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 02, 2026

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:
☒Mr. Barrett F. Pedersen (Village President),
☒Ms. April J Arellano (Village Clerk),
☒Mr. Joseph Montana (Village Attorney)

Trustees (Present in the Room):
☒Ms. Irene Avitia
☒Ms. Karen Special,
☒Mr. John Johnson,
☒Mr. William "Bill" Ruhl,
☒Mr. Andres "Andy" Ybarra
☒Mr. Gilbert Hagerstrom

Department Heads (Present in the Room):
☒Thomas Ferris (Police Chief)
☒Lucas Palermo Jr. (Fire Chief)
☐Frank Grieashamer (Village Treasurer)
☐David Gonzalez (Village Comptroller)
☒Nick Weber (Utilities Commissioner)
☒Nick Walny (Community Development and Zoning Director)
☒Dan Corcoran (IT Director)
☒Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources & Operations)
☒Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. In summary, resident Violet Pamintuan expressed her concerns over the proposed O'Hare Flyer Express Train and the impact it would have on residents in Franklin Park. Ms. Pamintuan stated she spoke with Mark Walbrun, development officer and founder of the O'Hare flyer at the Forest Park meeting. She stated this proposed project calls for increased noise, train activity and potential vibration and disruption. Ms. Pamintuan stated Thatcher Woods Forest Preserve provides wildlife habitant and consider potential effects of train traffic and asked for studies, protections for Thatcher Woods and costs

2. River Forest resident expressed her concerns over the proposed O'Hare Flyer Express Train and support for the comments expressed by Ms. Pamintuan

3. River Forest resident expressed also expressed his concerns over the proposed O'Hare Flyer Express Train and asked to look into this project and it's effects on the municipalities

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Pamintuan provided copies of her public comment and O'Hare Flyer notice to Village Clerk Arellano

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **FINANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEES, (Mr. Johnson, Chair)**
    1. ON BEHALF OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A FINANCE REPORT
    2. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE VILLAGE AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 974 WILL BE HOSTING THE ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAYS OBSERVANCE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, AT 11:00 AM AT THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

2. **WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE, (Ms. Avitia, Chair)**
    1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED NO WATER MAIN BREAKS TO REPORT SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING AND INSTALLED WATER SERVICE FOR NEW DOG PARK AT 9621 PACIFIC
    2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED LAST WEEK THE CREWS FINISHED RESAMPLING OF 3 LOCATIONS THAT HAD HIGHER THAN 50.0 UG/L (MICROGRAMS PER LITER) REPORTING LIMIT DURING OUR 60 LEAD SAMPLES EARLIER IN THE MONTH
    3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CONCRETE PATCH IN ALLEY BETWEEN BELDEN AVE AND MEDILL AVE HAS BEEN COMPLETED FROM WATER MAIN PROJECT
    4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER DIVISION CREW JETTED AND CLEANED SEWERS ON THE 3300,3400 3500 BLOCKS OF ELDER AND HAWTHORNE CLEANING 3,407 FEET, USING 4,188 GALLONS OF WATER TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT AND JETTED THE 3300 BLOCK OF ERNST AND TELEVISED 570 FEET, USING 765 GALLONS OF WATER DURING CLEANING

