

**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 20, 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,
Mr. Ybarra, and Mr. Hagerstrom

Department Heads:

Mike Witz (Police Chief)

Mark Stewart (Fire Chief)

David Gonzalez (Village Comptroller)

Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)

Joe Thomas (Utilities Commissioner)

Nick Weber (Deputy Utilities Commissioner)

Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Department)

Nick Walny (Director of Community Development and Zoning)

Dan Corcoran (IT Director)

Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)

Dafne Henriquez (Village Assistant Engineer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. RESIDENT COMMENTED ON THE NEED FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ON THE BLOCK OF OAK. SHE STATED THAT PEOPLE ARE USING THE DIGITAL SPEED READER AS A GAME, AND SUGGESTED INSTALLING SPEED BUMPS OR A CAMERA TO RECORD
2. RESIDENT COMMENTED ON THE NEED FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ON THE BLOCK OF OAK. SHE STATED PEOPLE SPEED THROUGH AND DISREGARD STOPS SIGNS. SHE IS WORRIED FOR CHILDREN WHO GET PICKED UP TO GO TO SCHOOL. SHE SUGGESTED HAVING AN OFFICER PATROL THE AREA IN THE MORNINGS

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL GO OVER THE AUGUST 2025 FINANCIALS DURING STAFF
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 11, 2025

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED A FIRE HYDRANT ON ELDER LANE
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED 6 INCH VALVE AT 3144 LINCOLN
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED 12 INCH VALVE AT SCOTT AND FULLERTON
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF INSTALLED 3 NEW 8 INCH VALVES AT ROBINSON AND RIVER RD.
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED 4 NEW LEAD SERVICE LINES
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF DOOR TAGGED 60 LOCATIONS FOR WATER SHUT OFF
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 5 STREET DRAINS HAVE BEEN REBUILT, AND SEWER CREW JETTED 4,744 FEET OF SEWERS ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF TOWN SOUTH OF GRAND, WEST OF ELDER LANE TO SCOTT STREET USING 4,299 GALLONS OF WATER TO CLEAN THESE SEWERS.
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE NEW SEWER TELEVISIONING CAMERA TRUCK #218 WAS DELIVERED AND WILL START TRAINING ON IT IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE GRASS CREW CLEANED UP 32 LOCATIONS AND CUT J.B. WILLIAMS RETENTION POND PICKING UP 18 BAGS OF GARBAGE AT THESE LOCATIONS
10. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REMOVED GRAFFITI AT 5 LOCATIONS
11. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 6 DIRT STOP RESTORATIONS AFTER DIG JOB REPAIRS

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE STREET DIVISION, MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 VEHICLES WERE TAKEN TO FLEET MAINTENANCE FOR SERVICE
2. ON BEHALF OF THE FORESTRY DIVISION, MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 TREE TRIMS WERE COMPLETED

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 101 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 100 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 19 ELECTRICAL, 7 SIGNS, 5 FIRE, 3 DUMPSTER PERMITS, AND 2 TEMPORARY EVENT PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 136 PERMITS
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 11 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 4 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 2 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
3. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON OCTOBER 1ST, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF JOINED REPRESENTATIVES FROM COOK COUNTY, DCEO, SLOAN VALVE, AND DELUXE STITCHER TO CELEBRATE MANUFACTURING DAY AT EAST AND WEST LEYDEN HIGH SCHOOLS. THE DAY WAS CENTERED AROUND PRESENTATIONS TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CLASSES REGARDING JOB READINESS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR. THE GOAL WAS TO GET STUDENTS TO START THINKING ABOUT CAREERS IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND HOW TO PREPARE THEM FOR LANDING THEIR FIRST JOB. MANUFACTURING DAY IS A NATIONAL GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT THAT DEMONSTRATES THE REALITY AND FUTURE OF MODERN MANUFACTURING CAREERS

