

**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  
May 18, 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 Deputy Clerk Sarah Guevarra called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Mr. Barrett F. Pedersen (Village President),  
Ms. Sarah Guevarra (Village Deputy Clerk), and 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:

Thomas Ferris (Police Chief)

Mark Stewart (Fire Chief)

Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)

Nick Weber (Utilities Commissioner)

Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director)

Nick Walny (Director of Community Development and Zoning)

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. Resident Kim Stewart expressed concerns regarding pay rates for the Fire Department, specifically for the Chiefs not getting a raise after the recent ordinance was passed, which excluded the Fire Chief and Battalion Chiefs.

**V. SWERAING IN**

1. DOMINICK MARRAZZO AS POLICE OFFICER

**II. APPOINTMENT**

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS (MAY 1, 2026 TO APRIL 30, 2027)

- CARL CACIOPPO
- ANDRES ROSILES
- JONATHAN SANCHEZ

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE VILLAGE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 AM AT THE VETERAN'S MONUMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 974
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE DATE FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST ON JUNE 11 THROUGH THE 14<sup>TH</sup>. SATURDAY, JUNE 13 WILL BE RAILROAD DAY, FEATURING A VARIETY OF TRAIN CARS, RAILROAD MEMORABILIA, A PETTING ZOO, PONY RIDES, FACE PAINTING AND ENTERTAINMENT

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 0 MAINBREAKS, 2 LEAD SERVICE REPLACED
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THERE ARE 42 RESIDENTS ON THE SHUT- OFF LIST FOR JUNE 2
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT CLEANED 6 GRAFFITI SPOTS AROUND TOWN
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SCHEDULING OF ANNUAL LEAD SAMPLINGS FOR THIS YEAR, AS TWO SAMPLES NEED TO BE TAKEN. THERE ARE 60 RESIDENTS SCHEDULED FOR LEAD SAMPLING STARTING IN SEPTEMBER AND ENDING IN DECEMBER
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREWS ARE WORKING ON DIRT STOP RESORTATIONS AROUND TOWN FROM WINTER DISTRIBUTION REPAIRS
6. MS. AVITIA NOTED THAT STAFF STARTED CUTTING GRASS AT 29 VILLAGE PROPERTIES, AND HAVE PICKED UP AND FILLED 27 BAGS OF GARBAGE
7. MS. AVITIA STATED ESI WILL BE REMOVING THE 42- YEAR -OLD GENERATOR AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW ONE AT THE KING STREET PUMP STATION. THE OLD GENERATOR WAS BUILT IN 1984
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREW REBUILT THE STREET DRAIN AT 11045 GAE STREET
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED PUMP TWO WAS REBUILT AT THE GARRA LIFT STATION

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL WISHED ANTHONY NUNEZ THE BEST OF LUCK IN RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE
2. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED THE 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS AVAILABLE ON THE VILLAGE WEBPAGE FOR VIEWING
3. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE ANNUAL COP ON A ROOFTOP EVENT BENEFITING SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. THE COMMUNITY WAS ABLE TO RAISE OVER \$5,100 (INCLUDING \$500 DONATION FROM OLYMPIA FOODS)

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 VEHICLES WENT TO FLEET FOR SERVICE
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 15 TREES WERE TRIMMED
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 8 TREES WERE PLANTED AND 5 TREE STUMPS WERE REMOVED
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED NORMAL RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING ROUTES WERE SWEEPED
5. MR. YBARRA NOTED 2 DEAD ANIMALS WERE PICKED UP, MAINTANCE WAS DONE AT THE PLAZA FOUNTAIN, LITTER WAS PICKED UP FROM ALONG FRANKLIN AVENUE, AND SNOW EQUIPMENT WAS PRESSURE WASHED AND PUT INTO STORAGE

