

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**


**TO THE LEGAL RESIDENTS  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MAY 5, 2025**

**WILL BE HELD 7:00 P.M. AT THE**

**Police Department  
Community Room  
9451 Belmont Avenue  
Franklin Park, IL 60131**

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED  
TO ATTEND**

  
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VILLAGE CLERK

Posted 5/2/2025



## VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

9500 W. BELMONT AVENUE  
FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS 60131

President: *Barrett Pedersen*

TEL. 847-671-4800

Village Clerk: *April J. Arellano*

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND INTERESTED PARTIES THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILL BE HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY MAY 05, 2025**

**THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK POLICE STATION, COMMUNITY ROOM, LOCATED AT 9451 W. BELMONT AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS 60131.**

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND. THE FOLLOWING MATTERS MAY BE DISCUSSED OR DECIDED AT THE MEETING:**

### AGENDA

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VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK POLICE STATION, COMMUNITY ROOM,  
9451 BELMONT AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS 60131  
MONDAY MAY 05, 2025  
7:00 P.M.**

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. CALL TO ORDER**
- III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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#### **IV. VEHICLE STICKER CONTEST**

Lukasz Sroka, Winner  
Estefania Jimenez, Runner Up  
A'Mari Johnson, Runner Up

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)**

#### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **1. Finance and Special Events**

Mr. Johnson, Chair  
Mr. Hagerstrom and Mr. Ruhl, Co-Chair

##### **2. Water and Sewer**

Ms. Avitia, Chair  
Ms. Special and Mr. Ybarra, Co-Chair

##### **3. Police and Fire**

Mr. Ruhl, Chair  
Mr. Ybarra and Mr. Johnson, Co-Chair

##### **4. Streets, Alleys, and Fleet Maintenance**

Mr. Ybarra, Chair  
Mr. Hagerstrom and Mr. Ruhl, Co-Chair

##### **5. Property, Planning, Zoning, Building, and Tree Preservation Commission**

Ms. Special, Chair  
Mr. Johnson and Ms. Avitia, Co-Chair

##### **6. Health, Human Resources, Sustainable Practices and Senior Services**

Mr. Hagerstrom, Chair  
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## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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**X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK**

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5),
2. Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)
3. Pending Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
4. Probable or Imminent Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
5. Salary Schedules for one or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
6. Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of certain Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
7. Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
8. Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Closed under the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)
9. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)
10. Security Procedures, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGAL NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTED IN THE FRANKLIN PARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING (VILLAGE HALL) AND THE POLICE STATION ON FRIDAY MAY 02, 2025.**

**/s/ APRIL J. ARELLANO, VILLAGE CLERK, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK**

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
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THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK HELD IN  
THE POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM AT  
9451 BELMONT AVENUE  
MAY 05, 2025**

- 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 Deputy Clerk Sarah Guevarra called the roll:  
Present at Board Meeting: Sarah Guevarra (Village Deputy Clerk),  
Joseph Montana (Village Attorney)

Trustees (Present in the Room): Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special,  
Ms. Avitia, Mr. Ybarra, and Mr. Hagerstrom

**Department Heads:**

**Mike Witz (Director of Police)**

**Frank Griecashamer (Treasurer)**

**Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director)**

**Joe Thomas (Utilities Commissioner)**

**Nick Weber (Deputy Utilities Commissioner)**

**Nick Walny (Director of Community Development and Zoning)**

**Lisa Anthony (HR and Operations Director)**

**Dan Corcoran (IT Director)**

**Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)**

The Village Deputy Clerk declared a quorum was present.

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)**  
1. NONE
- V. RESOLUTION NO. 2526 R**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HONORING ROBERT MARSHALL**

*Motion made by Mr. Ybarra and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve "A Resolution of the Village of Franklin Park, Cook County, Illinois honoring Robert Marshall"*

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

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THERE IS NOTHING TO REPORT FOR FINANCE
2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 26 AT 11:00AM AT THE VETERAN'S MONUMENT. THE EVENT IS CO-SPONSORED WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 974

