

## 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 DECEMBER 20, 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: Ms. Avitia, Ms. Special

Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bill Ruhl, and Joe Montana (Village Attorney);

Dan Corcoran (I.T. Director), Frank Grieashamer (Treasurer), Lisa Manzo (Deputy

Building Director), Tom McCabe (Village Engineer), Bill Brehm (Fire Chief),

John Schneider (Community Development Director), Mike Witz (Police Department Director)

*Mr. Ybarra walked in at 7:13 PM*

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

1. None

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FOR FINANCE OR FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, HOWEVER, MR. JOHNSON STATED COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL HAVE A FINANCIAL REPORT BY THIS WEEK WEDNESDAY

2. MR. JOHNSON STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE ITEM NO. 2, "APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,367,467.26" FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO NEW BUSINESS

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THERE HAVE BEEN 6 WATER MAIN BREAKS, 1 WATER SERVICE LEAK

2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED ME SIMPSON ARE PERFORMING ANNUAL LEAK SURVEY ON THE WATER SYSTEM AND FOUND 2 LEAKS AND SINCE HAVE BEEN REPAIRED, 2 FIRE HYDRANTS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED

3. **MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ISSUES WITH THE CONCRETE RESERVOIR CLAY VALVES AT ALL THREE VAULTS ON BELMONT AVENUE, DONER INC WILL BE DOING MAINTENANCE AND CHECK THE ELECTRONIC SENSORS SO THAT THIS PROBLEM WITH WATER OVERFLOW CAN BE CORRECTED**
  4. **MS. AVITIA REPORTED 31 WATER METER TELECODER HEADS AND 11 METER BODIES HAVE BEEN REPLACED, 3 F.O.I.A. COMPLETED, 131 PHONE CALLS ANSWERED, RESPONDED TO 236 EMAILS, 91 SERVICE CALLS COMPLETED**
  5. **MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER DIVISION RESPONDED TO A SEWER SMELL ISSUE AT 2638 SCOTT STREET AND FOUND OUT THE PROBLEM WAS LEYDEN LINED THE SEWER ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND NEVER TIED BACK IN THE LATERAL LINE TO 2638 SCOTT BACK IN, LEYDEN TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND SEWER LINING COMPANY REPAIRING THE CONNECTION**
  6. **MS. AVITIA REPORTED 3 STREET DRAINS AND 1 WATER MAIN MANHOLE HAVE BEEN REBUILT, AND 4 SEWER CAVE-INS DUG UP AND PUMP NUMBER 1 AT THE MAIN WATER PUMP STATION PULLED AND BEING REBUILT**
- C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE (Mr. Ruhl, Chair)**
1. **MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED THE LIONS CLUB RECOGNIZED FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC JEFF MATTAS TO RECEIVE THE AWARD; HE WAS PRESENTED WITH THE AWARD ON FRIDAY**
  2. **MR RUHL STATED THAT DIRECTOR OF POLICE, MIKE WITZ WILL GIVE A PRESENTATION ON BODY CAMERAS DURING STAFF REPORTS**
- D. STREETS, ALLEYS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
1. **MR. RUHL IN MR. YBARRA'S AND MR. HAGERSTROM'S ABSENCE REPORTED DUE TO THE 3 HIGH WIND STORM EVENTS, FOUR UP ROOTED PINE TREES WERE REMOVED, 12 TREES HAD PARTIAL TREE LIMBS SPLIT AND ANOTHER 2 TREE TRUNK SPLITS, THE WHOLE TREE HAD TO BE REMOVED, 37 TREES TRIMMED**
  2. **MR. RUHL REPORTED 4 DAYS WERE SPENT GOING THROUGH THE FRONT PARKWAYS AS WELL AS THE ALLEYS PICKING UP BRANCHES AND CHIPPING**
  3. **MR. RUHL REPORTED 23 TONS OF COLD PATCH WERE APPLIED FIXING POT HOLES IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS AND 37 TONS OF HOT PATCH APPLIED REPAIRING 9 STREET CUT OUTS, 3 STOP SIGNS, 21 STREET NAME SIGNS, AND 47 SNOW REMOVAL RESTRICTION SIGNS REPLACED, 1 HANDICAP SIGN REMOVED**
  4. **MR. RUHL STATED STAFF ATTENDED FIVE MEETINGS FOR THE FRANKLIN AVENUE CONSTRUCTION TOLLWAY PROJECT ALONG WITH SMITH LASALLE**
  5. **MR. RUHL STATED 22 PARKING BUMPERS WERE REPLACED**

