATION TO REBUILT

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

1. MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE STREETS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

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

(Ms. Special, Chair)

1. ON BEHALF OF SUSTAINABILITY, FORESTRY, PARKWAYS AND FACILITIES DIRECTOR, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED DIRECTOR ANDY SMOLEN WENT TO MORTON ARBORETUM ON JUNE 10TH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE IRA FEDERAL GRANT AWARDEES. FRANKLIN PARK WAS ONE OF 20 ENTITIES STATEWIDE TO RECEIVE THE IRA GRANT, THE VILLAGE WILL RECEIVE A NO MATCH AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,770.00
2. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 108 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 57 BUILDING PERMITS, 15 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 3 SIGN PERMITS, 2 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 3 FIRE PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 80 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 10 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 2 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 3 NEW BUSINESS WERE ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE
3. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED, THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MET ON JUNE 5TH TO DISCUSS A TEXT AMENDMENT AND A MAP AMENDMENT. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE CASES ARE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON JUNE 13TH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF HOSTED AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING WITH THE COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NIMS, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SPECIALIZES IN WORKFORCE TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT FOR MANUFACTURERS. THE MEETING FOCUSED ON GOOD JOBS CHICAGOLAND, A GRANT PROGRAM

ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT OFFERS ON THE JOB TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT SOLUTIONS FOR MANUFACTURERS IN OUR REGION

5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON JUNE 14TH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, NICHOLAS WALNY, SPOKE AND PARTICIPATED IN A DRIVING TOUR OF FRANKLIN PARK, BENSENVILLE, AND THE UNDER-CONSTRUCTION TOLLWAY SEGMENTS OF I-390 AND I-490. THE FOCUS OF THE TOUR WAS TO HIGHLIGHT THE PARTNERSHIPS AND THE POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT THAT I-390 AND I-490 IS HAVING ON SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. THE TOUR WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE ILLINOIS TOLLWAY, METRO STRATEGIES, FRANKLIN PARK, AND BENSENVILLE

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024 FROM 3-7PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, ONE PINT OF BLOOD CAN SAVE 3 LIVES

IX. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

X. 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 JUNE 03, 2024
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 1,138,650.63
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 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 AND A CLASS I LIQUOR LICENSE TO EATING GARDEN INCORPORATED D/B/A GARDEN OF EAT'N
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK ZONING MAP TO ZONE AND INCLUDE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE P PUBLIC DISTRICT THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9601 FRANKLIN AVENUE (ZBA: 24-06)
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 9-13-7 AND TABLE 13-2 OF THE ZONING CODE REGARDING SIGN PERMITS (ZBA: 24-04)

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2324-G-22 (AMENDING SALARY SCHEDULE ORDINANCE)

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2025

8. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS DIVISION STAFF

9. MOTION TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE IN KAZIMIERA WRONA, AS SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DANNY KEENE, DECEASED V. THE ESTATE OF NICHOLAS QUINONES, CHRISTOPHER DELARA, MAT TOMASO, AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, CASE NUMBER 2022 L 1712 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

10. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM DOWDEN LANDSCAPING DESIGN, LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS, FOR LANDSCAPE DESIGN PLANS FOR THE GAZEBO PARK AND HAMMEL SQUARE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700.00 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. Hagerstrom and seconded by Ms. Avitia 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.*

- XI. **NEW BUSINESS**
NONE

- XII. **COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**
NONE

- XIII. **COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**
NONE

- XIV. **CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**
NONE

XV. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion made by Mr. Ruhl, seconded by Ms. Special to adjourn at 7:58 pm.
Voice vote carried.*

ATTEST

April J Arellano, Village Clerk