

**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 01, 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)

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)

Dafne Henriquez (Assistant Village Engineer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Resident asked the memorial on Grand Avenue be removed. He stated state law allows 30 days for roadside memorials only. He also asked for an update on a traffic light on George and an update on the Wyndam Hotel on Mannheim Road

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE DATE FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST ON JUNE 11 THROUGH THE 14TH. 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 NO MAINBREAKS, 2 FIRE HYDRANTS WERE REPLACED AND WATER SERVICE WAS REPAIRED ON GRAND AVENUE
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE WATER AND SEWER DIVISION REPAIRED THE OVERFLOW PIPE THAT WAS PULLED OUT OF THE 1-MILLION-GALLON SUPPLY STORAGE TANK. THE CREW HAD TO REPLACE THE LINK SEAL THAT SECURES THE PIPE TO THE TOP OF THE RESERVOIR. THEN THEY SEALED AROUND THE PIPE AND RESTRAINED THE PIPE FLANGE TO THE TOP OF THE TANK, SO THIS WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN IN THE FUTURE
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CHILDCARE LEAD SAMPLES FOR THIS YEAR WERE SHIPPED TO THE IEPA, WAITING FOR THE RESULTS.
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THIS YEAR'S SCHEDULE FOR 60 RESIDENTS LEAD SAMPLING STARTS IN SEPTEMBER AND NEEDS TO BE FINISHED BY DECEMBER
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED CREWS ARE WORKING ON DIRT STOP RESTORATIONS AROUND TOWN AND THEY COMPLETED 14 LOCATIONS FROM ALL THE WINTER DISTRIBUTION REPAIRS
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 33 VILLAGE PROPERTIES AND LOCATIONS WERE CLEANED UP AND CUT BY OUR UTILITIES GRASS CREW, THEY ALSO FILLED 26 BAGS OF TRASH FROM THESE LOCATIONS AND AROUND TOWN
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED KING STREET PUMPING STATION'S NEW GENERATOR HAS BEEN INSTALLED
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREWS WILL BE REPLACING THE 2 (12" CHECK VALVES) IN THE CHICAGO PIT ON THE SUPPLY LINE THAT FEEDS THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED CREWS REBUILT 2 STREET DRAINS AT SCOTT AND MONTANA AND MINNEAPOLIS AND ERNST, AND ALSO JETTED 310 FEET OF SEWER AT PANORAMIC AND DORA

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF MAY, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGGED 2,575 CALLS FOR SERVICE, INCLUDING 548 TRAFFIC STOPS. OFFICERS MADE 37 ARRESTS, ISSUED 209 STATE TRAFFIC CITATIONS, 94 COMPLIANCE CITATIONS, 832 PARKING CITATIONS, AND 18 LOCAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS
2. MR. RUHL STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

1. ON BEHALF OF STREETS, ALLEYS, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE, MR. YBARRA REPORTED 126 TOTAL REPAIRS IN THE MONTH OF MAY FOR A TOTAL OF 187 HOURS
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 VEHICLES WENT TO FLEET FOR SERVICE
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 5 SIGNS WERE INSTALLED
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED BRANCH COLLECTION WAS COMPLETED, 5 TREE STUMPS WERE REMOVED AND THE TREES ON FRANKLIN WERE MULCHED
5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED FLOWERS WERE PLANTED THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, WOOD CHIPS WERE HAULED OUT FOR RECYCLING AND THE CREWS HAVE STARTED WORKING ON FEST PREPARATION AND HAVE SWEEPED RESIDENTIAL ROUTES

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 177 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 108 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 4 ELECTRICAL, 2 SIGN, 8 FIRE, 3 DUMPSTER AND 2 OUTDOOR CAFÉ, 2 TEMPORARY EVENT PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 129 PERMITS
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 8 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 4 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 2 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
3. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON MAY 20TH, THE VILLAGE AND PROJECT PARTNERS HOSTED THE SECOND CONNECT FRANKLIN PARK STAKEHOLDER MEETING AT THE POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS FOR THE WORKING GROUP STAKEHOLDERS TO REVIEW PROPOSED DESIGNS REGARDING THE VEHICULAR UNDERPASS AND THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY. THE WORKING GROUP PARTICIPANTS ARE MADE UP OF PROFESSIONALS WHO CAN PROVIDE INPUT DURING PHASE ONE OF THE UNDERPASS STUDY AND BUILD CONSENSUS AMONGST MUNICIPAL LEADERS
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK ALONG WITH THE PROJECT CONSULTANT GANNETT FLEMMING TRANS SYSTEMS, WILL HOST THE SECOND PUBLIC MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH FROM 4:30PM TO 6:30PM FOR THE CONNECT FRANKLIN PARK PROJECT REGARDING THE VEHICULAR UNDERPASS AND PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM STATED HE DID NOT HAVE ANY REPORT ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Community Development and Zoning Director Nick Walny introduced Rachel Azis of All Together to discuss how All Together can strengthen Franklin Park's identity

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, MAY 18, 2026
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$2,348,841.56
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2627 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS SUPPORTING AND CONSENTING TO A CLASS 7C REAL PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE FOR THE REOCCUPATION AND SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION OF THE VACANT BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9651 FRANKLIN AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE G OF CHAPTER FIVE
OF TITLE ONE OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE
OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
5. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE
ENGINEERING, ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
SERVICES TO REVIEW UTILITY PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND PROVIDE
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND
OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND
TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
6. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE ELECTRICAL
PROPOSAL FROM H & H ELECTRIC COMPANY, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS, FOR
THE GRAND AVENUE GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$667,917.25 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
7. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE A PHASE ONE
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FROM HAMPTON, LENZINI AND RENWICK,
INCORPORATED, ELGIN, ILLINOIS FOR ACCESS TO TRANSIT BIKE
ACCOMMODATIONS PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,160.00 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 APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH JOLIET TENT COMPANY, JOLIET,
ILLINOIS, FOR THE JULY 4TH 250TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION WITH
THE AMERICAN LEGION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,256.00 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. Hagerstrom to approve the Consent Agenda

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

VIII. APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF LUCAS PALERMO

Motion made by Mr. Hagerstrom and seconded by Ms. Avitia to approve the Appointements of Lucas Palermo as Franklin Park Fire Chief

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

*Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Lucas Palermo as
Franklin Park Fire Chief*

IX. SWEARING IN OF JOSHUA TORRES

*Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Joshua Torres as
Franklin Park Auxiliary Police Officer*

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

Village Clerk Arellano announced the Village of Franklin Park, the office of Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia and the office of Representative Norma Hernandez will be co-hosting the annual Back to School Bash at the Joe "Tiny" Lauro Plaza on July 31, 2026, more information to follow

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Village President Pedersen announced the Des Plaines River Trail received \$2.9 million dollars

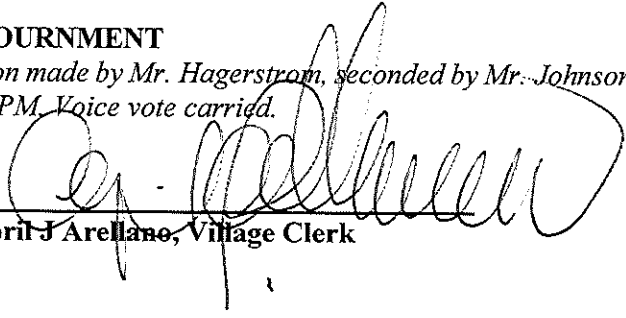
XIV. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion made by Mr. Hagerstrom, seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at
7:29 PM. Voice vote carried.*

ATTEST


April J. Arellano, Village Clerk