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THERE WERE 6 WATER MAIN BREAKS AROUND TOWN
2. THERE WERE 160 FEET OF STORM SEWER REPLACED ON WASHINGTON STREET AND NEVADA
3. ON BEHALF OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT MS. AVITIA REPORTED ON THE GET THE LEAD OUT INITIATIVE THE VILLAGE IS PARTICIPATING IN
4. THERE WERE 70 DOORS TAGGER FOR WATER SHUT OFF AND 20 HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED SO FAR. RESIDENTS HAVE UNTIL MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> TO SCHEDULE THEIR APPOINTMENT
5. MS. AVITIA STATED THAT TWO STREET DRAINS WERE REBUILT AND 22 BAGS OF GARBAGE PICKED UP FROM AROUND THE VILLAGE

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

1. MR. RUHL STATED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 3,008 CALLS FOR SERVICE IN THE MONTH OF APRIL
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT THERE ARE THREE OPEN POSITIONS
3. THERE WERE 106 ARRESTS MADE AND 731 TRAFFIC STOPS
4. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 420 STATE CITATIONS, 42 LOCAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS, AND 375 PARKING TICKETS
5. MR. RUHL STATED THERE WERE TWO COMPLAINTS FOR HIGH GRASS REVIEWED AND 0 CITATIONS ISSUED FOR HIGH GRASS/ WEEDS
6. OFFICER DELAPAZ WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE ALLIANCE AGAINST INTOXICATED MOTORISTS FOR HIS EFFORTS IN TRAFFIC SAFETY AND DUI ARRESTS
7. MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ALSO RECEIVED THE GOLDEN AWARD FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW FOR TRAINING COMPLETION

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 2 VEHICLES WERE BROUGHT TO FLEET MAINTANCE
2. THERE WERE 3 POTHOLES REPLACED; 5 PATCHES REPLACED AFTER WATER MAIN INCIDENTS AND 11 SIGNS REPAIRED OR PUT UP
3. MR. YBARRA STATED THAT BRANCH PICKUP AND STREET SWEEPING WERE CONDUCTED AS SCHEDULED
4. 5 TREES WERE TRIMMED OR REMOVED, AS WELL AS OLD TIRES, BRANCHES, AND ANIMALS PICK UP
5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 4,483 GALLONS OF FUEL USED THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, WITH POLICE CONSUMING THE MOST
6. THERE WERE 2,037 GALLONS OF UNLEADED FUEL USED, WITH THE MAJORITY CONSUMED BY THE STREETS DEPARTMENT



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

1. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STATS FOR APRIL 21- MAY 1
2. WE HAVE HAD 136 CONTRACTORS APPLY AND REGISTER FOR LICENSES
3. THERE WERE: 62 BUILDING PERMITS, 3 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 2 SIGN PERMITS, 2 POD DUMPSTER PERMITS AND 3 FIRE PERMITS APPLIED FOR TOTALING 72 PERMITS
4. THERE WERE 10 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FROM APR 21-MAY 1, 2025, FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, 2 NEW BUSINESSES THAT APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY, AND 1 NEW BUSINESS THAT WAS ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE DURING THIS TIME
5. MS. SPECIAL ALSO REPORTED THERE ARE 20 CASES ON THE DOCKET GOING TO COURT MAY 15, 2025
6. THERE WAS 39 HEALTH LICENCES RENEWED, 0 DEED AMENDMENT INSPECTIONS, 1 RENTAL INSPECTION, 0 HOME BUSINESS APPLIED FOR
7. MS. SPECIAL STATED THERE WERE 51 MULTI DWELLING REGISTRATIONS RETURNED, 1 VACANT REGISTRATION AND 4 ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS REGISTERED
8. MS. SPECIAL STATED THERE WILL BE AN ARBOR DAY WALK ON MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 STARTING AT THE FRANKLIN AVENUE PLAZA AND ENDING AT THE JOHN MAZUR ARBORETUM WITH SNACKS ALONG THE WAY

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM RECOGNIZED THE WINNERS FOR THE VEHICLE STICKER CONTEST. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS HONORING THE FRANKLIN PARK LIBRARY'S 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY. THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER IS LUKASZ SROKA. THE TWO RUNNER UPS ARE ESTEFANIA JIMENEZ AND A'MARI JOHNSON.

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

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**

NONE

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

PRESIDENT PEDERSON ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF UNCUT GRASS AND ADVISED TO CONTACT LISA MANZO IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made by Mr. Hagerstrom, seconded by Mr. Ybarra to adjourn at*  
*7:22 PM. Voice vote carried.*

**ATTEST**

  
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**Sarah Guevarra, Village Deputy Clerk**