

**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
April 20, 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)

Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)

Joe Thomas (Utilities)

Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director)

Nick Walny (Director of Community Development and Zoning)

Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources & Operations)

Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)

Dan Corcoran (IT Director)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Village Clerk Arellano announced Deputy Village President Irene Avitia would be leading the board meeting as Village President Pedersen was unavailable

Village President Pedersen walked in at 7:09 AM

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. NONE

V. PRESENTATION

Mr. Matt Verdum of Placer.AI discussed how Placer.AI uses location analytics to help organizations understand market trends, analyze consumer behavior, and help with critical business decisions. Trustees asked if business have access to this information as well, and Mr. Verdum stated most independent business would not have the detailed information the software produces

Mr. Tom Reedy and Ms. Ally Hughes, discussed how refinancing bonds will be saving money in the long run

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE REPORTS FROM SPECIAL EVENTS

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 2 MAINBREAKS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SHUT OFF LIST OF 119 RESIDENTS WENT DOWN TO 14, AND SCHEDULED FOR SHUT OFF
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPAIRED A FIRE HYDRANT AT 25TH AND FRANKLIN AVENUE, REPAIRED THE HYDRANT AND RESET VALVE BOX AT 11222 MELROSE, REPAIRED A HYDRANT LEAK AT SHIRLEY AND NONA
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED REPLACED 1 LEAD SERVICE IN TOWN
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED FERRERO CANDY WILL BE HAVING A DEDICATION CEREMONY OF NEW PRODUCTION LINE
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED M.E. SIMPSON IS DOING HYDRANT FLUSHING IN MIDDLE OF TOWN
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED KING STREET HAD NEW GENERATOR DELIVERED AND STAGED
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED WEST WATER TANK IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AS NEW STEEL BEING REPLACED UNDER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED PUMP 3 IN NOW BACK IN SERVICE
10. MS. AVITIA REPORTED A NEW GENERATOR WAS PLACE ON CONCRETE PAD AT CLEARING
11. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFFED PICKED UP GARBAGE AROUND TOWN FILLING 22 BAGS
12. MS. AVITIA REPORTED GRASS CREW IS BACK
13. MS. AVITIA REPORTED AS OF MARCH, IT WAS REPORTED TO BE 4.1" INCHES OF RAIN. 20 DAYS INTO APRIL THERE ARE REPORTS OF 1.8" INCHES OF RAIN.
14. MS. AVITIA REPORTED M.E. SIMPSON IS IN TOWN DOING LEAK DETECTION COVERING 87 MILES OF WATER MAIN FINDING 15 LEAKS. ALL 15 OF THE 15 HAVE BEEN REPAIRED

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FOR EITHER DEPARTMENTS

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

1. ON BEHALF OF STREETS, ALLEYS, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE, MR. YBARRA STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FOR EITHER DEPARTMENTS

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 400 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 115 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 12 ELECTRICAL, 2 SIGN, 13 FIRE, 2 DUMPSTER and 2 OUTDOOR CAFÉ PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 146 PERMITS
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 10 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 3 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 2 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
3. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON APRIL 9TH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING STAFF JOINED CONSULTANTS GANNETT FLEMING TRANSYSTEMS AND

CHRISTOPHER BURKE ENGINEERING FOR AN IN-PERSON MEETING REGARDING THE GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT FOR THE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR UNDERPASS. THE MEETING FOCUSED ON PROPOSED DESIGNS, TRAFFIC COUNTS FOR ADJACENT ROADS, AND NEXT STEPS IN THE ENGINEERING PROCESS

4. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE VILLAGE OF WOODDALE REACHED OUT TO THE VILLAGE FOR HELP BECOMING A BEE CITY USA COMMUNITY
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON FRIDAY APRIL 24TH THE VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS FIRST ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AT MONTROSE AVENUE AND OZANAM STREETS. NORRIDGE REACHED OUT TO VILLAGE FOR HELP IN 2025
6. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON SATURDAY APRIL 25TH FRANKLIN PARK WILL CELEBRATE ITS 15TH ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION. THE EVENT WILL BE AT ADDISON AVENUE AND WOLF ROAD. THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE CHICAGOLAND TREE INIATIVE 70 DIVERSIFIED SPECIES OF TREES WILL BE DONATED AND PLANTED. VOLUNTEERS AND VILLAGE EMPLOYEES WILL PLANT, MULCH, STAKE, AND WATER THE TREES

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED T THE ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON HAD A GREAT TURN OUT, SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PRESENTERS LEYDEN FAMILY SERVICES, THE FRANKLIN PARK LIBRARY AND O'HARE FUERZA AND CONDITIONING
2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE PARK DISTRICT WILL BE HOSTING THE COLOR RUN, WALK AND ROLL, THE EVENT BEGINS AT 9:00 AM AT NORTH PARK

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS
NONE

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 06, 2026
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$1,576,913.37
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE F OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ESTABLISH FIFTEEN MINUTE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF FRANKLIN AVENUE NEAR ROSE STREET

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,800,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2026A, AND FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$12,400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING DEBT CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2026B, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND MEANS OF PAYMENT OF THE CERTIFICATES

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE UNDERPASS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (FRANKLIN PARK FEST BEER GARDEN VENDOR AGREEMENT)

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN LAS ISLAS VIP AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (FRANKLIN PARK FEST BEER GARDEN VENDOR AGREEMENT)

8. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY FOR THE ONGOING USE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF A PORTION OF CERTAIN ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

9. ORDINANCE NO. 2526 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF 9651 FRANKLIN AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK ILLINOIS BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND THE LOBOS GROUP, LLC

10. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE A THREE-YEAR PROPOSAL FROM HAMPTON, LENZINI AND RENWICK, INCORPORATED, ELGIN, ILLINOIS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MULTIPLE NATIVE VEGETATION BASINS AND RAIN GARDENS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,300.00 PER YEAR AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

11. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM MAGNET FORENSICS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE LICENSING AND TRAINING FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,423.60 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 as presented

*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
NONE

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:
None

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:
President Pedersen announced efforts to have MRWD come up with an ordinance that could help with storm water capacity for new developments may have paid off. He thanked Community Development Director, Nick Walny, Village Engineer Tom McCabe and Village Assistant Engineer Dafne Henriquez

XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need to go into executive session for “Salary Schedules for one or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)”

Motion made by Ms. Avitia, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to go into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. for “Salary Schedules for one or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)”

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

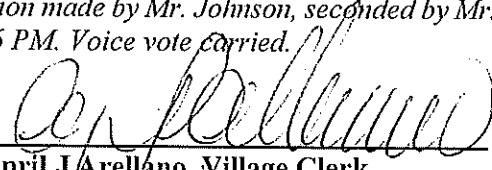
RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 7:46 P.M.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:46 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST


April J Arellano, Village Clerk