

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
NOVEMBER 15, 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, Village Clerk April J. Arellano, Trustees: Mr. Ybarra, Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Bill Ruhl, Ms. Special, Mr. Johnson and Joe Montana (Village Attorney); Dan Corcoran (I.T. Director), Lisa Anthony (Human Resources/Health and Welfare Director), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Mike Witz (Police Department Director), Luke Palermo (Franklin Park Fire Battalion Chief), Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director), Tom McCabe (Village Engineer), Joe Lauro (Utilities Commissioner)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)
There were no in-person public comments**

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON STATED DEPUTY COMPTROLLER, CYNTHIA PEREZ WILL BE GOING OVER THE 2021 ESTIMATED LEVY**
- 2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THE VILLAGE AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 974 HOSTED THE VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBERANCE CEREMONY AND THANKED VILLAGE STAFF FOR SETTING UP THE MEMORIAL INDOORS**

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

- 1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 3 MAIN SEWER SANITARY LINE REPAIRS, THE SEWER DIVISION REBUILT 3 STORM MANHOLES, JETTED AND CLEANED 3,450 FEET OF STORM SEWER LINES AND 4,623 FEET OF SANITARY LINES**
- 2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE PUMP AT FULLERTON LIFT STATION WAS REBUILT, INSTALLED AND BACK IN SERVICE**

3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED WATER METER DIVISION INSTALLED 29 WATER METER BASES, 46 WATER METER TELE CODER HEADS, AND COMPLETED 86 SERVICE CALLS
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED WATER BILLING AND COLLECTIONS ANSWERED 127 PHONE CALLS, 178 EMAILS AND COMPELTED 3 F.O.I.A. REQUESTS
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED ONE GRAFFITI STOP ON REUTER STREET
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT ITEM NUMBER 14 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, IS A PROGRAM BETWEEN CEDA AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK TO HELP ASSIST OUR RESIDENTS FINANCIALLY FOR UTILITY BILLS, IF THEY QUALIFY

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

1. MR. RUHL STATED HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
2. MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED THAT OFFICER MANUEL QUINONES HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE 2021 OFFICER OF THE YEAR. OFFICER QUINONES WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR THIS AWARD AT THE FRANKLIN PARK LIONS MANILLA CLUBS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 17TH

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

1. MR. YBARRA THANKED STAFF FOR HELPING SET UP FOR THE ANNUAL VETERANS DAY EVENT THAT WAS HELD AT THE P.D. DUE TO RAIN
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED REPAIRS OF POT HOLES IN THE NORTH END OF TOWN AS WELL AS THE EAST END OF TOWN AND COMPLETED 4 STREET CUT OUTS WITH HOT PATCH
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE FORESTRY DIVISION TRIMMED 41 TREES AND TOOK DOWN 3, 62 NEW TREES PURCHASED, 41 PLANTED
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE FRANKLIN AVENUE ADVANCED CONTRACT ALMOST COMPLETED FOR THIS YEAR, SOME CONCRETE AND STRIPPING IS LEFT TO COMPLETE
5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE ANNUAL STREET PROGRAM WENT WELL THIS YEAR, ALL THAT IS LEFT IS TO INSTALL SOD
6. MR. YBARRA REPORTED REUTERS PHASE 3 AND 4 IS WRAPPING UP, AND THAT THE ENGINEER RECOMMENDED DIFFERENT PROCESS OF CONCRETE APPLICATION CALLED CONCRETE STABILIZATION. BY USING THIS PROCESS THE VILLAGE WAS ABLE TO HAVE A COST SAVINGS AROUND \$200,000.00. THE SAVING ARE DUE TO NOT HAVING TO HAUL AS MUCH SPOILS AWAY FROM THE SITE

7. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE QUIET ZONE WORK IS 99% COMPLETE, SOME STRIPPING AT RUBY STREET AND 25TH IS ALL THAT IS LEFT
8. MR. YBARRA REPORTED FLEET COMPLETED 31 VEHICLE REPAIRS, 2 PM SERVICE CALLS FOR UTILITIES, 27 POLICE VEHICLE REPAIRS AND 3 PM SERVICES
9. MR. YBARRA REPORTED FLEET HAS BEEN BUSY WITH GETTING THE PLOWS AND ALL HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT READY FOR SNOW REMOVAL

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

1. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAD 30 CONTRACTORS APPLY AND REGISTER FOR LICENSES, 48 BUILDING PERMITS, 7 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 3 SIGN PERMITS, 1 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 8 FIRE PERMITS, 1 P.O.D., 12 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, 7 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 5 OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MET ON NOVEMBER 3RD TO DISCUSS 3 CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATIONS, 1 MAP AMENDMENT, AND 1 TEXT AMENDMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE AMENDMENTS AND CONDITIONAL USES ARE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA TONIGHT
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED IMPERIO DE LA ELEGANCIA HOSTED A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 10TH TO COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF THEIR NEW BANQUET HALL AND RESTAURANT AT 9755 GRAND AVENUE. MAYOR PEDERSEN, CLERK ARELLANO, TRUSTEE JOHNSON, TRUSTEE SPECIAL, AND VILLAGE STAFF WERE IN ATTENDANCE. IMPERIO DE LA ELEGANCIA OFFERS MEXICAN AND ITALIAN CUISINE WITH A TEAM THAT IS READY TO HOST COTILLIONS, WEDDINGS, AND ANY SPECIAL OCCASION IN AN ELEGANT EVENT SPACE
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED SENIOR PLANNER, RYAN ADRIATICO, AND VILLAGE PLANNER, RUDY REPA, ATTENDED THE COOK COUNTY MUNICIPAL GIS MEETING. THE MEETING DISCUSSED NEW PROJECTS AND DATA THAT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE THROUGH COOK COUNTY'S MAP APPLICATIONS. THESE APPLICATIONS ARE VITAL IN PROVIDING ACCURATE AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON PROPERTIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND WILL ALLOW FOR MORE COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH EFFORTS

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

- 1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE VILLAGE IS CO-HOSTING A WORK SHOP ON NOVEMBER 16 AT 6PM AT THE POLICE DEAPRTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM ON "HOW TO APPEAL YOUR PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT," WITH THE HONORABLE MICHAEL CABONARGI, THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW**
- 2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE FINAL BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 3 IN THE POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM**
- 3. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE CHIRSTMAS PARADE WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 4, IT WILL BEGIN AT 2:30PM FROM THE FIRE STATION AND END UP AT THE GAZEBO, WITH THE MAYOR, CLERK AND TRUSTEES LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM

- 1. Deputy Comptroller Cynthia Perez reported on the estimated 2021 levy. Ms. Perez reported that this levy is an estimate and subject to change prior to adopting the levy at the December meeting. Ms. Perez reported the overall estimated levy for 2021 will not increase and will have a decrease of 1.6%, the village is increasing the non-debt levy by 4.88% to increase police and fire pension by \$707,000 more than last year. That portion of the levy will be limited to 1.4% CPI and any new property. Ms. Perez reported that if we are able to increase our police and fire pension levy amounts as a result of additional economic development that has occurred, the final levy to the residents and businesses would still remain flat and we would not expect any increase on the Franklin Park's portion of the tax levy for 2021. Lastly, Ms. Perez reported that because the estimated corporate levy will not exceed 5% of last year's levy, there is no public hearing meeting required before passage at the December meeting**
- 2. Mr. Schneider reported for item number 3 on the consent agenda. The economic development commission approved 9441 Fullerton; the building is being purchased and remodeled. The company leasing the building is Darpet. They manufacture molding doors and other items**
- 3. Mr. Schneider reported for item number 4 on the consent agenda. The economic development commission approved a 6B Real Estate Tax Assessment application for 11600 King Street. It used to be a metal box and the issues are going to be taken care of by Honey-Can-Do. They provide houseware products to retailers such as Walmart and Amazon**
- 4. Mr. Schneider stated that item number 5 on the consent agenda is to change zoning from industrial to commercial for 9800 Franklin to better suit the entrance of the downtown area. The purchaser on this property is paying the appraised value**
- 5. Mr. Schneider stated that item number 6 on the consent agenda is to change the parking requirements for a cannabis growing facility**

