

**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
MAY 19, 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) and 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 (Director of Police)
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 (Director of Community Development and Zoning)
Dan Corcoran (IT Director)
Lisa Anthony (HR and Operations Director)
Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Trustee Ybarra walked into session at 7:05 PM

- IV. Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Kyle Parker as Franklin Park Police Officer**

Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Jeffrey Guzman as Franklin Park Police Officer

- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)**
 - 1. NONE

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL GO OVER MARCH 2025 FINANCIALS DURING STAFF COMMENTS
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 26 AT 11:00AM AT THE VETERAN'S MONUMENT. THE EVENT IS CO-SPONSORED WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 974

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 2 MAIN BREAKS AND 2 SEWER REPLACEMENTS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE VFD ON PUMP 3 AT THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE WENT DOWN STAFF IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON PRICING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VFD
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED LAST WEEK STAFF MAILED CERTIFIED LETTERS TO 35 ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS FOR A REMINDER OF SHUT OFF FOR NOT SCHEDULING FOR METER UPGRADE. 35 OF THE 70 THAT HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF COMPLETED 13 RESTORATION DIRT STOPS
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF JETTED 450 FEET ON THE 3000 BLOCK OF CALWAGNER AND 75 FEET OF STORM SEWER ON THE 2400 BLOCK OF SARAH.
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED LEAD SERVICE LINES AFTER DISRUPTION
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THERE WILL BE AN IEPA AUDIT SCHEDULED TO CHECK ALL OUR PUMPING STATIONS
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED M.E. SIMPSON WAS IN TOWN, CHECKING FOR LEAKS AND FOUND 9
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED USG SOLUTIONS WAS IN TOWN TO INSPECT THE WEST 5-MILLION-GALLON STORGE TANK AT KING STREET PUMPING STATION

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED THE DEPARTMENT RAISED \$3,479.45 AT THIS YEAR'S COP ON A ROOF FUNDRAISER FOR THE ILLINOIS SPECIAL OLYMPICS
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM IDOT FOR EXEMPLARY ENFORCEMENT DURING THE STEP GRAND ST. PATRICK'S DAY IMPAIRED DRIVING CAMPAIGN, OFFICERS YRACHETA, OFFICER BIEZE, OFFICER QUINONES, OFFICER GELLER AND OFFICER DELAPAZ WERE RECOGNIZED

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 2 VEHICLES WERE BROUGHT TO FLEET MAINTANCE
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED BRANCH COLLECTION WAS UNDERWAY AFTER THE STORM DAMAGE
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED A DELIVERY OF 104 NEW TREES WAS OFFLOADED
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 62 TREES WERE PLANTED AT THE KING STREET PUMP STATION

5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED CREWS BROKE TREE LIMBS THAT WERE HANGING THROUGHOUT TOWN FROM STORM DAMAGE
6. MR. YBARRA REPORTED ALL ROUTES WERE SWEEPED
7. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 BROKEN PARKING BUMPERS IN THE VILLAGE PARKING LOTS
8. MR. YBARRA REPORTED STREET DIVISION CLOSED KING STREET ON SATURDAY FOR THE EAST LEYDEN PICNIC

5. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, BUILDING, AND TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, (Ms. Special, Chair)

1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 349 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 105 BUILDING PERMITS, 13 ELECTRICAL PERMITS 2 SIGN PERMITS, 2 POD DUMPSTER PERMITS, 8 FIRE PERMITS, 1 OUTDOOR PERMIT, 2 DUMPSTER PERMITS and 1 SMALL CELL PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 134 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 13 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 5 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 4 NEW BUSINESSES WERE ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE

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 13 FROM 3PM TO 7PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Village Comptroller Dave Gonzalez briefly went over the March 25 Report. He stated that the financial reports for the fiscal year 2022, fiscal year 2024 have been filed
2. Village Engineer Tom McCabe briefly went over construction updates for 2025 which included: Roadway project, downtown improvements, Robinson area, Washington Street and Medill and Belden

VIII. 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 MAY 05, 2025

**~~2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:~~
\$1,673,156.40 – moved to new business**

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 VC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 9-2-3 OF THE ZONING CODE REGARDING VEHICLE DEALERSHIP DEFINITION (ZBA: 25-01)

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM MAY 1, 2025 TO APRIL 30, 2026 BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT TO INSTALL MURAL ARTWORK AT THE DOWNTOWN PLAZA BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND NATALIA VIRAFUENTES
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6B-2 OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (STOP SIGNS AT INTERSECTION OF CHESTNUT AVENUE AND SARAH STREET)
7. MOTION TO APPROVE BUILDERS PAVING, LLC, HILLSDALE, ILLINOIS, AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE 2025 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,206,998.88 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
8. MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE FOR REBUILD ILLINOIS FUNDS FOR STREET RESURFACING CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,123,591.82 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
9. MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE FOR MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR STREET RESURFACING CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,233,403.06 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 LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PAVEMENT RESURFACING, ADA RAMPS, DRAINAGE WORK, SIDEWALK, CURB, GUTTER AND DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT AND PARKWAY RESTORATION ON VARIOUS STREETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,996.00 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 PAYMENT OF THE VILLAGE'S 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES TO VISIT OAK PARK, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00 FOR PROGRAM SERVICES AND PROMOTIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
12. MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM SAINT GERTRUDE PARISH TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION ON GUSTAVE STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, ATLANTIC STREET, AND SCHILLER BOULEVARD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025, FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF POLICE TO PROVIDE A POLICE ESCORT
13. MOTION TO APPROVE JOHN NERI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ADDISON, ILLINOIS, AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE ROBINSON ROAD AREA ROADWAY AND UTILITY PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,060,812.50 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

Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Avitia to approve the Consent Agenda Minus Item Number 2 Voucher Expenditures List in the Amount of \$3,625,237.74

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$3,625,237.74

Motion made by Mr. Hagerstrom and seconded by Ms. Special to approve the Voucher Expenditures List in the Amount of \$3,625,237.74

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

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION
None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Special to adjourn at 7:42 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST


April J. Arellano, Village Clerk