

**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
JUNE 16, 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 Grieashamer (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.

IV. APPOINTMENTS:

1. David Gonzales, Village Comptroller, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
2. Frank Grieashamer, Village Treasurer, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
3. Lisa Anthony, Director of HR and Operations, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
4. Nicholas Walny, Director of Community Development, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
5. Joseph Thomas, Utilities Commissioner, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
6. Nick Weber, Deputy Utilities Commissioner, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
7. Mike Witz, Director of Police, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
8. Mark Stewart, Fire Chief, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
9. Dan Corcoran, IT Director, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
10. P. Joseph Montana, Village Attorney, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

11. William Ryan, Village Prosecutor, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
12. Lawrence Andolino, Local Adjudication Hearing Officer, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
13. Tom McCabe, Village Engineer, Term of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
14. Village Trustee, Deputy Village President, Irene Avitia

Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to approve the Appointments as listed above

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)

1. Resident inquired about the status of the removal of the handicap parking posts at 2921 Edgington.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST WAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT. WE HAD 8 TRAIN PIECES, PLENTY OF FOOD, GREAT MUSIC AND THE CARNIVAL. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT
2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL BRIEFLY GO OVER THE APRIL 30 2025 FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 1 MAIN BREAK, AND 5 SEWER REPLACEMENTS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THERE ARE 0 ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS LEFT, ALL ACTIVE WATER ACCOUNTS ARE NOW ON THE NEPTUNE 360 PLATFORM
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF IN THE SEWER DIVISION JETTED 600 FEET ON THE 9400 BLOCK OF SCHILLER BOULEVARD AND 510 FEET ON THE 3100 BLOCK OF ATLANTIC
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED 5 LEAD SERVICE LINES AFTER DISRUPTION
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE WATER & SEWER CREWS REPLACED 25 BROKEN B-BOXES AFTER FINDING THEM BROKEN DURING HYDRO EXCAVATING FROM BADGER SOLUTIONS POTHOLING FOR GLO INVENTORY PROJECT. AS OF TODAY, THEY HAVE HYDRO EXCAVATED 397 SERVICES TO UPDATE OUR INVENTORY, THERE ARE 53 MORE LOCATIONS TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED ESI WILL BE WORKING ON REPLACING THE VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVES ON PUMPS 3 AND 4 AT THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF WILL BE FILLING THE CURTISS PUMPING STATION'S 1-MILLION-GALLON STORGE TANK AND GET IT SAMPLED SO THEY CAN START DOING TESTING AND ADJUSTMENTS ON THE 2 NEW VFD PUMPS & CONTROLS AT THE STATION
8. MS. AVITIA THANKED EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE FEST A SUCCESS

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

1. MR. RUHL DID NOT HAVE REPORTS FROM EITHER THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2. MR. RUHL THANKED BOTH FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AT THE FEST

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 4 VEHICLES WERE TAKEN TO FLEET MAINTENANCE FOR SERVICE
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED MULCH WAS PLACED AROUND THE NEWLY PLANTED TREES IN THE WMRA AND AROUND THE TREES ON FRANKLIN AVENUE AND 2 DECADE TREES WERE REMOVED
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED ALL ROUTES WERE SWEEPED
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 12 UTILITY CUTS AND STREET DRAINS WERE HOT PATCHED
5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED BARRICADES WERE DROPPED OFF FOR A BLOCK PARTY, 2 PARKWAYS WERE REPAIRED, STREET SWEEPINGS WERE HAULED OUT FOR DISPOSAL, WOOD CHIPS WERE HAULED OUT FOR RECYCLING AND TIME WAS SPENT PREPARING FOR THE FEST
6. MR. YBARRA ALSO THANKED EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE FEST A SUCCESS

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

1. MS. SPECIAL DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FOR THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
2. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 212 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 90 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 20 ELECTRICAL, 2 SIGNS, 3 TEMPORARY EVENT PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 131 PERMITS.
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 7 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 3 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY, AND 4 NEW BUSINESSES WERE ISSUED OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES
4. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING WILL BE UPDATING THE BOARD ON VARIOUS PROJECTS DURING STAFF REPORTS
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THERE ARE 2 ZBA CASES ON THE AGENDA, ONE IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A LARGE EQUIPMENT REPAIR FACILITY AT 11465 MELROSE AVENUE, FOR AIRPORT SUPPORT VEHICLES. THE SECOND IS AS RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENT BETWEEN ADULT USE CANNABIS DISPENSING ORGANIZATIONS FROM 2,500 FEET TO 1.25 MILES
6. MS. SPECIAL ALSO THANKED EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE FEST A SUCCESS

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM THANKED EVERYONE WHO DONATED BLOOD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH, THERE WERE 15 DONRS, WHICH EACH OF THEIR PINTS SAVE 3 LIVES

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Village Engineer Tom McCabe and Community Development and Zoning Director Nick Walny went over various project updates that included the Underpass, Franklin Avenue Reconstruction, Grand Avenue and George Street, temporary signal at Belmont Avenue and Edgington Street, Grand Avenue improvements, green infrastructure and 3548 River Road. Updates also included business such as 3147 Mannheim Avenue, 2900 Mannheim Avenue, 3700 Mannheim Avenue also known as Quik Trip, and 2553 Edgington Street also known as Digital Realty and new mural on Franklin Avenue

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 JUNE 02, 2025
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$1,919.374.54
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 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 (INCREASE NUMBER OF CLASS I-1 LIQUOR LICENSES FOR A SIDEWALK CAFÉ FOR THE GOAL LINE)
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 VC
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 SIGN AT SOUTHBOUND BIRCH STREET AT CHERRY AVENUE)
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 VC
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 9-9-3C OF THE ZONING CODE TO INCREASE THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN ADULT USE CANNABIS DISPENSING ORGANIZATIONS FROM 2,500 SQUARE FEET TO 1.25 MILES (ZBA: 25-09)
6. 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 2906 EMERSON STREET)
7. 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 2913 LINCOLN STREET)

8. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF A VILLAGE OWNED PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY AT 3335 SCHIERHORN COURT
9. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN FIRE APPARATUS AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK FOR THE SALE OF THE 2012 SPARTON MARION PUMPER FIRE TRUCK
10. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF FRANKLIN AVENUE FOR THE PARK DISTRICT OF FRANKLIN PARK STREET DANCE
11. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR UTILITIES GIS SERVICES FROM MAY 1, 2025 TO APRIL 30, 2026 BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
12. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR 2025 BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECTS
13. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE 2025 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
14. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 Z
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A “LARGE EQUIPMENT REPAIR FACILITY” IN THE I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 25-08: 11465 MELROSE AVENUE)

(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 - Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Ms. Avitia, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Ybarra
Nay - 0. Absent - 0. Abstain - 0*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. NONE

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

1. NONE

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

1. Mayor Pedersen thanked Public Works and everyone who made the Franklin Park a success. Mayor Pedersen remembered former Village Clerk and long time resident, Jack Gregg. He has been honored in the Illinois Sports Hall of Fame for being a record keeper for more than 60 years. Jack passed away in his home at the age of 89

XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Hagerstrom, seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 7:57 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST


April J Arellano, Village Clerk