4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON OCTOBER 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF ATTENDED THE ANNUAL AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATIONS ILLINOIS CHAPTER CONFERENCE AT THE OLD POST OFFICE IN CHICAGO. THE CONFERENCE FOCUSED ON BEST PLANNING PRACTICES, SUSTAINABILITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLS, PLACEMAKING, AND EXAMPLES FROM SUCCESSFUL PLANNING INITIATIVES ACROSS IL.
 5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED MAYOR PEDERSEN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF, AND ENGINEERING STAFF ATTENDED THE DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL UPDATE MEETING ON OCTOBER 14TH AT THE POLICE STATION. CHRISTOPHER BURKE ENGINEERING PROVIDED UPDATES ON ENGINEERING, DESIGN, GRANT FUNDING, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE NEXT PHASES OF THE DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
 6. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON OCTOBER 16TH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NICHOLAS WALNY ATTENDED THE O'HARE BIKE NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE FRANKLIN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY TO DISCUSS ONGOING EFFORTS TO EXPAND CYCLING AND WALKING ACCESS TO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE O'HARE REGION. THE MEETING FOCUSED ON PROPOSED BIKING ROUTES THAT BETTER CONNECT COMMUNITIES AROUND O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES THAT EXIST FOR IMPLEMENTATION
6. **HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE, (Mr. Hagerstrom, Chair)**
1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED 10 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE BLOOD DRIVE ON SEPTEMBER 19, AND 7 PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO DONATE
 2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED A SUCCESSFUL SHRED DAY WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 11. THEY COLLECTED 19 CANS OF DOCUMENTS WHICH WAS EQUAL TO 3,000 POUNDS OF PAPER
 3. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 31, 2025, THE SENIOR HEALTH FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FROM 10AM TO 2PM. IN ADDITION TO ALL THE GREAT HEALTH AND SENIOR PROVIDERS, THE LIONS CLUB WILL BE THERE WITH THEIR VAN TO DO VISION AND HEARING CHECKS AND OSCO WILL HAVE FLU AND COVID VACCINES AVAILABLE

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONAZLEZ WENT OVER THE AUGUST FINANCIALS
2. VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ STATED THERE WILL BE A TENATIVE 2025 TAX LEVY BY THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

VII. 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 6, 2025
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:

\$2,093,160.42

3. APPOINTMENT

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS (TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2026)

BARAJAS, ROSIO
BECERRA, YULISSA
BROWN, ANTHONY
CABRAL, JOSE
CASTILLO, JOSE
CORREA, FRANCISCO
FLAK, JAMES
HIGAREDA, JORGE
PLIEGO, LUIS
RODRIGUEZ, BRENDA
SALGADO, ANTHONY
MIODUSWESKI, BRITNEY
VALDOVINOS, EZEQUIEL
ZACHWIEJA, PAWEL
NOCITA, FRANK
LOPEZ, MARIEANNE
KRAUSE, JESSICA

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2526 R

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE 2025-2026 SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2526 R

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT, PROJECT NUMBER 2507-016 FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2025 (CROWN PARK STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT)

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 VC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTIONS 9-2-3, 9-9-3, 9-10-3, AND 9-10-4 OF THE ZONING CODE REGARDING CAR WASHES, FENCES, AND WATER FEATURES (ZBA: 25-16)

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 VC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING SECTION 6-6E-1 OF THE VILLAGE CODE PROHIBITING LEFT TURNS FROM GRAND AVENUE TO SOUTHBOUND OAK STREET

8. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 VC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING SECTION 6-6E-2 OF THE VILLAGE CODE PROHIBITING RIGHT TURNS FROM GRAND AVENUE TO SOUTHBOUND OAK STREET

9. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN BIG JIM INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

10. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN TRI-STATES LAND SERVICES, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
11. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COOK COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK FOR DISTRIBUTION OF 911 SURCHARGE FUNDS
12. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF COOK, ON BEHALF OF THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPATCHING SERVICES
13. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK APPROVING THE COOK COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD HANDHELD PORTABLE RADIOS AGREEMENT
14. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK APPROVING A COOK COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD AGREEMENT FOR MOBILE DEVICE TERMINALS
15. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN FANTASY AMUSEMENT COMPANY, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (2026 FRANKLIN PARK FEST CARNIVAL CONTRACT)
16. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF 9651 FRANKLIN AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
17. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 Z
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR AN "INDOOR TRUCK VEHICLE DEALERSHIP" IN THE C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 25-15: 4000 MANNHEIM ROAD)
18. MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE SALVATION ARMY TO CONDUCT A RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 24, 2025
19. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,490.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO COMPLETE A CROWN ROAD DRAINAGE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS TO OPTIMIZE STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

(Village Clerk Arellano read aloud each of the items that were identified on the consent agenda and under consideration by the Village Board before final action on the items identified on the consent agenda occurred)

Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to approve the Consent Agenda of the consent agenda

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE

IX. NEW BUSINESS
NONE

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:
NONE

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:
President Pedersen announced that before the board meeting, the Mayor, Clerk, Trustees and village employees dedicated the fountain at the downtown plaza to Joe "Tiny" Lauro. The President concluded Tiny was a person who poured his heart and soul to his job and is missed everyday.

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need for Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of certain Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Special to go into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. for "Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 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**

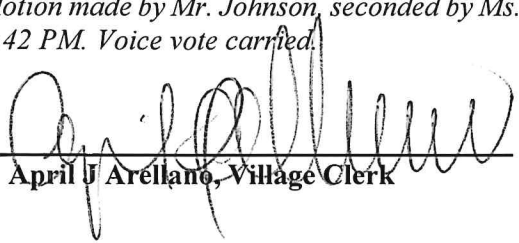
RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 7:51P.M.

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST


April J. Arellano, Village Clerk