

**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
DECEMBER 01, 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): Ms. Avitia, Ms. Special, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ybarra and Mr. Hagerstrom

Department Heads:

Mike Witz (Police Chief)

Thomas Ferris (Commander of Police)

Mark Stewart (Fire Chief)

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)

Guests:

Ramona Michael, Co-Chair of the Tree Preservation Commission

Joan Ambo, Co-Chair of the Tree Preservation Commission

Violet Pamintuan, Member of the Tree Preservation Commission

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

IV. Joan Ambo, Co-Chair of the Tree Preservation Commission presented on their November 15, 2025 buckthorn removal event.

Ms. Ambo summarized the major problem buckthorn poses the John Mazur Arboretum. She thanked West and East Leyden Highschool, Triton College, Openland, U of I Extension, Franklin Park residents, Franklin Park Fire department and the rest of the tree commission and bee board for volunteering their time to remove this invasive species

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. NONE

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, MR. JOHNSON STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE CPKC HOLIDAY TRAIN STOPPED BY FRANKLIN PARK ON NOVEMBER 23. IT WAS A GREAT TURNOUT AND CPKC RAILWAY DONATED \$10,000 TO THE LEYDEN TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 5 MAIN BREAK AND STAFF REPLACED 1 FIRE HYDRANT AND REPLACED 1 LEAD SERVICE
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER CREW SEWER CREW JETTED 2,588 FEET OF SEWERS ON THE 9500 BLOCK OF NICHOLS AND ERNST USING 2,012 GALLONS OF WATER TO CLEAN THESE SEWERS. DURING THIS CLEANING PROCESS THE CREWS INSPECTED 8 MANHOLES
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREW ALSO CLEANED SEWERS ON THE 2400, 2500, 2600 BLOCKS OF MAPLE, OAK, WILLOW JETTING 5,272 FEET USING 3,857 GALLONS OF WATER AND DURING THIS CLEANING PROCESS THEY INSPECTED 11 MANHOLES
4. MS. AVITIA THANKED THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HARD WORK SECURING AND CLEANING THE ROADS DURING THE LAST HEAVY SNOW EVENT

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

1. IN MR. RUHL'S ABSENCE AND ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE INSURANCE CARRIER, IPMG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,977.94 TO PURCHASE LESS THAN LETHAL TASER EQUIPMENT
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUED OVER 150 PARKING CITATIONS
3. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. YBARRA REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT

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

1. MR. YBARRA THANKED THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR WORK CLEARING OFF THE SNOW AND SECURING THE ROADS DURING THE LAST HEAVY SNOW EVENT

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 44 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 50 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 10 ELECTRICAL, 1 SIGNS, 7 FIRE, 6 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 1 SMALL CELL PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 75 PERMITS
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 10 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 3 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 5 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
3. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON NOVEMBER 19TH, THE VILLAGE AND PROJECT PARTNERS HOSTED THE FIRST CONNECT FRANKLIN PARK PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE AT THE POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS FOR THE PUBLIC AND BUSINESS OWNERS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE CONNECT FRANKLIN PARK PROJECT

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 04, 2025 WILL BE THE VILLAGE'S WINTERFEST. DISTRICT 84 STUDENTS WILL BE SINGING CAROLS STARTING AT 5:45 PM
2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025 WILL BE THE LAST BLOOD RIVE OF THE YEAR. IT WILL BE HELD IN THE POLICE STATION'S COMMUNITY ROOM FROM 3PM TO 7PM

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. NONE

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, NOVEMBER 17, 2025
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 2,838,672.75
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 VC
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING SECTION 6-2-6 OF THE VILLAGE CODE PROHIBITING TRUCK TRAFFIC ON WASHINGTON STREET BETWEEN KING AVENUE AND BELMONT AVENUE
4. 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 3010 PRAIRIE STREET)
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (LANE INSPECTION EQUIPMENT)
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH JAGG PROPERTIES II, LLC FOR THE VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3335 SCHIERHORN COURT, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS

7. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2026 FORD F-750 CHASSIS FROM AL PIEMONTE FORD SALES, MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS WITH DUMP BODY AND SNOWPLOW PACKAGES FROM MONROE TRUCK EQUIPMENT, JOLIET, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$464,174.40 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
8. MOTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A RAFFLE LICENSE TO RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 9777 GRAND AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK FOR A RAFFLE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025
9. MOTION TO APPROVE A RELEASE AGREEMENT WITH QUIKTRIP CORPORATION FOR THE USE OF PROPERTY AT 3700 MANNHEIM ROAD BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR TRAINING PURPOSES 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. Ybarra to approve the Consent Agenda of the consent agenda

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

Clerk Arellano briefly went over the November statistics for the Clerk's Office. In the month of November, the office has processed 44 passports, issued 37 photos, registered 19 individuals to vote, processed 58 FOIA requests, performed 12 notaries and issued 3 business licenses

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

President Pedersen announced he will be speaking at a press conference that recognizes the engineering excellence, innovative design and environmental stewardship improvements to the Des Plaines River Trail

XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need to go into executive session 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 7:22 p.m. for "Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of certain Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)"

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

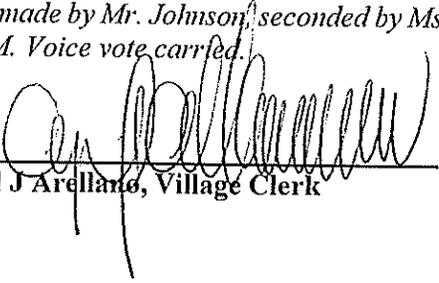
RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 7:37 P.M.

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 Ms. Avitia to adjourn at 7:38 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST



April J Arellano, Village Clerk