- 6. MR. RUHL REPORTED STREET SWEEPING CONTINUED DUE TO NO SNOW ACCUMULATIONS, SWEEPERS DID ALL THE ALLEYS THROUGHOUT TOWN AS WELL AS ALL INDUSTRIAL STREETS WEST OF MANNHEIM TO COUNTY LINE ROAD**
  - 7. MR. RUHL REPORTED 179 PHONE CALLS WERE ANSWERED, RESPONDED TO 163 EMAILS, AND 49 SERVICE CALLS COMPLETED**
  - 8. MR. RUHL REPORTED FLEET COMPLETED TWENTY ONE POLICE VEHICLE REPAIRS AND 2 P.M. SERVICES, 19 UTILITY VEHICLE REPAIRS AND FOUR P.M. SERVICES**
  - 9. MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT STAFF RESTRUNG AND TIGHTENED ALL THE OVERHEAD PARKING NUMBER SIGNS THAT HANG ABOVE THE TWO METRA STATION PARKING LOTS AND REPLACED ALL THE BALLASTS AND LIGHTS AT THE METRA BUILDING BEHIND THE WATER DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS FIXED A LEAK IN THE ROOF AND REPLACED SOME CEILING TILE**
- E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE (Ms. Special, Chair)**
- 1. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF ATTENDED THE CHAMBER BY O'HARE'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, THE EVENT GAVE CHAMBER MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WHILE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE FOOD PANTRY AND RAISING MONEY IN SUPPORT OF LEYDEN FAMILY SERVICES, ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING INCLUDED A RAFFLE WHERE A PERCENTAGE OF PROCEEDS WENT TOWARD THE CHAMBER'S MIKE RICKERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, NAMED IN HONOR OF THE ORGANIZATION'S LATE FORMER PRESIDENT**
  - 2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MET ON DECEMBER 1ST TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON A CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION, THE ZBA'S RECOMMENDATION WILL BE ON TONIGHT'S CONSENT AGENDA**
  - 3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 43 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 52 BUILDING PERMITS APPLIED FOR, 16 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 3 SIGN PERMITS, 2 DUMPSTER PERMITS 5 FIRE PERMITS AND 1 POD PERMIT APPLIED FOR**
  - 4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THERE WERE 24 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, AND 6 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY, 6 NEW BUSINESSES THAT WERE ISSUED OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES**

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

- 1. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON BEHALF OF MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED A GREAT RESPONSE ON THE BEST DECORATED HOLIDAY CONTEST, A SMALL COMMITTEE INCLUDING THE TRUSTEES WILL BE SELECTING THE WINNERS AND WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT A BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY**

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

- 1. DIRECTOR OF POLICE MIKE WITZ PRESENTED ON THE 2021 ILLINOIS MANDATE FOR BODY CAMERAS FOR ALL POLICE OFFICERS, BY LAW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS MANDATED TO HAVE THESE BY 2025 MR. WITZ'S POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEGAN TESTING 3 DIFFERENT VENDORS, PANASONIC ARBITRATOR SYSTEM IN THE SQUAD CARS SINCE 2021. MR. WITZ REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TESTING AND REQUESTING QOUTES FROM 3 DIFFERENT VENDORS, AXON, MOTOROLA, AND PANASONIC AND HAVE BUDGETED FOR \$100,000 EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS. MR WITZ BRIEFLY WENT OVER THE THREE VENDORS AND FOUND THAT MOTOROLA WAS THE BEST OPTION BASED ON THE OPINIONS OF OFFICERS, IT DIRECTOR, EVIDENCE DIVISION AND COST MR. WITZ REPORTED THAT SLOAN VALVE HAS DONATED \$15,000 FOR THESE BODY CAMS**
- 2. MR. JOHN SCHNEIDER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INTRODUCED DAVID MICHAUD THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR CANNECT GARDENS**
- 3. MR. MICHAUD STATED THAT HE'S AN ATTORNEY LIVING IN RIVER FOREST AND EXCITED TO INVEST IN FRANKLIN PARK**
- 4. MR. MICHAUD STATED THAT HIS COMPANY APPLIED FOR A CRAFT GROWER MARIJUANA LICENSE AND WAS AWARDED IN AUGUST 2021, THEY WILL BE OPERATING IN FRANKLIN PARK, THERE WILL BE NO SALE OF CANNABIS TO THE PUBLIC**

**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, DECEMBER 06, 2021**
- 2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$1,367,467.26**

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2122 R  
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MUTUAL INSTRUCTION TO RELEASE ESCROW FUNDS HELD BY DORMANT SOLUTIONS GROUP ON BEHALF OF CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2122 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A RETENTION PONDS DONATION AGREEMENT WITH BRADFORD FRANKLIN PARK LLC
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2122 Z  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR AN “INDUSTRIAL ADULT USE CANNABIS CRAFT GROW FACILITY” USE WITHIN THE I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 21-21: 3700 SANDRA STREET)
6. MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BLACKBOARD, INCORPORATED, RESTON, VIRGINIA, TO RENEW THE BLACKBOARD CONNECT FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR UNLIMITED PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS TO RESIDENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,457.13, TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE SAME
7. MOTION TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE IN CASE NUMBER 19 CH 13375 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
8. MOTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT FOR RAILROAD ADVISORY SERVICES FROM JC SZABO & ASSOCIATES, LLC, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
9. 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

**Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ybarra to approve the Consent Agenda with item number 2 “Approve of Voucher Expenditures in the amount of \$1,367,467.26” moved to New Business.**

**Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra.  
Nay – 0, Absent – 1 (Mr. Hagerstrom), Abstain – 0.**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,367,467.26**

*Mr. Johnson stated he had an invoice on the voucher list and therefore could not vote for the Voucher List on the Consent Agenda. (By law he is allowed by law to invoice \$4,000 per physical year)*

**Motion made by Mr. Ybarra, seconded by Ms. Avitia to approve the Voucher List of December 20, 2021**

**Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra.**

**Nay – 0. Absent – 1 (Mr. Hagerstrom), Abstain – 1 (Mr. Johnson)**

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK**

Village Clerk Arellano gave a brief yearly report for the Clerk's Office:

In the year 2021, the Clerk's Office has processed over 700 passports, 163 garage sale registrations, and 283 notaries and has processed over 468 FOIA requests. We have conducted 2 major purges of records and will continue to do so in 2022

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

1. Mr. Pedersen stated that he was invited to attend the Bears game but decline to be present at the Board meeting

**XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. None

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Ms. Special, seconded by Ms. Avitia to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

*Voice vote carried*

**ATTEST**

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April J. Arellano, Village Clerk

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