

**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
MARCH 17, 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 Clerk April J Arellano called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Barrett F Pedersen (Village President),
April J Arellano (Village 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:

Tom Ferris (Commander of Patrol)

Mark Steward (Fire Department Chief)

Frank Gricashamer (Treasurer)

Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director)

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 Clerk declared a quorum was present.

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)**
1. NONE

V. *Appointment of Mark Holmes, as Member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissions*

Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Ybarra to appoint Mark Holmes as Fire and Police Commission member

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

Nay - 0. Absent – Mr. Ybarra Abstain - 0.

VI. RESOLUTION NO. 2425 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS HONORING MICHAEL VALLONE

Motion made by Mr. Avitia and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve "A Resolution of the Village of Franklin Park, Cook County, Illinois Honoring Michael Vallone

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

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT OR FROM SPECIAL EVENTS

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 3 DIG JOBS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED THE LEAD SERVICE LINE AT 3032 ELDER AFTER LEAD DISRUPTION TOOK PLACE DURING A WATER MAIN BREAK
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER CREW JETTING MIDDLE TOWN ON MINNEAPOLIS GOING WEST FROM GUSTAV STREET TO LOUIS STREET, TOTAL: 3,972 FEET AND WATER USED FOR THIS JETTING PROJECT IS 4,832 GALLONS AND THEY ALSO DID THE MIDDLE OF TOWN ON SCHILLER FROM RUBY TO HAWTHORNE TOTAL 3,195 FEET AND WATER USED FOR THIS JETTING PROJECT 4,099 GALLONS. FOR A TOTAL OF 7,167 FEET JETTED AND 8,931 GALLONS OF WATER.
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED 12 FEET OF 6" SANITARY SEWER PIPE AT 2838 PEARL
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REPLACED A MANHOLE AT LINCOLN & FRANKLIN AVENUE AND REPLACE 8 FEET OF 12" PVC AFTER STORM DRAIN COULD NOT BE REBUILT
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED M.E. SIMPSON IS IN TOWN FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS DOING VALVE EXERCISING AND HYDRANT FLUSHING AND METER TESTING TO KEEP UP WITH OUR YEARLY SCHEDULED DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE CREW FLUSHED OUT ALL OUR DEAD-END MAINS IN TOWN TO KEEP UP WITH OUR MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE JETTING CREW ALSO CLEANED OUT 30 MANHOLES IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS.
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED CREWS ALSO FILLED 38 BAGS OF GARAGE CLEANING UP AROUND TOWN SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT
2. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY, 27 OFFICERS FROM OUR DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFFS POLICE EXECUTED A NARCOTIC SEARCH WARRANT AND TRAFFIC STOP OF VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE 100 BLOCK OF GRAND UNINCORPORATED COOK COUNTY WHICH RESULTED IN

THE DISCOVERY OF 7 FIREARMS, 100 GRAMS OF COCAINE, OVER 2000 GRAMS OF PSILOCYBIN (MUSHROOMS) PLANT AND BARS, 15 NITRIOUS OXIDE TANKS, OVER 14, GRAMS OF DELTA 9 ITEM, OVER 1000 GRAMS CANNABIS INFUSED ROLLS, OVER 3,700 GRAMS THC WAX, 5 GRAMS ADDERAL AND OVER \$3,000 USC

