

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 05, 2021

MEETING MODIFICATION DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR PRITZKER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07, DATED MARCH 16, 2020, WHICH SUSPENDS THE REQUIREMENT OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PERTAINING TO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC BODY DURING THE DURATION OF THE GUBERNATORIAL DISASTER PROCLAMATION, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING THROUGH AUDIO ACCESS TECHNOLOGY. THE MEETING ROOM REMAINED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC WAS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING. ALL PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING PRACTICED APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING. AS GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-10, DATED MARCH 20, 2020, AND CDC GUIDELINES, REQUIRE THAT NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED IN THE BOARD ROOM AT ANY ONE TIME. THE PUBLIC WAS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING TO VILLAGE CLERK ROBERTA JOHNSON AT RJOHNSON@VOFP.COM.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Pedersen called to order the Board of Trustees of the Village of Franklin Park in regular session at 7:02 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Village Deputy Clerk April J. Arellano called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Mayor Pedersen. Trustees: Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra, Joe Montana (Village Attorney); Roberta Johnson (Village Clerk); April J. Arellano (Village Deputy Clerk), Tom Dailly (I.T. Director), Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources/Health and Welfare), and Mike Witz (Director, Police Department)

The Village Deputy Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Staff Members Present Via Telecommunication: Bill Brehm (Fire Department Chief), Joe Lauro (Utilities Commissioner), Lisa Manzo (Building Department Deputy Director), Tom McCabe (Village Engineer), John Schneider (Director, Community Development),

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

(Public was also give the opportunity to submit comments to the Village Clerk via email to be read at the meeting) There was no one from the public in the meeting and no emails were submitted to the Village Clerk to be read at the Board Meeting by 4:30 p.m.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THAT THERE WAS NO REPORT FOR FINANCE AND NO REPORT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

- 1. MS. AVITIA ANNOUNCED M.E. SIMPSON FINISH THEIR ANNUAL WATER MAIN VALVE EXERCISING PROGRAM AND THE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM WILL BE DONE IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS**
- 2. MS. AVITIA STATED THAT WATER BILLING HAS BEEN BUSY WITH 131 EMAIL REQUESTS, 12 FINAL WATER BILL FINALS, 7 FOIA REQUESTS, 127 SERVICE CALLS AND 34 HIGH BILL SERVICE CALLS**
- 3. MS. AVITIA STATED THAT THE SEWER DIVISION RODDED OUT 1089 FEET OF STORM SEWER LINES, CLEANED OUT 13 STREET DRAINS AND RODDED 456 FEET OF SANITARY SEWERS**
- 4. MS. AVITIA ANNOUNCED THAT SMITH LASALLE IS WORKING WITH IDOT TO GET A START DATE ON THE FULLERTON AVENUE DITCH PROJECT**
- 5. MS. AVITIA STATED THAT SMITH LASALLE AND VILLAGE STAFF ATTENDED TWO PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETINGS WITH EXP ENGINEERING TO PLAN WATER MAIN RELOCATION AND THE BOX CULVERT INSTALLATION UNDER SILVER CREEK FOR THE FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**
- 6. MS. AVITIA STATED THAT ITEM NO. 8 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION IS TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR MULTIPLE WATER BASINS BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND HAMPTON, LENZINI AND RENWICK INC.**
- 7. MS. AVITIA STATED THAT ITEM NO. 8 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION IS TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE ENGINEERING AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK FOR A CONTINUATION FOR THE GIS PROGRAM**

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

- 1. MR. RUHL COMMENDED FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS: BOROWIEC, SHAMIE, CICERO, AND HASSETT FOR THE SUCCESSFUL RESUSCITATION OF AN INFANT WHILE IN ROUTE TO THE HOSPITAL ON MARCH 25TH**

MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED THAT WHILE THE PARAMEDICS SUCCESSFULLY GOT THEIR PATIENT TO THE HOSPITAL WITH A PULSE AND BREATHING, UNFORTUNATELY, THE CHILD PASSED AWAY. THIS IS A HIGH STRESS INCIDENT AND THESE MEN SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS FOR THEIR QUICK RESPONSE AND EFFECTIVE CPR

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

- 1. MR. YBARRA ANNOUNCED THAT JOE LAURO (UTILITIES COMMISSIONER), LISA ANTHONY (HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR), AND DENNIS MAHONEY (FLEET DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR) HAVE INTERVIEWED QUALIFIED MECHANICS FOR THE FLEET MECHANIC POSITIONS**
- 2. MR YBARRA REPORTED THAT 31 TONS OF COLD PATCH WERE APPLIED**
- 3. MR YBARRA REPORTED THAT 2 SPEED LIMIT SIGNS, 1 STOP SIGN, 2 YIELD SIGNS, 14 PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS AND 6 STREET NAMES HAVE BEEN REPLACED**
- 4. MR YBARRA STATED THAT ITEMS 12, 13 AND 14 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION HAVE TO DO WITH G.A.R.R.A UNDERPASS AND BRIDGE REPAIRS**