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 262 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 124 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 13 ELECTRICAL, 2 SIGN, 7 FIRE, 3 DUMPSTER PERMITS FOR A TOTAL OF 149 PERMITS
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 13 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 3 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 4 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 50 CASES ON THE DOCKET FOR COURT, 10 HEALTH LICENSES RENEWED, 0 DEED AMENDMENT INSPECTIONS, 3 RENTAL INSPECTIONS, 0 HOME BUSINESS, 23 MULTI- DWELLING REGISTRATIONS, 1 VACANT REGISTRATION, AND 4 ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS REGISTRATIONS
4. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF ATTENDED THE MANAGING OUR WATER ADVANTAGE EVENT AT THE OLD POST OFFICE IN CHICAGO WHERE THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING (CMAP) HOSTED A DISCUSSION WITH EXPERT PANELISTS ON HOW THE REGION CAN TURN WATER ABUNDANCE INTO LONG- TERM STRENGTH THROUGH THOUGHTFUL STEWARDSHIP AND STRONGER COORDINATION ACROSS THE SYSTEMS THAT MANAGE IT
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> , COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NICHLAS WALNY AND VILLAGE ENGINEER TOM MCCABE ATTENDED MWRD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE LASMA VISITOR CENTER IN WILLOW SPRINGS. THE MEETING FOCUSED ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MWRD WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE (WMO) AND FRANKLIN PARK'S PROPOSAL TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO DETENTION TRADING
6. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL DID NOT HAVE A REPORT TO PRESENT

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM STATED HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

**VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, NICK WALNY AND VILLAGE ENGINEER TOM MCCABE GAVE A PRESENTATION ON UPDATES REGARDING CURRENT VILLAGE PROJECTS

**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.)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:
  - (a) THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 04, 2026
3. ***APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$3,200,205.79***

*Moved to New Business*

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2627 R  
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (SECTION NUMBER 17-00083-02-PV)
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 VC  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6F-1 OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS REMOVING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON DORA STREET FROM GRAND AVENUE TO CHESTNUT AVENUE
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 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 NORTHBOUND PEARL STREET AT FRANKLIN AVENUE)
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 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 (REMOVE STOP SIGN AT EDGINGTON AND NEVADA)
8. ORDINANC NO. 2627 VC  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6F-1 OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROHIBITING PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF WASHINGTON STREET BETWEEN KING AVENUE AND GAGE AVENUE
9. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 G  
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM MAY 1, 2026 TO APRIL 30, 2027 BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
10. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR TO THE BELMONT AVENUE COMMUTER STATION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
11. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FROM FRANKLIN PHARMACY, INC. D/B/A FRANKLIN DISCOUNT DRUGS TO ABN PANTRY, LLC D/B/A FRANKLIN FOOD & LIQUOR IN OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF A CONVENIENCE STORE AT 9735 FRANKLIN AVENUE

12. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 Z  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A RECEPTION FACILITY IN THE C-2 COMMUNITY SHOPPING DISTRICT (ZBA 26-03: 10211 GRAND AVENUE)
13. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 Z  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A "DRIVE-THRU LANE" AT A COFFEE SHOP IN THE C-2 COMMUNITY SHOPPING DISTRICT (ZBA 26-04: 10335 GRAND AVENUE)
14. MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MCCONNELL & JONES, LLP FOR 2026 AUDIT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
15. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL WITH GRANICUS FOR WEBSITE DESIGN AND ADA COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
16. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL WITH TRC ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS FOR A PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT REPORT AT 3800 MANNHEIM ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,950.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
17. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM BAXTER & WOODMAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS, FOR PHASE ONE ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SERVICES FOR THE RESURFACING OF GRAND AVENUE FROM ELM STREET TO MANNHEIM ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$237,915.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

*(Village Deputy Clerk Guevarra 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 minus items number 2. The Approval of the Voucher Expenditure list in the Amount of: \$3,200,205.79***

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

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

*Motion made by Mr. Hagerstrom and seconded by Mr. Ybarra to approve Item 2. Approval of the Voucher Expenditure list in the Amount of: \$3,042,274.14*

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

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**

NONE

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT THANKED CHIEF STEWART FOR HIS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE

**XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. **Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5),**
2. Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)
3. Pending Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
4. Probable or Imminent Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
5. **Salary Schedules for one or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)**
6. Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal  
of certain Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
7. **Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)**
8. Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Closed under the Open Meetings Act,
9. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)
10. Security Procedures, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Avitia to adjourn at  
8:45 PM. Voice vote carried.*

ATTEST

  
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Sarah Guevarra, Village Deputy Clerk