

**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
JANUARY 05, 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 Mr. John Wise (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)
David Gonzalez (Village Comptroller)
Frank Grieashamer (Treasurer)
Nick Weber (Deputy Utilities Commissioner)
Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Department)
Nick Walny (Director of Community Development and Zoning)
Dan Corcoran (IT Director)
Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

IV. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

*Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Thomas Ferris as Franklin Park Chief of Police
Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Carlos Lazcano as Franklin Park Commander of Police*

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. NONE

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL STAND DOWN EVENT AT THE AMERICAN LEGION, JANUARY 25. THEY ARE ACCEPTING NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHING, BLANKETS, TOILETRIES WHICH CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE LEGION AFTER 4PM
2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL GO OVER REPORTS FROM NOVEMBER

2. **WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE, (Ms. Avitia, Chair)**
 1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 6 MAIN BREAKS AND REPLACED 1 LEAD SERVICE
 2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER STAFF JETTED 2,711 FEET OF SEWERS WEST OF MANNHEIM USING 3,003 GALLONS OF WATER TO CLEAN THESE SEWERS. DURING THIS CLEANING PROCESS STAFF INSPECTED 12 MANHOLES
 3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF INSTALLED HYDRANT MARKERS ON EACH NEW FIRE HYDRANT ALONG THE ROAD ON FRANKLIN AVE FROM WILLIAMS TO RUNGE
 4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE CLEANING AND PREPPING THE BASEMENT TO BE PAINTED
 5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF HAS BEEN PICKING UP GARBAGE AROUND TOWN. DURING THAT TIME, THEY FILLED 64 BAGS OF GARBAGE
3. **POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE, (Mr. Ruhl, Chair)**
 1. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR RUHL DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT
 2. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED THE DEPARTMENT LOGGED 2,498 CALLS FOR SERVICE, INCLUDING 434 TRAFFIC STOPS, OFFICERS MADE 46 ARRESTS, ISSUED 216 STATE TRAFFIC CITATIONS, 51 COMPLIANCE CITATIONS, 715 PARKING CITATIONS, AND 20 LOCAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS
 3. MR. RUHL REPORTED ALL FULL-TIME SWORN OFFICERS COMPLETED IN-HOUSE DE-ESCALATION TRAINING
 4. MR. RUHL REPORTED A NEW PORTABLE BREATH TESTER (PBT) WAS ORDERED WITH FUNDING RECEIVED THROUGH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT
4. **STREETS, ALLEYS, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
 1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 114 REPAIRS TOTALING 210 HOURS. THE UTILITIES HAVING TOTALED THE MOST HOURS IN REPAIRS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
 2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 VEHICLES WENT TO THE FLEET DEPARTMENT FOR REPAIR
 3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE MAINS AND SECONDARIES WERE SWEEPED
 4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED MISCELLANEOUS BRANCHES WERE PICKED UP ON THE PARKWAY
 5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED POT HOLE PATCHING WAS DONE IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN
 6. MR. YBARRA REPORTED GARBAGE CANS WERE EMPTIED TWICE AND HAD 2 SNOW EVENT
 7. MR. YBARRA REPORTED MISCELLANEOUS TIRES WERE PICKED UP IN THE ALLEYS
 8. MR. YBARRA REPORTED MAINTENANCE WAS DONE ON THE PLOWS.
5. **PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, BUILDING, AND TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, (Ms. Special, Chair)**
 1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 65 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 32 BUILDING PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR, 6 ELECTRICAL, 3 SIGNS, 2 FIRE, 3 DUMPSTER PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 46 PERMITS
 2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 10 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 2 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 6 NEW OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
 3. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF HAS BEGUN TRIMMING TREES BY BLOCK
6. **HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES**

COMMITTEE, (Mr. Hagerstrom, Chair)

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED 10 DONORS PARTICIPATED AT THE LAST BLOOD DRIVE OF THE YEAR IN DECEMBER, THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS ON MARCH 13
2. MR. HAGERSTROM THANKED EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE "LIGHT UP FRANKLIN PARK FOR THE HOLIDAYS

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Village Comptroller David Gonzalez went over the November 2025 financial report

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, DECEMBER 15, 2025
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 3,820,013.80
3. MOTION TO APPROVE A FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES PROPOSAL WITH COZEN O'CONNOR PUBLIC STRATEGIES, WASHINGTON, DC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500.00 PER MONTH, TO ASSIST THE VILLAGE IN IDENTIFYING AND SECURING FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
4. MOTION TO APPROVE A SERVICE ORDER AND MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FIRST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, AKRON, OHIO FOR A NEW PHONE SYSTEM FOR VILLAGE FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
5. MOTION TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE FOR THE USE OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR STREET RESURFACING CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,235.67 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM SOIL AND MATERIAL CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS, FOR PAVEMENT SECTION INVESTIGATION SERVICES AT FORTY-FOUR LOCATIONS AS PART OF THE 2026 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,100.00, 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

7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM DOBSON ENTERTAINMENT, INCORPORATED, NORTHLAKE, ILLINOIS, TO DESIGN AND PRODUCE TWELVE COMMUNITY VIDEO SEGMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,500.00 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. Ybarra to approve the Consent Agenda as presented

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS
NONE

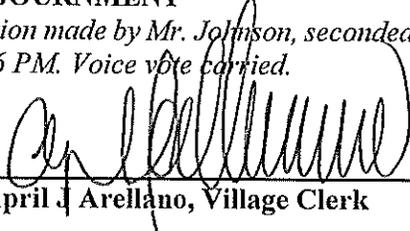
XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:
Village Clerk Arellano wished everyone a Happy New Year

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 7:26 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST



April J. Arellano, Village Clerk