

**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
September 08, 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. Karen Special,
Mr. John Johnson,
Mr. William "Bill" Ruhl,
Mr. Andres "Andy" Ybarra
Mr. Gilbert Hagerstrom
Ms. Irene Avitia

Department Heads:

Carlos Lazcano (Commander of Investigations)
Lucas Palermo Jr. (Fire Chief)
David Gonzalez (Village Comptroller)
Nick Weber (Utilities Commissioner)
Nick Walny (Community Development and Zoning Director)
Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources & Operations)
Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)

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 VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL PRESENT DURING STAFF REPORTS
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 04, 2026 WILL BE THE FALL FEST PARADEE. LINE UP IS AT NOON AND THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 PM STARTING AT GRAND AND SCOTT

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

1. ON BEHALF OF MS. AVITIA, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 7 MAINBREAKS,
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY COMPLETED ALL THE REPAIRS TO THE 5-MILLION-GALLON STORAGE TANK AT KING STREET PUMPING STATION. AFTER SAMPLING, THE TANK IS BACK IN SERVICE
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE METER CREW HAS REPLACED 120 OF OUR 177 (1½" METERS) IN TOWN TO THE NEW NEPTUNE MAG METERS WITH NO MOVING PARTS
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE GRASS CREW CLEANED UP 32 BAGS OF GARBAGE AT 75 LOCATIONS AROUND TOWN SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 36 FEET OF 6" STORM SEWER WAS REPLACED AT 2556 MAPLE
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED PUMP #2 WAS PULLED AT TAFT LIFT STATION TO HAVE THE PUMP REBUILT
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 13 STREET DRAINS HAVE BEEN REBUILT
8. OUR VACTOR CREW JETTED AND CLEANED 150 FEET AT 3147 SUNSET AND 2556 MAPLE

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGGED APPROXIMATELY 2,070 CALLS FOR SERVICE.
MR. RUHL REPORTED OFFICERS ISSUED 148 STATE TRAFFIC CITATIONS, 55 COMPLIANCE CITATIONS, 994 PARKING CITATIONS, AND 11 LOCAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED TWO NEW HIRES STARTED THE ACADEMY THIS MORNING. THEY WILL BE AT THE SEPTEMBER 21ST BOARD MEETING FOR THEIR SWEARING-IN
3. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED CALLS FOR SERVICE IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST: 438 TOTAL,
4. MR. RUHL REPORTED 2 PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER /PARAMEDICS ARE AT HALFWAY MARK OF FIRE ACADEMY AND MULTIPLE SCHOOL SAFETY MEETINGS AND DRILLS WERE ATTENDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
5. MR. RUHL REPORTED LIEUTENANT PROMOTIONAL EXAM IS UNDERWAY WITH 4 CANDIDATES PARTICIPATING AND THE NEW HIRE CANDIDATE TESTING IS NEAR COMPLETION WITH 8 CANDIDATES ON THE FINAL ELIGIBILITY LIST
6. MR. RUHL ALSO REPORTED THE NEW CHIEF'S CAR HAS BEEN PLACED IN SERVICE, WHICH IS ALL ELECTRIC. IN ADDITION TO OUR OWN VILLAGE CALLS FOR SERVICE IN AUGUST, THE FRANKLIN PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A STRUCTURE FIRE AND WATER RESCUE IN ROSEMONT AND AN ADDITIONAL STRUCTURE FIRE IN NORTHLAKE AT A SENIOR LIVING FACILITY
7. LASTLY, MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2026, FROM 11:00AM UNTIL 2:00PM AT STATION #2.

