

**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 04, 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), 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)

David Gonzalez (Village Comptroller)

Frank Grieashamer (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)

Adeline Ybarra, Young Ambassador for Representative Norma Hernandez  
Barak C., Student at DePaul University

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. NONE

**V. VEHICLE STICKER CONTEST**

*Trustee Hagerstrom announced the winner and runner-up for the Vehicle Sticker Contest. The theme was "A Village of Neighbors who support each other, help each other out, celebrate together, and united in our efforts to make sure our town is a great place to live and to raise a family, to work or retire."*

*Nelly Vyroubalova, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner  
Sookie Lane, Runner-Up*

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL GIVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE MARCH 2026 FINANCE REPORT
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE VILLAGE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 AM AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 974
3. 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 1 MAINBREAK, 2 FIRE HYDRANTS REPAIRED AND 2 LEAD SERVICE REPLACED
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED M.E.SIMPSON HAS A FEW ITEMS LEFT ON THE LIST FOR MAINTENANCE, WHICH INCLUDE: 99 HYDRANT FLOW TESTS, 44 HYDRANT MAINTENANCE, 350 VALVES TO BE EXERCISED AT END
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE METER DIVISION INSTALLED 1.5" METERS UNDER THE UPGRADE PROGRAM, KING STREET HAS NEW GAS LINE INSTALLED AND WAITING ON NEW METER, STAFFED PICKED UP GARBAGE AROUND TOWN FILLING 10 BAGS, GRASS CREW COVERED 31 LOCATIONS ON THE LANDSCAPING LIST
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREW WILL START ON THE RESTORATION OF PARKWAYS, WASHINGTON STREET PROJECT HAS COMPLETED THE HOT ASPHALT AND WILL BE STRIPING INTERSECTIONS AND ROBINSON ROAD PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR MILLING OF STREETS TO PREP FOR BINDER COATS
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREW JETTED 600 BLOCK OF HAWTHORNE, 3000 BLOCK OF LINCOLN WITH A TOTAL OF 1350 GALLONS WATER USED

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGGED 2,710 CALLS FOR SERVICE, INCLUDING 677 TRAFFIC STOPS. OFFICERS MADE 37 ARRESTS, ISSUED 317 STATE TRAFFIC CITATIONS, 96 COMPLIANCE CITATIONS, 849 PARKING CITATIONS, AND 14 LOCAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED ON FRIDAY MAY 15TH BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5AM AND 12PM OFFICERS WILL BE AT OUR LOCAL DUNKIN' FOR THE ANNUAL COP ON A ROOFTOP EVENT BENEFITING SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS
3. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE BEING CONDUCTED ON CANDIDATES

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

1. ON BEHALF OF STREETS, ALLEYS, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE, MR. YBARRA REPORTED POLICE USED THE MOST FUEL IN THE MONTH OF APRIL
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 VEHICLES WENT TO FLEET FOR SERVICE
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 11 TREES WERE TRIMMED
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 4 TREES WERE REMOVED FROM STORM DAMAGE
5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED NORMAL RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING HAS BEGUN, 8 SIGNS WERE INSTALLED, 4 PARKWAYS WERE RESTORED FROM TREE STUMP REMOVAL AND STORM CLEAN UP WAS COMPLETED

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 316 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 82 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 8 ELECTRICAL, 2 SIGN, 5 FIRE, 2 DUMPSTER and 2 OUTDOOR CAFÉ, 3 TEMPORARY EVENT PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 104 PERMITS
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 10 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 3 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 3 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
3. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON APRIL 23RD, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF ATTENDED THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNINGS WORKSHOP AT THE NORTH RIVERSIDES COMMUNITY CENTER WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE WEST CENTRAL MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE. THE INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON GOALS, REGIONAL TRENDS, AND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE WESTERN COOK SUBURBS THAT WILL SERVE AS A KEY STEP IN CMAPS COLLABORATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTURY PLAN. THE CENTURY PLAN IS A LONG-TERM VISION FOR A BETTER, STRONGER FUTURE FOR NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON APRIL 24TH, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND VILLAGE STAFF ATTENDED THE RIBBON CUTTING REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF A \$75 MILLION MANUFACTURING FACILITY THAT WILL PRODUCE FERRERO NUTELLA PEANUT. THE NEWEST PRODUCT FROM FERRERO WILL BE MADE EXCLUSIVELY IN FRANKLIN PARK
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED MAYOR BARRETT PEDERSEN, TRUSTEE JOHN JOHNSON AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF ATTENDED THE PRESS LAUNCH FOR THE GRAND CHAMBER BY O'HARE "REINVIGORATE PROJECT." THIS INITIATIVE IS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY THROUGH EXPANDED MARKETING EFFORTS, BUSINESS ATTRACTION, DISTRICT BEAUTIFICATION, AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXISTING BUSINESSES AND IS A STRATEGIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE GRAND CHAMBER BY O'HARE AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DCEO)
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 CONGRATULATED THE WINNERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE VEHICLE STICKER CONTEST

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

VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED THE MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT. HE STATED SALES TAX WILL BE HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR AS OF MARCH 31, THE VILLAGE COLLECTED \$720,000 MORE, AND STATE INCOME TAX \$150,000 MORE THAN LAST YEAR

**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, APRIL 20, 2026

2. ***APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$3,042,274.14***

***Moved to New Business***

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 VC  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE VILLAGE CODE OF FRANKLIN PARK TO REQUIRE HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE TO BE PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS AND DEPOSITED INTO A SEALED RODENT-PROOF GARBAGE CONTAINER
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 VC  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE OF FRANKLIN PARK TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PROMPTLY REMOVE DOG FECES
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 VC  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING THE VILLAGE CODE OF FRANKLIN PARK TO PROHIBIT THE TAMPERING WITH OR REMOVAL OF RODENT BAIT BOXES
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION SCHEDULES FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS
8. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING SALARY SCHEDULES AND OTHER COMPENSATION
9. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM PLACER.AI, COVINA, CALIFORNIA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND DATA ANALYSIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

10. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM SE3, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$478,400.00 FOR PHASE II ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERSECTION OF WOLF ROAD AND ADDISON AVENUE 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 minus items number 2. The Approval of the Voucher Expenditure list in the Amount of: \$3,042,274.14*

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

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
NONE

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

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

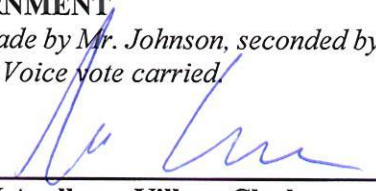
*Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Special, Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Ybarra, Ms. Avitia and Mr. Hagerstrom  
Nay - 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – Mr. Johnson*

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**  
None

**XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**  
Village President Pedersen mentioned Ferrarro has their entire peanut manufacturing for products such as BabyRuth, Butterfinger, Nutella Peanut in Franklin Park. This was done so individuals with peanut allergies are not exposed, only those who have been pre-screened for non-peanut allergies

**XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
None

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**  
*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:21 PM. Voice vote carried.*

ATTEST  , DEPUTY CLERK  
April J Arellano, Village Clerk