

**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
October 21, 2024**

- 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 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),
April J Arellano (Village Clerk), Joseph Montana (Village Attorney)
- Trustees (Present in the Room):** Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special,
Mr. Ybarra and Mr. Hagerstrom
- Trustees (Via teleconference):** Ms. Avitia
- Department Heads:**
Mike Witz (Police Director)
Frank Gricashamer (Treasurer)
Joe Thomas (Utilities Commissioner)
Nick Weber (Deputy Utilities Commissioner)
Rudy Repa (Village Planner)
Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director)
Lisa Anthony (HR and Operations Director)
Dafne Henriquez (Assistant Village Engineer)
Mike Vonesh (Fire Prevention Inspector)
- The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.**
- IV.** *Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Ybarra to approve the participation of Ms. Avitia via teleconference*
Call: Ayes - Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Ms. Avitia, and Mr. Ybarra Nay - 0. Absent -0. Abstain - 0.
- V.** *Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Daniel Torres as Franklin Park Fire Department Lieutenant*
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)**
1. NONE

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE SENT OUT THE AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
2. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY IS DUE IN DECEMBER
3. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE VILLAGE AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 974 WILL BE HOSTING THE ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 AT THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

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

1. ON BEHALF OF MS. AVITIA, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 2 HYDRANT REPLACEMENTS, 3 VALVE REPLACEMENTS, 1 WATER SERVICE DISCONNECTION AND 1 LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT AFTER DISRUPTION
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF REBUILT 3 MANHOLES/ STREET DRAINS, THE SEWER DIVISION INSPECTED 23 MANHOLES AND STREET DRAINS
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORT THE ELEVATED TANK AT 10771 FRANKLIN IS MOVING ALONG. USG WATER SOLUTIONS IS ABOUT 4 WEEKS INTO THE RESTORATION OF THE TANK
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED CREWS DID 5 DIRT STOP LOCATIONS
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS CHECKED AROUND TOWN ON 10/17/24 WITH NO NEW ISSUES
6. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF HAD TO PULL PUMP #1 AT 17TH LIFT STATION AND REBUILT IT. THE DISCHARGE PIPING AT THE STATION AS REBUILT AS WELL
7. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED WATER & SEWER CREW CUT ALL THE GRASS AT THE J.B. WILLIAMS RETENTION POND AND THE RETENTION PONDS IN THE WMRA AREA OFF CROWN ROAD. THE GRASS CREW ALSO CUT GRASS AT 24 VILLAGE LOCATIONS SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL PARTICIPATE IN NO SHAVE NOVEMBER. THIS IS TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT FOR CANCER AND RAISE FUNDS
2. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL CONGRATULATED LIEUTENANT TORRES ON HIS PROMOTION
3. MR. RUHL REPORTED 3 FIREFIGHTERS ARE OFF WITH INJURIES, AND THERE WERE 339 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE STREET DIVISION, MR. YBARRA REPORTED REMOVAL OF 2 FLYDUMP DEBRIS, 5 POTHOLE REPAIRS, 5 DEAD ANIMAL REMOVALS, INSTALLED 5 SIGNS AND THERE WERE 5 JULIE LOCATES

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

(Ms. Special, Chair)

1. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON OCTOBER 5TH, THE IRA GRANT KICKOFF TREE PLANTING IN WMRA WAS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND TO INFORM RESIDENTS ABOUT THE UPCOMING TREE PLANTINGS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, TAFFY APPLES AND SNACKS WERE PASSED OUT THAT DAY AT JAMES PARK
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT ON OCTOBER 12TH A GREEN EVENT WAS HELD AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM FOR THE PUBLIC. SEVERAL SUSTAINABLE TOPICS WERE PRESENTED THAT COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON OCTOBER 18TH DIRECTOR ANDY SMOLEN WAS ASKED TO HELP PLANT A TREE AT TRITON COLLEGE BY THEIR GREEN TEAM. THIS WAS AN ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION THAT WAS POSTPONED TO FALL BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE CICADA EMERGENCE
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON OCTOBER 15TH, FRANKLIN PARK RECEIVED 21 DONATED TREES FROM MORTON ARBORETUM . THEY WILL BE PLANTED THROUGHOUT TOWN OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON OCTOBER 26TH, DIRECTOR ANDY SMOLEN WILL BE WORKING WITH LEYDEN STUDENTS AND STAFF ON MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY. THEY WILL PLANT SOME DONATED TREES AND WEED THE RAISED BED GARDEN BOXES NEXT TO VILLAGE HALL
6. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON OCTOBER 15TH HESTER STUDENTS WINDOW PAINTED HALLOWEEN THEMED PICTURES ON THE STOREFRONTS LOCATED ON THE 9600 BLOCK OF FRANKLIN AVENUE . THANK YOU TO ART TEACHER ZOE KOLLIAS FOR ORGANIZING THIS EVENT. WINDOW PAINTING ON FRANKLIN AVENUE GOES BACK TO THE EARLY 1950'S
7. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 125 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 118 BUILDING PERMITS, 12 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 1 SIGN PERMITS, 2 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 12 FIRE PERMITS, AND 1 POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 146 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 20 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 1 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 3 NEW BUSINESSES WERE ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE
8. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED, VILLAGE STAFF ATTENDED THE ILLINOIS TOLLWAY'S OPEN HOUSE FOR THE IRVING PARK ROAD (IL ROUTE 19) INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT STUDY ON OCTOBER 8TH. THE INFORMATIONAL EVENT PROVIDED THE PUBLIC WITH KEY FINDINGS ON THE PROJECT AREA. THE PROJECT IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING A PHASE I ENGINEERING STUDY TO EVALUATE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) IN THE VICINITY OF IRVING PARK ROAD IN SCHILLER PARK AND FRANKLIN PARK
9. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HELD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH TO DISCUSS A COOK COUNTY CLASS 6B APPLICATION. THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS APPLICATION IS ON THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION

10. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE NEXT EDITION OF MAYOR PEDERSEN'S "WHAT'S COOKING AROUND TOWN" SERIES WILL BE RELEASED SOON. THIS VIDEO SERIES SHOWCASES FRANKLIN PARK'S DIVERSE RESTAURANT SCENE. THIS EPISODE WILL COVER NINA'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS BAR AND TACOSTEÑOS SEAFOOD
11. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING HOSTED A BREAKFAST WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 19TH WHERE ATTENDEES LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE GRAND AVENUE CORRIDOR PLAN, PARTICIPATED IN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS, AND WENT ON A BRIEF WALKING TOUR OF THE PROJECT AREA. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK IS A VITAL COMPONENT OF THE CORRIDOR PLAN AS IT PROVIDES A FOUNDATION FOR SHAPING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT TRULY ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORS

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE SENIOR HEALTH FAIR ON OCTOBER 18, 2024, WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH OVER 30 VENDORS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE PROCESSED 38 TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN RENEWING A DRIVERS LICENSE, OBTAINING A REAL ID AND RENEWING LICENSE PLATE STICKERS. NURSES FOR DIABETES WERE TAKING BLOOD PRESSURE AND DIABETES SCREENING. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS TAKING EXPIRED MEDICATION AND USED NEEDLES TO DISPOSE OF. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS PROMOTING THE SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM ALONG WITH THE KNOX BOXES. NUMEROUS COMMUNITY AND STATE AGENCIES WERE PRESENT TO NOTIFY SENIORS WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP THEM
2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ARE FROM 3PM TO 7PM ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024

VIII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS
NONE

IX. 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 OCTOBER 07, 2024
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$2,617,838.79

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2425 R
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATION BY 9112 BELDEN AVENUE, LLC FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 9112 BELDEN AVENUE, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (PIN: 12-34-211-012-0000)
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTIONS 9-9-2 AND 9-14-2 AND TABLE 9-1 OF THE ZONING CODE REGARDING VILLAGE ENGINEER REVIEW AND MEDICAL OFFICES (ZBA: 24-09)
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND FRANKLIN PARK COMMONS FOR THE VILLAGE OWNED PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY AT 3010 MANNHEIM ROAD
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY TO BECOME PART OF THE VILLAGE'S PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES TO COMPLETE THE FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING PROJECT (OML0044; PORTION OF PIN 12-20-401-005-0000)
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY TO BECOME PART OF THE VILLAGE'S PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES TO COMPLETE THE FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING PROJECT (OML0045B; PORTION OF PIN 12-20-401-014-0000)
8. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT INDEMNIFICATION LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO THE FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING PROJECT

9. MOTION TO APPROVE FOWLER ENTERPRISES, LLC, ELGIN, ILLINOIS, AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE 3548 RIVER ROAD AND 3107 MAPLE STREET BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,672.50 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
10. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, EAST HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS, FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION WORK FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ATS REPLACEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,000.00, 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
11. MOTION TO APPROVE PRAEDIUM VALUATION GROUP, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, TO PREPARE AN APPRAISAL REPORT TO DETERMINE THE MARKET VALUE OF VILLAGE OWNED VACANT PROPERTY AT 10500 GRAND AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,150.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE REQUIRED OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
12. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM BAXTER & WOODMAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS, FOR TRAFFIC ANALYSIS, PLAN PREPARATION, PROJECT COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE GRAND AVENUE AT GEORGE STREET TRAFFIC DIRECTION MODIFICATIONS PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,170.00 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, Ms. Avitia, and
Mr. Ybarra*

Nay - 0. Absent - 0. Abstain - 0.

X. NEW BUSINESS
NONE

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

Clerk Arellano reported early voting has begun at Village Hall and will run through November 04, 2024

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Mayor Pedersen recapped multiple events that happened last weekend, the Franklin Park Fire Department Open House, the Community Tree Planting and the laptop giveaway sponsored by Representative Norma Hernandez

XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need for Salary Schedules for one or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ybara to go into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. for "Salary Schedules for one or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)"

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

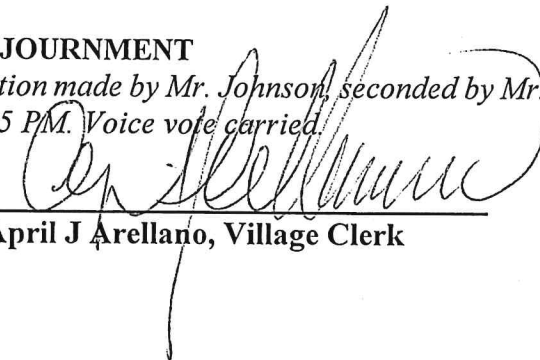
RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 7:34 P.M.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Voice vote carried

ATTEST



April J Arellano, Village Clerk