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. ON BEHALF OF FORESTRY, MR. YBARRA REPORTED BRANCH COLLECTION WAS COMPLETED, 24 TREE STUMPS WERE REMOVED, 21 TREES WERE TRIMMED, 14 TREES REMOVED, 19 BRANCH PILE UPS REMOVED, AND WOOD CHIPS WERE HAULED OUT FOR RECYCLING
 3. ON BEHALF OF THE STREETS DIVISION, MR. YBARRA REPORTED ALL RESIDENTIAL ROUTES, ALLEYS AND BUSINESS ALONG THE MAIN STREETS WERE SWEEPED, 6 VEHICLES WERE TAKEN TO FLEET FOR SERVICE, 13 SIGNS WERE INSTALLED, 5 SIGNS WERE REPAIRED AND 21 STREET PATCHES WERE COMPLETED, 2 DEAD ANIMALS WERE REMOVED FROM ROADWAYS, AND THE VILLAGE GARBAGE CANS WERE EMPTIED 4 TIMES, THE PLAZA FOUNTAIN WAS CLEANED 4 TIMES
 4. ON BEHALF OF THE FLEET DEPARTMENT, MR. YBARRA REPORTED A TOTAL OF 115 REPAIRS FOR A TOTAL OF 146 HOURS
 5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED A TOTAL OF 6,957.673 GALLONS OF FUEL WERE CONSUMED BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
5. **PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, BUILDING, AND TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, (Ms. Special, Chair)**
 1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 130 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 109 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 16 ELECTRICAL, 3 SIGN, 11 FIRE, 4 DUMPSTER, AND 2 TEMPORARY EVENT PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 145 PERMITS MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 11 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 9 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 0 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
 2. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON AUGUST 27TH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NICHOLAS WALNY GAVE A PRESENTATION TO THE CROSS COMMUNITY CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE REGARDING THE STATE OF SOLAR IN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK. THE VILLAGE HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST ANNUAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION OF SOLAR ENERGY IN THE WESTERN SUBURBS DUE TO PROMOTION OF SOLAR INITIATIVES, REGULATION UPDATES, INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR PRIVATE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS, AND THE ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY SOLAR FOR VILLAGE OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

6. **HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE, (Mr. Hagerstrom, Chair)**
 1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 FROM 3-7PM. IT IS HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
 2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, THE VILLAGE WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL SHRED DAY. IT WILL BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO NOON AT THE POLICE STATION. THE VILLAGE WILL ACCEPT ELECTRONICS AND EXPIRED MEDICATION
 3. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 THE VILLAGE WILL HOST THE ANNUAL SENIOR HEALTH AND RESOURCE DAY. IT WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 2PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Village Comptroller David Gonzalez addressed the real estate tax bills. Mr. Gonzalez explained the Village operating tax total grew 5.02% but that does not mean every homeowner's bill increased by 5.02%. Mr. Gonzalez stated the full bill includes many charges beyond the Village's operations. The 2025 bill includes schools, park districts, the county and other charges outside Village operating funds. Real estate tax questions can be directed to the Comptroller's office

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, AUGUST 17, 2026
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 3,204,645.13
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2627 R
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATION BY XTREME XPERIENCE, LLC FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 11550 KING STREET, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6F-8 OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ELIMINATE THE HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE AT 3239 GUSTAV STREET

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (ELIMINATE VARIOUS HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACES)
6. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM KIMCO INCORPORATED, MARSHALL, ILLINOIS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW SALT CONVEYOR SYSTEM FOR THE SALT DOME TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$195,000.00 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 PROR PROPERTY RENOVATIONS, PROSPECT HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS FOR MATERIAL, MASONRY BRICK WORK AND INSTALLMENT OF OVERHEAD DOOR, ACCESS DOOR AND WINDOW STEEL BEAMS AT THE STREET DIVISION BUILDING TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
8. MOTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM POLACH APPRAISAL GROUP, INCORPORATED, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FOR AN APPRAISAL OF 3044 ROSE STREET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
9. MOTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING (CMAP) FOR A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ADA SELF EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 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 SUPPLEMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM GFT INFRASTRUCTURE, INCORPORATED TO SANCHEZ AND ASSOCIATES FOR SURVEY AND RIGHT-OF-WAY COORDINATION SERVICES AS PART OF THE CONNECT FRANKLIN PARK PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169,283.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
11. MOTION TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE SCOPE OF SERVICES FROM SE3, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND THE PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$376,940 FOR THE WOLF ROAD AND ADDISON AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
12. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, EAST HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS TO FURNISH AND INSTALL A NEW PUMP #5 AT THE KING STREET PUMP STATION TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$619,900.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
13. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT TO REMOVE AN ABANDONED METER VAULT TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,700.00 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 Ms. Avitia to approve the Consent Agenda

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra, Ms. Avitia and Mr. Hagerstrom

Nay - 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE

IX. NEW BUSINESS
NONE

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:
NONE

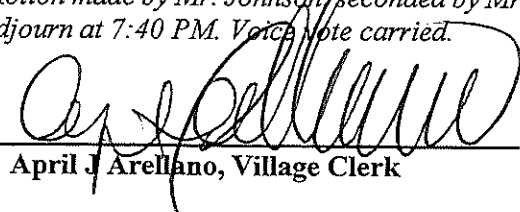
XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

1. Village President stated his office received a request for a plaque or street sign in memory of the motorcyclist who passed away on Maple Street and Grand Avenue
2. Village President stated his office received a request to consider a liquor license for the new convenience store on Franklin Avenue

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION
NONE

XIII. ADJOURNMENT
Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST


April J. Arellano, Village Clerk