

**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 21, 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:

Thomas Ferris (Police Chief)

Lucas Palermo Jr. (Fire Chief)

Frank Grieashamer (Village Treasurer)

David Gonzalez (Village Comptroller)

Nick Weber (Utilities Commissioner)

Lisa Manzo (Deputy Village Building Director)

Nick Walny (Community Development and Zoning Director)

Dan Corcoran (IT Director)

Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources & Operations)

Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

IV. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Frank Guiglio as Franklin Park Police Officer

Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Jacob Karkoszka as Franklin Park Police Officer

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. In summary, resident Violet Pamintuan advocated for the bench she placed on the Village's parkway, that faces her residence. She stated placement was not a random thought, and the particulars of the bench were planned for a while. She stated the bench does not block pedestrians and does not interfere with people opening their car doors. Ms. Pamintuan stated the design was intentional. It is comfortable enough to sit and rest but not designed to be a place to set up camp. She stated the bench was located because it's near the school, church, community festivals and to enjoy her garden. She stated the bench is not a monument, a business nor is it blocking the street.

She stated this was a bench someone could sit down and that she has received feedback in support, Ms. Pamintuan stated local government exists to serve the public and listen to residents

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Pamintuan provided documentation to Village Clerk Arellano in support of her bench to distribute to the board

2. Resident of 10 years spoke in support of Ms. Violet Pamintuan's bench. She stated Ms. Pamintuan has a beautiful garden and it would be a positive in the community.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 04, 2026 WILL BE THE FALL FEST PARADE. 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. MS. AVITIA REPORTED NO WATER MAIN BREAKS, 1 LEAD SERVICE AND CONTRACTOR MOVED A FIRE HYDRANT FOR A TURN LANE ADDITION
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER AND WATER DIVISION HAS COMPLETED 60 LEAD SAMPLES AROUND TOWN FOR THIS YEAR. 2 LOCATIONS CAME BACK WITH HIGHER THAN 50.0 UG/L (MICROGRAMS PER LITER) REPORTING LIMIT. ANOTHER SAMPLE WILL BE TAKEN AND WILL PERFORM WATER QUALITY SAMPLES AT THESE 2 LOCATIONS. A WATER FILTER IS BEING DROPPED OFF AT THESE LOCATIONS FOR ANY WATER CONSUMPTION FROM THE TAP UNTIL THIS IS RESOLVED
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 16TH & 17TH STAFF FLUSHED OUT ALL THE DEAD-END WATER MAINS AROUND TOWN TO BOOST CHLORINE IN THOSE AREAS
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER DIVISION INSPECTED 55 MANHOLES SANITARY AND STORM AROUND TOWN AND REBUILT A STREET DRAIN

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED CHIEF FERRIS ATTENDED A 4-DAY NEW CHIEF'S OF POLICE PROGRAM IN PEORIA THAT WAS HOSTED BY THE ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD EXECUTIVE INSTITUTE. TRAINING TOPICS INCLUDED LEADERSHIP, LIABILITY, LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, AND WELLNESS.
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE DEPARTMENT IS ESTABLISHING AN HONOR GUARD UNIT AND TWO OFFICERS ARE IN FORMAL TRAINING THIS WEEK TO BEGIN BUILDING THE FRAMEWORK
3. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED 246 CALLS FOR SERVICE IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
4. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE TRAVIS HALL FAMILY PROVIDED FOOD FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS AT STATION 2 ON 9/11. THIS IS THE 15TH YEAR THAT TRAVIS AND HIS FAMILY HAVE DONATED FOOD TO FIRST RESPONDERS
5. MR. RUHL REPORTED THERE WAS A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT ON FRIDAY 9/18/2026 AT 11405 IRVING PARK ROAD. MULTIPLE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND HAZ MAT TEAM MEMBERS RESPONDED TO A RADIOACTIVE CONTAINER AT A SHIPPING CROSS DOCK THAT WAS DAMAGED BY A FORKLIFT. MINOR AMOUNTS OF RADIATION WERE DETECTED, AND CREWS MITIGATED THE SITUATION WITH NO INJURIES OR EXPOSURES
6. MR. RUHL REMINDED EVERYONE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OPEN HOUSE IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH AT STATION #2 BETWEEN 11:00AM AND 2:00PM

