

**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
August 12, 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)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

IV. *Appointment of Kayla M. Fahey as Tree Preservation Commission member*

Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Special to appoint Kayla M. Fahey as Tree Preservation Commission member

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

V. *Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Kayla M. Fahey as Tree Preservation Commission member*

VI. *Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Luke Fava as Firefighter/Paramedic of Franklin Park*

VII. *Mayor Barrett F Pedersen and Police Director Michael Witz awarded the Police Chief award to Justin Richter, Omar Ocampo and Joseph Saegner for their valiant assistance in the rescue of a six year old child from a burning vehicle on Mannheim Road*

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

1. Mr. Robert Matt stated he sent an email to Mayor Pedersen demanding \$12,000 or will be forced to file suit for a police interaction he suffered from a year ago
2. Ms. Mary Ellen Smolen asked about updates on Rose Street

IX. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL BE PRESENT TO GO OVER BUDGET REPORTS

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THERE ARE 195 ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS IN TOWN, AND 43 ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN UPGRADED AND CURRENTLY THERE ARE 310 ACCOUNTS ON THE OLD ACLARA NETWORK SYSTEM
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REBUILT 9 MANHOLES/ STREET DRAINS
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER DIVISION INSPECTED 21 MANHOLES AND STREET DRAINS
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREW FROM THE DIVISION TRIMMED AND CUT BACK ALL THE SMALL TREES AND WEEDS IN THE CREEK FROM FULLERTON TO SCOTT STREET LAST WEEK
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF CHECKED BAD SEWER SPOTS AROUND TOWN ON 08/2/24 NO NEW ISSUES
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER DIVISION HAS BEEN JETTING AND CLEANING SEWERS IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN. THEY JETTED 7,270 FT. LAST FEW WEEKS
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF HAD TO PULL PUMP 2 AT TAFT LIFT STATION TO GET IT REBUILT
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE FLOATS AT 17TH LIFT STATION NEEDED TO GET REPLACED AND A SECTION OF DISCHARGE PIPE ALSO NEEDED TO GET REPLACED
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED BOTH 5 MILLION EAST AND WEST STORAGE TANKS AT KING STREET PUMPING STATION HAVE BEEN PAINTED, TESTED, AND PUT BACK IN SERVICE. THE WEST STORAGE TANK HAS A NEW UPDATED LOGO ON THE TANK TO MATCH OUR MAIN ELEVATED TANK AT THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE
10. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREW CUT GRASS AT 75 VILLAGE LOCATIONS
11. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPAIRED A SERVICE LEAK AT 3544 CALWAGNER, 10202 BELMONT
12. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 245 HYDRANTS HAVE BEEN SAND BLASTED, PRIMED, AND PAINTED

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED TO 3,324 CALLS FOR SERVICE, ISSUED 808 PARKING CITATIONS, ISSUED 39 LOCAL CITATIONS AND ISSUED 318 STATE CITATIONS, MADE 74 ARRESTS AND 738 TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN STOPS, REVIEWED 55 HIGH GRASS/COMPLAINTS, AND ISSUED 8 HIGH GRASS/WEED CITATIONS IN THE MONTH OF JULY.
2. MR. RUHL CONGRATULATED OFFICERS ALFREDO QUINONES, CHRISTOPHER DELARA, IVAN ROBLES AND EMANUELE BUCARO AND DANIEL DELAPAZ FOR BEING RECOGNIZED BY ALLIANCE AGAINST INTOXICATED MOTORISTS FOR THEIR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS
3. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATED AT THE TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT HELD AT NORTH PARK AND PARTICIPATED AT THE BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT HELD AT JAMES PARK

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED ON GAS USAGE WITH PUBLIC WORKS BEING THE HIGHEST
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE FLEET DEPARTMENT WORKED 154 HOURS IN MAINTENANCE AND 121 HOURS IN REPAIRS

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 THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT DID A WONDERFUL JOB CLEANING UP AFTER THE HISTORIC STORMS ON JULY 15TH AND JULY 16TH THAT PRODUCED 32 TORNADO TOUCHDOWNS THROUGHOUT NORTHEAST ILLINOIS. THE STREET DIVISION ALONG WITH THE SEWER AND WATER DIVISION WORKED LONG HOURS DEALING WITH HIGH TEMPERATURES TO ADDRESS STORM RELATED EMERGENCIES. FRANKLIN PARK LIKE MOST OF OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES SUFFERED A LARGE AMOUNT OF TREE DAMAGE. THERE WERE 47 TREES THAT EITHER FELL OVER OR WERE SO SEVERELY DAMAGED THAT TOTAL REMOVAL WAS NEEDED. BRANCHES OF EVERY SIZE BLOCKED STREET, SIDEWALKS, AND HOUSES THAT REQUIRED A LOT OF TIME AND MANPOWER. MANY HOMEOWNERS PLACED BRANCHES ON THEIR PARKWAYS THAT REQUIRED OVER TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETELY REMOVE THE TREE DEBRIS. PRESENTLY THE VILLAGE IS CAUGHT UP WITH THE AFTERMATH OF THE STORMS AND WILL CONTINUE PROVIDING TREE TRIMMING SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF FRANKLIN PARK.
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH THE FIRST EVER BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT WAS HELD AT JAMES PARK. THE TREE BOARD/BEE BOARD WERE PRESENT WITH AN INFORMATIONAL BOOTH ON TREES AND ANOTHER BOOTH WITH HONEY SAMPLES AND INFORMATION ON BEES. A HUGE THANK YOU TO TREE BOARD/BEE BOARD MEMBERS MONIKA SURYVICH, LES GRAHN AND RAMONA MICHEAL WHO JOINED ME TO MAKE

