

**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 15, 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)

Lucas Palermo Jr. (Fire Chief)

Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)

Joe Thomas (Utilities Consultant)

Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director)

Rudy Repa (Village Senior Planner)

Dan Corcoran (IT Director)

Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources & Operations)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. NONE

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST WAS A SUCCESS DESPITE THE STORM WEATHER ON THURSDAY. THE CABOOSE, B-12 TOWER AND FIRE MUSEUM WERE ALSO OPEN FOR VIEWING
2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE VILLAGE ARE CO-HOSTING A 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION. THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT NOON AT THE VILLAGE MEMORIAL AND THEN WALK DOWN THE POST. FOOD AND GAMES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE POST

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED NO MAINBREAKS, STAFF REPAIRED A SEWER COLLAPSE AT REEVES COURT, INSTALLED A FIRE HYDRANT, REPLACED FIRE HYDRANT ON SILVERCREEK, AND REPLACED A STORM BASIN AND INSTALLED 60 FEET OF 6" STORM LINE, AND REBUILT STREET DRAINS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE NEW GENERATOR AT CLEARING WATER TOWER SITE TO BACK UP THE RADIO & SCADA SYSTEM HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL UNDERGO TESTING
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED BOTH 12" CHECK VALVES HAVE BEEN REPLACED IN THE CHICAGO PIT WHICH IS THE SUPPLY LINE FROM THE CITY TO THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED GRAFFITI WAS REMOVED OFF THE BUILDING AT 9200 BELMONT AVE AND AT CHAMPIONSHIP PARK ON CRESENT AFTER VANDALISM
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREWS HAD TO STOP THE FLOW OF THE CREEK FOR A FEW HOURS SO THEY COULD CLEAN UP A TREE THAT FELL IN THE CREEK ON SILVERCREEK 2600 BLOCK
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE WATER AND SEWER CREW ALSO DID 18 DIRT STOP RESTORATION REPAIRS
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREWS CLEANED OUT ALL THE STREET DRAINS ON FRANKLIN AVE BETWEEN ROSE STREET AND RUBY
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER CREWS INSPECTED 31 STORM STRUCTURES ON CENTRELLA AND CARNATION
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER CREW JETTED AND CLEANED 663 FEET OF SEWER PIPE USING 830 GALLONS OF WATER AT EMERSON AND SCHILLER,
10. MS. AVITIA REPORTED CREWS REMOVED PUMP #1 AT THE 17TH LIFT STATION TO HAVE IT REBUILT AND REMOVED PUMP #3 AT FULLERTON LIFT STATION

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED FULL-TIME AND AUXILIARY OFFICERS PUT IN MANY HOURS AT THE FEST AND HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THERE WERE NO MAJOR INCIDENTS
2. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MR. RUHL STATED LIEUTENANT FIDONIK WILL BE RETIRING ON JUNE 26TH AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE
3. MR. RUHL REPORTED PROBATIONARY FF/PM'S CRISTOFARO AND SUBASIC HAVE BOTH SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THEIR STATE EXAMS AND HAVE BEEN PLACED ON SHIFT
4. MR. RUHL REPORTED ON WEDNESDAY 6/10/2026: THE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A MUTUAL AID REQUEST IN WESTCHESTER FOR A WATER RESCUE. CREWS RESPONDED AND DEPLOYED THE BOAT AND HAD TWO OF THE MEMBERS SEARCH IN THE WATER. FORTUNATELY, THE REPORT OF 2 CHILDREN BEING IN THE WATER WAS DETERMINED TO BE UNFOUNDED
5. MR. RUHL REPORTED ON THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO BRIDGEVIEW ON AN INTERDIVISIONAL TASK FORCE REQUEST FOR AMBULANCES FOLLOWING SEVERE STORMS THAT PASSED THROUGH THE AREA
6. MR. RUHL REPORTED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026, A DIESEL FUEL TANKER TRUCK WAS STRUCK BY A TRAIN IN THE RAILYARD JUST INSIDE ENTRANCE #3. FRANKLIN PARK INITIALLY RESPONDED TO THIS CALL IN LEYDEN WITH T-2 AND B-2. UNFORTUNATELY, THE DRIVER OF THE FUEL TRUCK WAS DECEASED ON THE SCENE