6. Mr. Schneider reported for item number 8 on the consent agenda. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a project at 10231 Grand Avenue. The petitioner will lease the property for a nail salon school
7. Mr. Schneider stated item number 9 on the consent agenda is for a banquet hall located at 10211 Grand Avenue and introduced owner of the facility is Neidra Massie-Brown
8. Mr. Schneider stated item number 10 on the consent agenda is for 9211 Cherry Avenue is for Auto Repair. There will be no tow trucks
9. Mr. Schneider state item number 11 is to approve the final plat of subdivision for 9301 Washington/9401 Grand Ave this was approved by the Zone Board of Appeals
10. Mayor Pedersen thanked Ms. Neidra Massie-Brown and Mr. Steven Greenspon, representative of Honey-Can-Do, for bringing their business to Franklin Park

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 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, NOVEMBER 01, 2021**
2. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$1,229,069.06**
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2122 R**
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATION BY WATERGATE HOLDINGS LLC, FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 9441 W. FULLERTON AVENUE, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2122 R**
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATION BY MILQO HOLDINGS LLC, FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 11600 KING STREET, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2122 VC**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK ZONING MAP TO ZONE AND INCLUDE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE DT-2 DOWNTOWN MIX DISTRICT THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9800 FRANKLIN AVENUE (ZBA: 21-16)
6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2122 VC**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 9-6B-9(b)(7)(a) OF THE ZONING CODE REGARDING PARKING FOR CANNABIS FACILITIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE (ZBA: 21-20)
7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2122 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND THE VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE USE OF THE FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT FIRING RANGE FACILITIES
8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2122 Z**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A “COMMERCIAL SCHOOL” USE WITHIN THE C-2 COMMUNITY SHOPPING DISTRICT (ZBA 21-19: 10231 GRAND AVENUE)
9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2122 Z**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A “BANQUET HALL” USE WITHIN THE C-2-1 COMMUNITY SHOPPING DISTRICT (ZBA 21-18: 10211 GRAND AVENUE)
10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2122 Z**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR AN “AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR” USE WITHIN THE I-1 RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 21-17: 9211 CHERRY AVENUE)

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2122 Z**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR THE GRANTING OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO THE VILLAGE AND FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9301 WASHINGTON/9401 GRAND AVENUE

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 2122 Z**
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A PLAT OF EASEMENT GRANTING A PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY (PART OF PIN: 12-27-122-028-0000)

13. **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**

14. **MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF COOK COUNTY (CEDA) AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK TO PROVIDE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PAYMENT OF WATER SERVICE CHARGES AND FEES AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME**

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

Nay – 0. Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

1. NONE

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

1. Mayor Pedersen announced that his oldest brother had passed away from COVID three weeks ago, and since the wake, his other brother also came down with COVID

XI. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need for Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of certain Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Motion made by Mr. Ybarra, seconded by Mr. Johnson to go into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. for "Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property; Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Certain Employees, and Collective Bargaining Negotiations"

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

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:00 P.M.

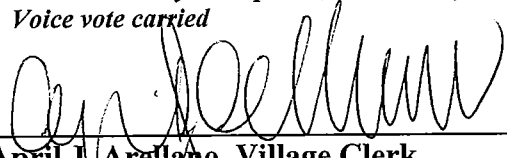
Village Clerk April Arellano stated to let the record reflect that all members returned. No action was taken in Closed Session

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Special, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Voice vote carried

ATTEST



April J. Arellano, Village Clerk

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