

**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 07, 2021**

**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 7:00 p.m.

**III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Village Clerk April J. Arellano called the roll:

**Present at Board Meeting:** Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen, Trustees: Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special, Mr. Bill Ruhl, Joe Montana (Village Attorney); April J. Arellano (Village Clerk), Dan Corcoran (I.T. Director), Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources/Health and Welfare), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Mike Witz (Police Department Director), John Schneider (Community Development Director), Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director), Tom McCabe (Village Engineer), David Gonzalez (Village Comptroller)

**Present via Teleconference:** Mr. Ybarra, Trustee

**The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present**

**IV. PRESENTATION: 911 PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM**

Director of Police Mike Witz presented a new 911 Public Safety Radio System. He stated that the current system, Net 16, an analog system, is over 40 year's old. Mr. Witz discussed comparatives between Starcom Radio System, Cook County Radio System, Trait Radio and explored the option of building a digital system in house. Mr. Witz also reported on the benefits of switching to a digital system and funding the project. Mr. Witz reported that the 911 Fund will be able to cover the entire cost and that the system could be ready in the next 3 to 4 months.

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

There were no in-person public comments

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE JULY FINANCIAL REPORT WAS EMAILED TO THE BOARD AND ANNOUNCED THAT DAVID GONZALEZ, COMPTROLLER WILL GIVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SAID REPORT DURING DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**
- 2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE VILLAGE WILL RECEIVE PAYMENT OF THE \$1.2 MILLION FROM THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, THIS IS THE FIRST HALF DUE TO THE VILLAGE**

3. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE COMPTROLLER WILL GO OVER THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH US BANK WHICH IS UP FOR CONSIDERATION, DURING HIS REPORT
4. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST WAS SUCCESSFUL DESPITE THE HEAT, PEOPLE ENJOYED GETTING OUT, MEETING WITH FRIENDS, AND LISTENING TO THE MUSIC
5. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE VILLAGE AND THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 974 ARE SPONSORING A SPECIAL EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, AT THE POLICE STATION AT 10:30 AM
6. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THAT THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST PARADE WILL BE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, LINE UP IS AT NOON AT GRAND AVENUE AND SCOTT STREET

**B. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

(Ms. Avitia, Chair)

1. MS. AVITIA STATED SHE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT ON WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE

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

1. MR. RUHL STATED THAT THE VILLAGE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM GOTTLIEB HOSPITAL EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS, JASON MURPHY, FRANK OBAYA AND LT. DAN COLANTUANO FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM, QUICK ACTIONS, AND BEDSIDE MANNER WHILE ATTENDING A YOUNG PATIENT AT THE HOSPITAL
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED ON AUGUST 29, APPROXIMATELY AT 2 A.M. THERE WAS A FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH AT THE INTERSECTION OF GRAND AVENUE AND MANNHEIM ROAD INVOLVING 6 VEHICLES. MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT THE VEHICLE CAUSING THE ACCIDENT WAS DRIVEN BY A MALE SUBJECT WHO WAS TRAVELING AT A PROJECTED SPEED OVER 100 M.P.H. MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED THAT UNFORUNATELY, ONE OF THE DRIVERS IN THE VEHICLES WAS KILLED. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED ON SCENE AND CHARGED WITH VEHICULAR HOMICIDE
3. MR. RUHL REPORTED THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AWARDED THE FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT \$23,000 GRANT FOR DUI, SEAT BELT AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT

- D. STREETS, ALLEYS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
- 1. MR. YBARRA STATED HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT ON STREETS, ALLEYS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE**

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

- 1. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MET ON AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> IN PERSON TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL 6B TAX INCENTIVE WHICH IS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL MS. SPECIAL STATED THAT MR. JOHN SCHNEIDER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE 6B PROPOSAL DURING DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**
- 2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, 49 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 87 BUILDING, 17 ELECTRICAL, 3 SIGN, 2 DUMPSTER, 9 FIRE PERMITS, 17 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 6 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 0 OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE WERE ISSUED**

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

- 1. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED ON THE BLOOD DRIVE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 15 PEOPLE ATTENDED AND DONATED BLOOD**
- 2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THAT 10 PEOPLE RECEIVED VACCINES DURING THE FEST. THEIR SECOND DOSE WILL BE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON AT VILLAGE HALL**
- 3. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THAT LEYDEN FAMILY SERVICES WILL RESUME THEIR IN PERSON DAYS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, FROM 9 A.M TO NOON AT THE POLICE STATION**
- 4. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED SHRED DAY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON AT THE POLICE STATION FOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

**VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM**

- 1. Mr. David Gonzalez, Village Comptroller, reviewed the July financial report Mr. Gonzalez stated the Village's revenue is down \$263,000 compared to last year due to the property taxes delayed until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Gonzales also stated that the Village's expenditures are 6.5 million this year, which includes a payment for 4 new dump trucks**
- 2. Mr. Gonzalez reviewed items number 3 and item number 8 that were on the consent agenda for board consideration. Item number 3 allows US Bank to reimburse the village for the trucks previously paid for by the Village, within 60 days**

3. **Mr. John Schneider, Director of Community Development, reviewed item number 8, which is up for board consideration. Mr. Schneider explained that the Letter of Intent on the Consent Agenda, sets forth key terms with WG Hotels LLC. Mr. Schneider emphasized this project still requires Zone Board of Appeals approval, conditional use and board approval for the sale for the redevelopment plans**
4. **Mr. Schneider explained item number 5, which is up for board consideration. Mr. Schneider reported that Mistica Foods is a producer of food products and a family business. Mistica Foods plans to purchase the building that was occupied by Green Bay Packaging and redo the building, which will have an investment of \$4 million of food processing equipment, initially employing 20 people, and will increase the amount of jobs within months**
5. **Mr. Schneider reported on item number 10, on the condition and tax history of the property at 9800 Franklin Avenue**

#### **VIII. 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 Clerk April J. 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, AUGUST 16, 2021
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$ 2,365,006.02
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2122 R  
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DECLARING THE VILLAGE'S INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE OR TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2122 R  
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A LETTER OF INTENT TO ALLOW A PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE CONTEMPLATION OF THE SALE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF LOT 8 AND ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE IN THE FRANKLIN MARKETPLACE SHOPPING CENTER AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GRAND AVENUE AND MANNHEIM ROAD

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2122 R  
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATION BY MISTICA FOODS, LLC, FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 3601 RUNGE STREET, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
  
6. RESOLUTION NO. 2122 R  
RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY THE VILLAGE OWNED PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY AT 9800 FRANKLIN AVENUE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING AN EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO SELL AGREEMENT WITH DARWIN REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO MARKET AND SELL THE PROPERTY AND DIRECT THE VILLAGE CLERK TO MAKE A COPY OF THE APPRAISAL ON THE PROPERTY AVAILABLE TO ANY PARTY
  
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2122 VC  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-2-5B OF CHAPTER TWO OF TITLE FOUR OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (GARBAGE COLLECTION FEE)
  
8. ORDINANCE NO. 2122 G  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF PROPERTY SCHEDULE NUMBER TWO AND CERTAIN ADDENDUMS TO THE MASTER TAX-EXEMPT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN U.S. BANCORP GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINANCE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND FINANCING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT
  
9. ORDINANCE NO. 2122 G  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) EMPLOYEE FACE COVERING, TESTING AND VACCINATION POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
  
10. MOTION TO APPROVE A CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STRUCTURAL TECHNOLOGIES, BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS PROVIDE DESIGN, BID SPECIFICATIONS, JOB SITE MANAGEMENT, AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE FIRE STATION 2 ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,250.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
  
11. MOTION TO APPROVE A SEPARATION AND GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT 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 GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER CHICAGO AND NORTHWEST INDIANA REQUEST TO CONDUCT THEIR ANNUAL FALL PRODUCT PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 24 THROUGH OCTOBER 20, 2021, AND ANNUAL COOKIE PROGRAM DECEMBER 15, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 17, 2022
13. MOTION TO APPROVE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AVE MARIA COUNCIL #4456 REQUEST FOR THEIR ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE COLLECTION ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

*Motion made by Ms. Special and seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to approve the Consent Agenda.*

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

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**  
None

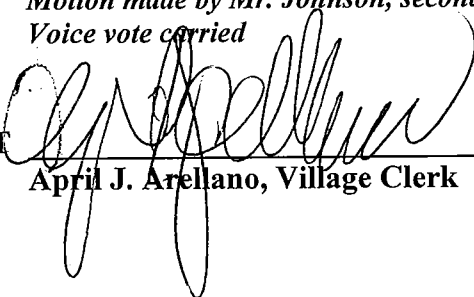
**X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**  
1. NONE

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**  
1. Mayor Pedersen encouraged everyone to get vaccinated

**XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
1. NONE

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**  
*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Special to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.*  
*Voice vote carried*

ATTEST

  
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April J. Arellano, Village Clerk

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