3. **POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE, (Mr. Ruhl, Chair)**
   1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGGED 2,464 CALLS FOR SERVICE, INCLUDING 439 TRAFFIC STOPS. OFFICERS ISSUED 220 STATE TRAFFIC CITATIONS, 27 COMPLIANCE CITATIONS, 972 PARKING CITATIONS, AND 19 LOCAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS
   2. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED CALLS FOR SERVICE IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TOTALED 346
   3. MR. RUHL REPORTED PROBATIONARY FF/PM FLORES IS AT THE HALFWAY POINT OF COMPLETING THE NIPSTA FIRE ACADEMY WITH GRADUATION SET FOR DECEMBER 4, 2026. CANDIDATE FLORES WAS MOVED TO GROUP LEADER IN HIS 3RD WEEK OF TRAINING
   4. MR. RUHL REPORTED ALL OTHER PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER /PARAMEDICS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THEIR EMS SYSTEM ENTRY WITH LOYOLA. THE DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM STATED THAT THESE FOUR CANDIDATES WERE THE BEST PREPARED GROUP HE HAS SEEN ALL YEAR. THIS IS A HUGE COMPLIMENT TO THESE MEMBERS DUE TO THIS ENTRY EXAM BEING VERY DIFFICULT INCLUDING WRITTEN AND PRACTICAL TESTING
   5. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW DISPATCHING EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW COUNTY 911 DISPATCHING CENTER HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT STATION #1 AND STATION #3. THE FINAL INSTALLATION PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETED AT STATION #2 WITHIN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS TO PREPARE FOR SWITCHING OVER TO THE NEW DISPATCHING CENTER SOMETIME LATER THIS YEAR OR JANUARY OF 2027
   6. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE FRANKLIN PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL PROUDLY PARTICIPATE AGAIN IN THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY EVENT AT EAST LEYDEN HIGH SCHOOL FEEDING NEW SAILORS FROM NAVAL STATION GREAT LAKES. IT IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION TO THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY AND BEING AWAY FROM THEIR LOVED ONES
   7. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE FRANKLIN PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING OUR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE AGAIN THIS YEAR TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. PLEASE DROP OFF ANY DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOODS AT STATION #2 LOCATED AT 10001 ADDISON AVENUE FROM NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 15TH

4. **STREETS, ALLEYS, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
   1. ON BEHALF OF THE STREET DIVISION, MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 VEHICLES AND A CHIPPER WERE TAKEN TO FLEET FOR MAINTENANCE FOR REPAIR, 9 SIGNS WERE INSTALLED AND 2 WERE REPAIRED, 15 PERMANENT PAVEMENT PATCHES WERE DONE AND 14 TREE STUMPS WERE REMOVED
   2. ON BEHALF OF THE FLEET DEPARTMENT, MR. YBARRA REPORTED A TOTAL OF 127 REPAIRS FOR A TOTAL OF 152 HOURS
   3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED A TOTAL OF 6,589.514 GALLONS WAS USED IN TOTAL BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

4. MR. YBARRA 4 VEHCILES WERE TAKEN TO FLEET DIVISION FOR REPAIR, 7 SIGNS WERE INSTALLED AND 13 FADED SIGNS REPLACED, POTHOLE PATCHING WAS DONE IN THE MAIN STREETS OF TOWN

5. **PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, BUILDING, AND TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, (Ms. Special, Chair)**
   1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 66 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 62 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 4 ELECTRICAL, 2 SIGN, 1 FIRE, 1 POD PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 70 PERMITS
      MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 5 PROPERTY CLOSINGS; 2 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 6 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED

6. **HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE, (Mr. Hagerstrom, Chair)**
   1. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED THE ANNUAL SENIOR HEALTH FAIR WAS SUCCESSFUL, APPROXIMATELY 100 RESIDENTS ATTENDED
   2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL WINTERFEST CELEBRATION, IT WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2026 FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM AT THE STREET DEPARTMENT'S GARAGE

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. NONE

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 19, 2026

1. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
   $ 3,248,423.03

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 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 A-1 LIQUOR LICENSES (SNEAKERS SPORTS BAR & GRILL)

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 VC

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6L-4 OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING PARKING REGULATIONS IN THE WEST MANNHEIM RESIDENTIAL PARKING LOT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SCHILLER BOULEVARD AND BRIGHT STREET

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 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 2906 EMERSON STREET)

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 G

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES, SIDEWALK AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS FOR THE GRAND AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT AT GEORGE STREET

(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

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE

IX. NEW BUSINESS
NONE

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:
Village Clerk Arellano reported Early Voting has ended at Village Hall with a count of 2306 early voters and 259 mail ballots during this period. Village Clerk Arellano reported the office has processed 46 passports, 44 photos, completed 83 FOIA requests and performed 19 notaries in the month of October

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:
NONE

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:
NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT
Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ybarra to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST _____
April J. Arellano, Village Clerk