**E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE
(Ms. Special, Chair)**

- 1. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT 40 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 94 BUILDING PERMITS, 16 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 1 SIGN PERMIT, 1 DUMPSTER PERMIT, 7 FIRE PERMITS FOR A TOTAL OF 119 PERMITS ISSUED. THERE WERE 15 PROPERTY CLOSINGS INCLUDING RESIDENTAL AND COMMERCIAL, 10 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 3 OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES ISSUED AND NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS/INCIDENT REPORTS AND FOLLOW UPS**
- 2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT ON MARCH 24, COMMUNITY DIRECTOR JOHN SCHNEIDER, WAS A PANELIST FOR A VIRTUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM THAT WAS HOSTED BY THE WEST CENTRAL MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE. JOHN SHARED FRANKLIN PARK'S INNOVATIVE APPROACH THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, POLICIES AND PROCESSES, AND STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS**
- 3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY AND WEAVER CONSULTANTS GROUP HOSTED A VIRTUAL MEETING ON MARCH 17 THAT PROVIDED UPDATES ON THE USEPA BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT AND REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANTS. THIS PROGRAM HELPS CLEAN UP AND REDEVELOP SITES THAT BEEN COMPLICATED BY THE PRESENCE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**
- 4. MS. SPECIAL ALSO REPORTED THAT STAFF ATTENDED A WEBINAR BY THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE AND WAREHOUSE WORKERS FOR JUSTICE THAT EXPLORED THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FACING SUBURBAN TRANSIT**
- 5. MS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCED THAT STAFF HAS COMPLETED THE REVIEW OF 41 BUILDING PERMIT OR OCCUPANCY PACKETS AND BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND CONTINUES TO FIELD INQUIRIES REGARDING AVAILABLE PROPERTIES, PROPOSALS AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

- 1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THAT THE PARK DISTRICT OF FRANKLIN PARK WITH POSITIVE HEALTH SERVICES WILL BE CO-HOSTING A COVID VACCINATION CLINIC ON THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH FROM 8AM – NOON AT THE NORTH PARK SPORTS ARENA. IT IS FOR FRANKLIN PARK RESIDENTS ONLY, PRIMARILY SENIORS AND ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS. REGISTRATION IS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY CENTER (847) 455-2852**
- 2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THAT LEYDEN TOWNSHIP AND LEYDEN FAMILY SERVICES WILL CO-HOST A VACCINE CLINIC ON SATURDAY, APRIL 17 FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTS. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (847) 455-3929, BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE YOUR NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND MUNICIPALITY WHERE YOU RESIDE**
- 3. MR. HAGERSTROM STATED THAT HE HAD NO REPORT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM

- 1. John Schneider reported that the Tollway and CP signed an agreement last week regarding the Elgin O'Hare Project. A bridge will connect 294 to the Elgin O'Hare, which will take about 2 years and will cost about \$100 million. John stated that he has been working with the Mayor and Tom McCabe for grant opportunities**
- 2. The Mayor stated the Tom Dailly (Village IT Directory) and Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources) have been interviewing candidates for positions and will update everyone once things have been finalized**

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

(Items on the Consent Agenda will be enacted/approved by one motion. 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.)

Village Deputy Clerk April Arellano read aloud public recital of Consent Agenda items

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:
(a) REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**
- 2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,412,590.89**

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 VC**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE ELEVEN OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (AUTHORIZING FEE WAIVER FOR UNITS OF GOVERNMENT)
4. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 VC**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER TWO OF TITLE THREE OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGULATING THE SALE AND LICENSING OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR
5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES FOR PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN BIUNDO LANDSCAPING AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES FOR PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN CARRERA LANDSCAPING INC. AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES FOR PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN REY'S LANDSCAPING COMPANY AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR VARIOUS STORM WATER BASINS BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON, LENZINI AND RENWICK, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A RAILCAM LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND RAILSTREAM, LLC
10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR GIS SUPPORT BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

11. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL ACCELA SOFTWARE SUPPORT FROM BYRNE SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED TO IMPLEMENT THE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,550.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
12. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE GRAND AVENUE UNDERPASS BRIDGE SIGN REPAIRS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,600.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
13. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM J AND E DUFF, INCORPORATED, WEST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS TO COMPLETE MASONRY REPAIRS TO THE GRAND AVENUE UNDERPASS BRIDGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$98,000.00 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
14. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE LOWEST PROPOSAL FROM ERA VALDIVIA CONTRACTORS, INCORPORATED, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS TO PAINT THE GRAND AVENUE UNDERPASS BRIDGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,000.00 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
15. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2017 FORD EXPLORER POLICE AWD FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM ASIA MOTORS, INCORPORATED, MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,595.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE REQUIRED OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND UNDERTAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

*Motion made by Ms. Avitia, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to approve the Consent Agenda.
Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra. Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.*

VIII. APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING IN
None

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

1. Village Deputy Clerk Arellano stated that the last day for early voting took place on April 05, 2021

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. Mayor Pedersen commented that together with John Schneider (Director of Community and Development), and Tom Dailly (I.T. Director), they have been looking at low-cost internet access to the Village

XI. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need for Executive Session for Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees; Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Certain Employees, Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters and Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Closed under the Open Meetings Act

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Special to go into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. for "Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees; Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Certain Employees"

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

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:41 P.M.

Village Deputy Clerk, April Arellano, stated to let the record reflect that all members returned

No action was taken in Closed Session

The Mayor announced that the Office of the Comptroller has been working on the budget. The Mayor also announced that Franklin Park Railroad Daze has been delayed, the Village is considering other events with live music

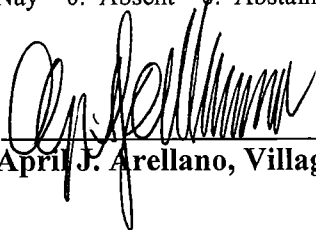
XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Ruhl, seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

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

Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

ATTEST



April J. Arellano, Village Deputy Clerk

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