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

1. ON BEHALF OF FORESTRY, MR. YBARRA REPORTED BRANCH COLLECTION WAS COMPLETED, 5 TREES WERE TRIMMED, 2 TREES WERE REMOVED, 11 BRANCH PILES WERE PICKED UP AND WOOD CHIPS WERE HAULED OUT FOR RECYCLING
2. ON BEHALF OF THE STREETS DIVISION, MR. YBARRA REPORTED ALL RESIDENTIAL ROUTES & MAIN STREETS WERE SWEEP
3. MR. YBARRA STATED 2 HORNETS' NESTS WERE REMOVED, 17 GRAVEL ALLEY POTHOLES WERE FILLED, 17 CONCRETE ALLEY POTHOLES WERE CLEANED FROM LOOSE STONE, 3601 WOLF RD. THE POTHOLES ON THE SHOULDER WERE FILLED,
4. ON BEHALF OF THE FLEET DEPARTMENT, MR. YBARRA REPORTED 4 VEHICLES WERE TAKEN TO FLEET DIVISION, 8 HANDICAPPED SIGNS WERE REMOVED, 15 FADED PARKING SIGNS WERE REPLACED, 7 NEW STREET SIGNS WERE INSTALLED, 7 PERMANENT STREET PATCHES WERE COMPLETED AND POTHOLE PATCHING WAS DONE IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN
5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 DEAD ANIMALS WERE REMOVED, THE PLAZA FOUNTAIN WAS CLEANED TWICE A WEEK AND A TOTAL OF 115 REPAIRS FOR A TOTAL OF 146 HOURS

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 90 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 74 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 13 ELECTRICAL, 7 SIGN, 7 FIRE, 1 DUMPSTER, AND 2 TEMPORARY EVENT PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 104 PERMITS MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 8 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 9 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 2 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
2. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 15TH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NICHOLAS WALNY ATTENDED THE ILLINOIS ECONOMIC INCENTIVES ASSOCIATION (IEIA) CONFERENCE AT THE SWISS HOTEL IN CHICAGO. THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM FEATURED TIMELY DISCUSSIONS ON PROGRAMS REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT, DEALMAKING, INCENTIVE TOOLS, AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, WITH A FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTATION, CASE STUDIES, AND PEER EXCHANGE. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF ATTENDED THE M&R LABEL GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION WITH THE CHAMBER BY O'HARE AT THEIR NEW FACILITY AT 10100 PACIFIC AVENUE. M&R MANUFACTURES CUSTOM PRODUCT LABELS FOR A VARIETY OF PACKAGING CLIENTS. WE WISH THEM ALL THE SUCCESS MOVING FORWARD

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 09, 2026, FROM 6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM WILL BE THE ANNUAL FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS FOR A CURE. THIS IS THE RELAY FOR LIFE AND WILL BE HELD AT ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL
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

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Village Community Development and Zoning Director introduced Lily Brack, Senior Planner and Jelemi Jackson of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and they both presented on the ADA Transition Plan. They will provide assistance as a consultant-led project for the Village of Franklin Park to develop a right-of-way self-evaluation and transition plan that complies with the Title II obligations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

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
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 1,063,353.81
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 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4000 MANNHEIM ROAD
4. 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 AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON NEVADA
AVENUE
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
(HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE FOR 2422 MAPLE STREET)
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2627 VC
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS AMENDING CHAPTER TWO OF TITLE THREE AND CHAPTER ONE OF
TITLE ELEVEN OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF FRANKLIN PARK ESTABLISHING A
BYOB LIQUOR LICENSE CLASSIFICATION FOR PRIVATE EVENT
MANAGEMENT SPACE AND LICENSE FEES
7. MOTION TO APPROVE J & J NEWELL CONCRETE CONTRACTORS,
INCORPORATED, CRETE, ILLINOIS, AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND
RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE 2026 50/50 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT
PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,110.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BID
ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE VILLAGE ENGINEER 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 A PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE REIMBURSEMENT AND PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CIS COOK, LLC, AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AS PART OF THE COOK COUNTY CLIMATE RESILIENCY GRANT PROGRAM 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 – Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra, Ms. Avitia and Mr. Hagerstrom

Nay - 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

NONE

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

NONE

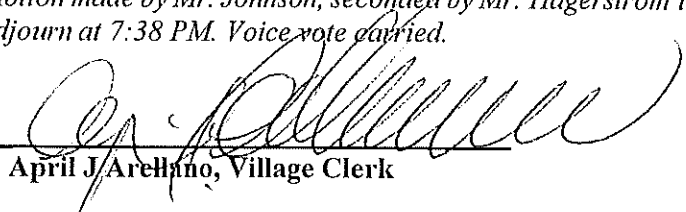
XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:38 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST


April J. Arellano, Village Clerk