THIS EVENT SUCCESSFUL. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S EVENT

3. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 204 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 150 BUILDING PERMITS, 31 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 6 SIGN PERMITS, 2 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 5 FIRE PERMITS, AND 0 POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 194 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 18 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 6 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 1 NEW BUSINESS WAS ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE
4. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED, MAYOR PEDERSEN, CLERK ARELLANO, TRUSTEE SPECIAL, AND VILLAGE STAFF JOINED COOK COUNTY PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE AND THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY FOR A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF KEY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL FROM LAWRENCE AVENUE TO TOUHY AVENUE. ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM SCHILLER PARK, RIVER GROVE, ROSEMONT, AND OTHER NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE TO COMMEMORATE THIS ACHIEVEMENT. COVERING 4.4 MILES, IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED THE REPAIR AND UPGRADE OF THE UNPAVED TRAIL SURFACE, INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER LAWRENCE AVENUE, A NEW BOARDWALK TO RAISE THE PATH PROFILE IN A SECTION PRONE TO FLOODING, AND SIGNAL AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST RIVER ROAD AND LAWRENCE AVENUE
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED MAYOR PEDERSEN, CLERK ARELLANO, TRUSTEE SPECIAL, AND VILLAGE STAFF ATTENDED A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF NINA'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS BAR AT 9743 FRANKLIN AVENUE IN DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN PARK. OFFERING FINE INDIAN CUISINE AND CLASSICS LIKE WINGS, NACHOS, AND BURGERS

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT

X. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

XI. 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 JULY 15, 2024

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 4,169,385.48
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2425 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY THE VILLAGE OWNED BUILDING AND PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY AT 9651 FRANKLIN AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING VILLAGE STAFF TO MARKET THE PROPERTY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECT THE VILLAGE CLERK TO MAKE A COPY OF THE APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY AVAILABLE TO ANY PARTY
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2425 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY THE VILLAGE OWNED BUILDING AND PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY AT 3335 SCHIERHORN COURT AND AUTHORIZING VILLAGE STAFF TO MARKET THE PROPERTY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECT THE VILLAGE CLERK TO MAKE A COPY OF THE APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY AVAILABLE TO ANY PARTY
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING AND LIFE SAFETY CODE UPDATE SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN SAFEBUILT ILLINOIS, LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF THE PROPERTY TO THE FOX RIVER TROLLEY MUSEUM (RAILROAD SIGNAL LIGHT)
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SAFEBUILT ILLINOIS, LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
8. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6A-3 OF ARTICLE A OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESIGNATING THE SOUTHERN MOST PORTION OF WASHINGTON STREET ADJACENT TO GRAND AVENUE A TWO-WAY STREET
9. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6F-8 OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ELIMINATE THE HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE AT 3144 ERNST STREET

10. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 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 3433 SUNSET LANE)
11. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING SECTION 6-6E-3 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REQUIRING RIGHT TURNS ONLY FROM GEORGE STREET TO WESTBOUND GRAND AVENUE
12. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE FOUR OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGULATING PUBLIC CAMPING AND OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES
13. 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 TO GOAL LINE LLC D/B/A THE GOAL LINE
14. MOTION TO APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW VACTOR 2100I COMBINATION DEBRIS REMOVAL AND SEWER CLEANER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$597,669.57 AND THE TRADE-IN OF THE VILLAGE'S 2013 VACTOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,000.00 FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$467,669.57 FROM STANDARD EQUIPMENT, ELMHURST, ILLINOIS, 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
15. MOTION TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF A PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION AGREEMENT TO CLINGAN STEEL CORPORATION FOR 11600 KING STREET, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
16. MOTION TO APPROVE SAINT GERTRUDE PARISH'S REQUEST TO CLOSE GUSTAV STREET AT SCHILLER BOULEVARD NORTH TO THE ALLEY ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024, BETWEEN 5:00 PM AND 10:00 PM AND ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024, BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 6:00 PM FOR THE TASTE OF ST. GERTRUDE ANNUAL FEST
17. MOTION TO APPROVE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, EAST HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS, AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE 2024 CURTIS STREET PUMP STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$574,500.00 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

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, Ms. Avitia, and Mr. Ybarra
Nay - 0. Absent -0. Abstain - 0.

XII. NEW BUSINESS
NONE

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

Clerk Arellano announced the Village Wide Sale will be on August 23, 24 and 25th. The next Passport Event at the Franklin Park Library will take place on August 24, 2024 from 10AM to 3PM

Clerk Arellano announced in the month of July, 74 passports were processed, 60 photos taken, 57 FOIA requests, 68 garage sales registered, 26 notaries performed and 4 block parties approved

Clerk Arellano announced that on August 10, 2024, in collaboration with the Congressman Garcia and State Representative Hernandez, the village hosted our first back to school event at James Park. Over 218 students received book bags and school supplies

Clerk Arellano expressed her sincerest gratitude to the community partners who made the event possible, along with Deputy Sarah Guevarra, all Franklin Park departments, trustee Avitia and Mayor Pedersen for supporting the event

XIV. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:
NONE

XV. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need for Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5),

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to go into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. for "Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)"

Roll Call: Ayes –Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Avitia.
Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:58 P.M.

Village Clerk, April Arellano, stated to let the record reflect that all members returned. No action was taken in Closed Session

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 8:13 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST

April J Arellano, Village Clerk