7. MR. RUHL REPORTED NO MAJOR INCIDENTS AT THE FEST OVER THE WEEKEND WITH ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF MEDICAL CALLS FOR SERVICE DURING THIS TIME
4. **STREETS, ALLEYS, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
 1. ON BEHALF OF STREETS, ALLEYS, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE, MR. YBARRA REPORTED 4 VEHICLES WERE TAKEN TO FLEET MAINTENANCE FOR SERVICE
 2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED POT HOLE PATCHING WAS DONE ON THE MAIN STREETS AND SECONDARY STREETS AND ROUTES WERE SWEEPED
 3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED DEBRIS WAS REMOVED FROM 2 LOCATIONS, WOOD CHIPS WERE HAULED OUT FOR RECYCLING AND CREW HAS WORKED ON FEST PREPARATIONS
5. **PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, BUILDING, AND TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, (Ms. Special, Chair)**
 1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 183 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 117 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 14 ELECTRICAL, 2 SIGN, 7 FIRE, 4 DUMPSTER, 1 POD, AND 1 TEMPORARY EVENT PERMITS WERE APPLIED A TOTAL OF 146 PERMITS
 2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 12 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 5 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. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED, DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY, FORESTRY, PARKWAYS AND FACILITIES, ANDY SMOLLEN REPORTED ON SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2026, THE BOARD HOSTED TABLES WITH INFORMATION ALONG WITH POLLINATOR PLANTS THAT WERE GIVEN TO ATTENDEES AT NO COST. MANY ATTENDEES WERE AMAZED THAT THE TREE BOARD/BEE BOARD OFFERED PLANTS AT NO COST. MANY ATTENDEES WERE FROM SURROUNDING VILLAGES AND COMPLIMENTED FRANKLIN PARK FOR DOING SOMETHING THAT IS RARELY SEEN ANYWHERE. THE BOARD MEMBERS ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND PROVIDED ADVICE TO ATTENDEES WHILE PROVIDING FREE LOCAL HONEY SAMPLES. THIS GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS ARE MOTIVATED AND LOVE WHAT THEY ARE DOING. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS JOAN AMBO (FORMER MEMBER AND POTTED PLANT PROVIDER) LES GRAHN, RAMONA MICHEAL, KATARINA MODRICH, MARY ELLEN SMOLLEN, MONIKA SURYVOCH, AND VIOLET PAZ
6. **HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE, (Mr. Hagerstrom, Chair)**
 1. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED THE JUNE BLOOD DRIVE WAS RESCHEDULED TO JULY 07, 2026. THEY ARE BRINGING THE MOBILE VAN TO THE VILLAGE HALL IN THE WEST PARKING LOT FROM 9:30 AM TO 12:45 PM. AFTER THEY WILL MOVE TO THE POLICE STATION FROM 2:45 PM TO 6:00PM

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Village Engineer Tom McCabe stated item number 7 on the consent agenda is for the Grand Avenue Project

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, JUNE 1, 2026
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$2,507,509.74
3. 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 PROHIBITING PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF WASHINGTON STREET BETWEEN KING AVENUE AND GAGE AVENUE EXCEPT FOR STREET CLEANING AND SNOW REMOVAL
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 Z
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A REDUCED CORNER-SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR A CAR WASH IN THE C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 26-06: 10500 GRAND AVENUE)
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 Z
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW "DRIVE THRU LANES" FOR A CAR WASH WITHIN THE C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 26-05: 10500 GRAND AVENUE)
6. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM HIGH STAR TRAFFIC, BARTLETT, ILLINOIS, FOR MATERIALS TO MAINTAIN THE QUIET ZONE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,287.40 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 THE PROPOSAL FROM SPEAR LANDSCAPING AND DEVELOPMENT, ITASCA, ILLINOIS, FOR SIDE STREET REHABILITATION AND CONSTRUCTION AS PART OF THE GRAND AVENUE GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$288,795.00, 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 SAINT GERTRUDE PARISH'S REQUEST TO CLOSE GUSTAV STREET AT SCHILLER BOULEVARD NORTH TO THE ALLEY ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026, BETWEEN 6:00 PM AND 10:00 PM AND ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026, BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 7:00 PM FOR THE TASTE OF ST. GERTRUDE ANNUAL FEST
9. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 CHEVROLET BLAZER EV FROM CITY CHEVROLET, GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS WITH EQUIPMENT FROM FLEET SAFETY SUPPLY, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,000.00 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

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:
NONE

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:
Village President Pedersen thanked the Police, Fire and Utilities Department to help clear out during the storms.

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need to go into executive session for "Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Closed under the Open Meetings Act"

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

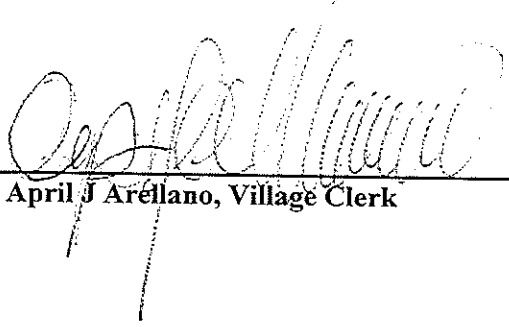
RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:04 P.M.

Village Clerk, April Arellano, stated to let the record reflect that all members returned. No action was taken in Closed Session

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Hagerstrom, seconded by Ms. Avitia to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST



April J Arellano, Village Clerk