

**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
January 21, 2025**

- 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),

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 Chief)
Nick Steker (Battalion Chief)
Joe Thomas (Utilities Commissioner)
Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director)
Nick Weber (Deputy Utilities Commissioner)
Rudy Repa (Village Planner)
Lisa Anthony (HR and Operations Director)
Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.
- IV. Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath office to Rose Rutkoski as the Franklin Park Police Sergeant**
- V. Trustee Hagerstrom presented the best decorated home awards to the Legaspi family, Peacock and Chung family, and the Annoreno family**
- VI. Lily Brack of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning presented on the Grand Avenue Corridor study findings and recommendations. She presented on the overview of the plan, outreach goals and recommendations and next steps to implement**
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 26, 2025 WILL BE THE ANNUAL STAND DOWN EVENT AT THE AMERICAN LEGION. IT IS TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS AND THOSE IN NEED. THEY ARE ACCPETING NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHING, BLANKETS, TOILETRIES WHICH CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE LEGION AFTER 4PM

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 7 MAIN BREAKS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED A FIRE HYDRANT AT 10701 BELMONT AVE
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS WERE CHECKED AROUND TOWN LAST WEEK WITH NO ISSUES TO REPORT
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED ESI HAS OUR NEW GENERATOR AT THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE START-UP TEST RUN COMPLETED LAST WEEK. THE NEW GENERATOR IS NOW IN SERVICE. JUST AN EXERCISING SCHEDULE NEEDS TO BE SET UP THIS WEEK
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED DUE TO ICE AND SNOW EVENTS STAFF CLEANED UP
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER DIVISION INSPECTED 95 SANITARY / STORM MANHOLES SINCE LAST MEETING

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, THE DEPARTMENT REPONDED TO 396 SERVICE CALLS AND A TOTAL OF 4563 FOR 2024
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT FOR YEAR 2024, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 38,410 CALLS FOR SERVICE, 1086 ARRESTS, 5497 STATE CITATIONS ISSUED, 676 LOCAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS ISSUED, 9514 PARKING TICKETS ISSUED AND 9045 TRAFFIC/PEDESTRIAN STOPS, 230 HIGH GRASS/WEED INVESTIAGATIONS AND 35 HIGH GRASS/WEED CITATIONS
3. MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED THAT TACTICAL OFFCER MANUEL QUINONES HAS BEEN NAMED DETECTIVE REPLACING DETECTIVE ROSE RUTKOSKI WHO HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

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

1. ON BEHALF OF STREET DEPARTMENT, MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 SNOW TRUCKS 2 TAKEN TO FLEET FOR REPAIR, POTHOLES WERE PATCHED ON THE MIDDLE OF TOWN AND FINAL CHRISTMAS TREES WERE PICKD UP.
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 4 SNOW EVENTS, AND 4 LOCATIONS WERE SALTED DUE TO WATER MAIN BREAKS

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

(Ms. Special, Chair)

1. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCED THE SEED SWAP HELD BY THE PARK DISTRICT OF FRANKLIN PARK WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2025. THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FROM 11:00 UNTIL 12:30. PLEASE BRING SEEDS TO DONATE OR TAKE SEEDS FOR YOUR SPRING AND SUMMER GARDEN. THE TREE BOARD/BEE BOARD WILL HAVE INFORMATIONAL TABLES WITH SEEDS FOR GIVE AWAYS
2. MS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCED THE FRANKLIN PARK TREE BOARD/BEE BOARD WILL BE HOSTING INFORMATIONAL TABLES AT THE EARTH DAY CELEBRATION HELD ON SATURDAY APRIL 26,2025. THE LOCATION WILL BE AT NORTH PARK FROM 12:00 UNTIL 2:00
3. MS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCED ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON SATURDAY MAY 18,2025 . A WONDERFUL EVENT IS BEING PLANNED WITH A GROUP WALK ENDING WITH A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND TREE PLANTING AT MAZUR ARBORETUM. TIMES AND PLANS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGE, THERE WILL BE A FUTURE COMMUNITY GROUP WALKS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON TREES ARE BEING DISCUSSED WITH ROTATING SITES AND NEIGHBORHOODS IN CONSIDERATION
4. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 65 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 42 BUILDING PERMITS, 15 ELECTRICAL PERMITS 3 SIGN PERMITS, 2 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 6 FIRE PERMITS, AND NO POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 68 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 11 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 5 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 2 NEW BUSINESSES WERE ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE
5. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF HAS IMPLEMENTED A NEW TOOL FOR BUSINESSES INTERESTED IN LOCATING IN FRANKLIN PARK. AN INTERACTIVE MAP SHOWCASING AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES IS NOW LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE. DEVELOPERS, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND BROKERS CAN UTILIZE THIS TOOL TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROPERTIES THAT ARE FOR SALE OR LEASE TO HELP EXPAND OUR GROWING ECONOMY. THIS MAP DOES NOT HIGHLIGHT ANY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE VILLAGE AND IS ONLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT. INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD LOOK FOR THE “AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES” BUTTON ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE TO ACCESS THIS MAP
6. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED PHASE 1 ENGINEERING FOR THE GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT, “CONNECT FRANKLIN PARK,” IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. THIS LANDMARK PROJECT WILL PROVIDE A SAFER WAY FOR MOTORISTS TO BYPASS THE RAILROAD TRACKS NEAR DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN PARK UNINTERRUPTED, GREATLY REDUCING DELAYS AND TRAFFIC IN THE AREA. THIS PROJECT WAS

MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE FEDERAL RAIL ADMINISTRATION'S
RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION GRANT PROGRAM

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM THANKED EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR LIGHT UP FRANKLIN PARK CONTEST FOR THE HOLIDAYS, THE WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETNIG

IX. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. None

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 JANUARY 06, 2025
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$1,742,045.56
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 TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS D-1 LIQUOR LICENSES (LULU BELLE'S: 3147 MANNHEIM ROAD)
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE OF TITLE THREE AND CHAPTER ONE OF TITLE ELEVEN OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGULATING THE LICENSING OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AND LICENSE FEES (CLASS A-2 LICENSE)
5. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM DOBSON ENTERTAINMENT, INCORPORATED, NORTHLAKE, ILLINOIS, TO DESIGN AND PRODUCE TWELVE COMMUNITY VIDEO SEGMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,040.00 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. 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 - Ms. Irene Avitia

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

Village Clerk Arellano announced that the Clerk's Office is hosting a passport fair at the Franklin Park Library on Saturday, January 25, 2025

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

None

XIV. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST

April J Arellano, Village Clerk