

**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
NOVEMBER 3, 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. Avitia, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra

Department Heads:

Mike Witz (Police Chief)

Mark Stewart (Fire Chief)

Frank Grieashamer (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)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. NONE

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
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 3 MAIN BREAKS AND STAFF REBUILT 1 FIRE HYDRANT
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED HE SEWER CREW JETTED 5,571 FEET OF SEWERS ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF TOWN WEST OF SCOTT STREET USING 4,717 GALLONS OF WATER TO CLEAN THESE SEWERS. DURING THIS CLEANING PROCESS THE SEWER CREW INSPECTED 14 MANHOLES
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED 10 FEET OF 15" COLLAPSED SEWER

4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF HAD PUMP 1 PULLED AND REBUILT AT ANDERSON LIFT STATION, PUMP 1 WAS ALSO PULLED AND REBUILT AT SCOTT STREET LIFT STATION
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED OUT OF THE 60 LOCATIONS DOOR TAGGED FOR SHUT OFF AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER, ONLY 7 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE TURNED OFF
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF FINISHED AND SHIPPED THE SECOND ROUND OF 60 LEAD & COPPER SAMPLES FOR THIS YEAR
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED GRASS CREW CLEANED UP 15 LOCATIONS, PICKING UP 10 BAGS OF GARBAGE

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT
2. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED 2 FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS ARE OFF ON INJURY AND THEY ARE DOWN 2 FIREFIGHTERS/ PARAMEDICS
3. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATED AT THE SENIOR HEALTH FAIR AND THE PARK DISTRICT'S TRICK OR TREAT AT THE PARK
4. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUCCESSFULLY HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 04, 2025

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 BRANCH PICK UP WAS COMPLETED FOR THE SEASON AND ALL ROUTES HAVE BEEN SWEPT
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED LITTER AND DEBRIS WERE CLEANED AT THE FRANKLIN AVENUE JOE LAURO PLAZA AND 13 CUT-OUTS WERE HOT PATCHED
4. ON BEHALF OF THE FLEET DIVISION, MR. YBARRA REPORTED TOTAL HOURS WORKED ON REPAIRS TOTALED 174 AND THE HIGHEST DEPARTMENT TO USE FUEL WAS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 111 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 93 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 13 ELECTRICAL, 7 SIGNS, 8 FIRE, 1 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 1 P.O.D PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 123 PERMITS
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 6 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 4 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 1 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
3. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON OCTOBER 29TH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NICHOLAS WALNY AND ASSISTANT ENGINEER DAFE HENRIQUEZ ATTENDED THE COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT WORKSHOP AT 69 W. WASHINGTON IN DOWNTOWN CHICAGO. THE WORKSHOP WAS REGARDING A \$200K GRANT AWARD THE VILLAGE RECEIVED FROM COOK COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CROWN PARK STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THE PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF AN UNDERGROUND STORMWATER DETENTION FACILITY AND A NEW POCKET PARK THAT INCLUDES TWO PICNIC PAVILIONS ON VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY AT THE INTERSECTION OF HOUSTON, SCHILLER AND CROWN ROAD

4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON OCTOBER 29TH, THE VILLAGE, THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND PROJECT CONSULTANTS HELD AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM TO GATHER PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GRAND AVENUE CORRIDOR FROM 25TH TO LOUIS ST. THE IMPROVEMENTS WILL INCLUDE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS AND WILL DELIVER INNOVATIVE CLIMATE RESILIENCY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT WILL REDUCE FLOODING AND LESSEN THE IMPACT OF EXTREME HEAT AND AIR POLLUTION IN THE CORRIDOR

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

1. ON BEHALF OF MR. HAGERSTROM, MS. AVITIA ANNOUNCED THE SENIOR HEALTH FAIR WAS A SUCCESS, OVER 60 SHOTS WERE ADMINISTERED FOR COVID/FLU

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING DIRECTOR, NICK WALNY AND VILLAGE ENGINEER, TOM MCCABE SUMMERIZED VARIOUS PROJECTS IN TOWN SUCH AS THE UNDERPASS PROJECT, FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, GRAND AVENUE RESILIENCY PROJECT AND WASHINGTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS

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 20, 2025

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$ 3,851,034.75

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 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 2533 MAPLE STREET

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE USE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR FIBER OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES

5. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM BAXTER & WOODMAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS, FOR FINAL DESIGN AND PLAN PREPARATION AND PROJECT COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL ON GRAND AVENUE AT GEORGE STREET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,990.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

6. MOTION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING, LLC, MOBERLY, MISSOURI, FOR COPIER EQUIPMENT ALONG WITH A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH WAREHOUSE DIRECT, DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
7. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM ESI ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, EAST HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS, TO REMOVE AND REPLACE THE FLOWMETER AT THE KING STREET WATER PUMP STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$139,500.00, 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

(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 Ms. Avitia to approve the Consent Agenda of the consent agenda

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE

IX. NEW BUSINESS
NONE

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:
Village Clerk Arellano announced the Clerk’s Office will be conducting voter registration events at East Leyden on November 10, 2025 and at West Leyden on November 13, 2025. This is the start of various voter registration events throughout town

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:
President Pedersen announced Congressman Jesus “Chuy” Garcia announced his retirement. He will not be running for reelection. President Pedersen stated Congressman Garcia has been essential to Franklin Park and will be missed

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need to go into executive session for “Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5),” and “Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)”

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ybarra to go into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. for “Purchase or Lease of Real Property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5),” and “Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)”

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

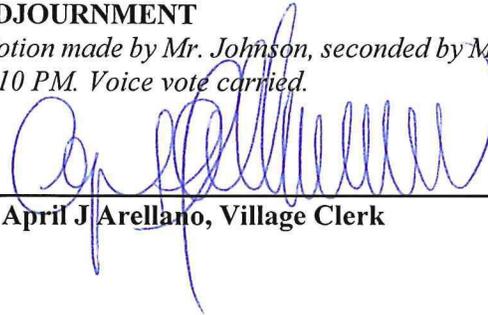
RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:09 P.M.

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 8:10 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST



April J Arellano, Village Clerk