3. MR. RUHL REPORTED ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, OFFICERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ASSISTED BY THE BENSENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DUPAGE COUNTY SWAT TEAM EXECUTED A NARCOTIC SEARCH WARRANT IN THE 700 BLOCK OF GEORGE STREET BENSENVILLE. TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WERE TWO MALE SUBJECTS WHO WERE FOUND IN POSSESSION OF TWO FIREARMS 56 GRAMS OF CRYSTAL METH, 8 GRAMS OF COCAINE, AND 17 ALPRAZOLAM PILLS. BOTH SUSPECTS WERE TAKEN TO DUPAGE COUNTY FOR CHARGES AND PROCESSING
4. **STREETS, ALLEYS, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
 1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 2 TRUCKS WERE SENT TO FLEET FOR REPAIRS
 2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 2 NEW EMPLOYEES COMPLETED DRIVER TRAINING
5. **PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, BUILDING, AND TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, (Ms. Special, Chair)**
 1. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED DIRECTOR ANDY SMOLEN SUBMITTED THE IRA GRANT REIMBURSEMENT REPORT ON MARCH 14TH FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$40,577.35 THAT WAS RECEIVED AND APPROVED
 2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE RAISED BED GARDEN BOXES HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY RESIDENTS. THE OLD WOOD WAS REPLACED WITH NEW WOOD BOARDS OVER THE WINTER. PRESENTLY, 10 OF THE 16 BOXES HAVE BEEN RESERVED
 3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING AT RIVER ROAD AND ROBINSON ROAD IS COMPLETE. THE LAND HAS BEEN GRADED AND READY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHIEF ROBINSON NATURE CENTER. PLANTING AND DESIGN SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY MID-MAY
 4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE SPRING TREE PLANTING WILL START IN MID-APRIL
 5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED DEAD TREE REMOVALS STARTED LAST WEEK, PRESENTLY THERE IS A TOTAL OF 14 TREES SCHEDULED FOR REMOVAL
 6. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 86 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 53 BUILDING PERMITS, 5 ELECTRICAL PERMITS 1 SIGN PERMITS, 1 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 4 FIRE PERMITS, AND 1 POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 66 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 7 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 2 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 3 NEW BUSINESSES WERE ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE
 7. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL DID NOT HAVE A REPORT

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED THE FIRST BLOOD DRIVE OF THE YEAR WAS LAST FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025, AND 14 PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO DONATE. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED AND HELPED OUT WITH THE EVENT

VIII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. NONE

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

(Items on the Consent Agenda will be enacted or approved by a single motion or omnibus vote. 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.)

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:
 - (a) THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 03, 2025
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$1,240,232.05
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2425 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE 2025 GRASS CUTTING PROGRAM FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED PROPERTY OWNERS
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2425 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HONORING MICHAEL VALLONE
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2425 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2025 SUMMER YOUTH AND COLLEGE INTERNSHIP WORK PROGRAM
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE FOR 9116 CHESTNUT AVENUE)
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE SEVEN OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (WATER METER SYSTEM)

8. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER EIGHT OF TITLE SEVEN OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (WATER ACCOUNT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS)
9. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK ZONING MAP TO ZONE AND INCLUDE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE DT-3 DOWNTOWN EDGE ZONING DISTRICT THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9490 FRANKLIN AVENUE (ZBA: 25-02)
10. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN JESSE'S LAWN SERVICE AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
11. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN BIUNDO LANDSCAPING AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
12. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN ROSEMONT LANDSCAPING, LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
13. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN PANORAMIC LANDSCAPING LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF A PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR 3311-3333 CHARLES STREET, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS 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 and seconded by Ms. Avitia to approve the Consent Agenda Roll
Call: Ayes - Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Ms. Avitia and
Mr. Ybarra
Nay - 0. Absent - 0. Abstain - Ms. Irene Avitia*

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

Clerk Arellano stated that Early Voting has begun at Village Hall and will continue through March 31, 2025

Clerk Arellano stated the upcoming date for Passport Services at the library will be on Saturday, March 17, 2025, appointments are required

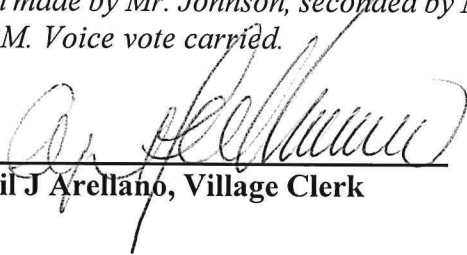
XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:
NONE

XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION
None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST



April J Arellano, Village Clerk