

**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
May 20, 2024**

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) and 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:

Mike Witz (Police Director)

Mark Stewart (Fire Department Chief)

David Gonzalez (Village Comptroller)

Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)

Joe Thomas (Utilities Commissioner)

Nick Weber (Deputy Utilities Commissioner)

Lisa Manzo (Deputy Building Director)

Nick Walny (Community Development and Zoning Director)

Dan Corcoran (IT Director)

Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources)

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. *Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Alen Salkic, as Franklin Park Police Officer*

Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Kimberly Benitez, as Franklin Park Police Officer

Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Melih Ismailov, as Franklin Park Police Officer

VI. Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Ybarra to approve the appointment of the following Auxillary Police Officers for May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025:

ROSIO BARAJAS
YULISSA BECERRA
ANTHONY BROWN
JOSE CABRAL
JOSE CASTILLO
FRANCISCO CORREA
JAMES FLAK
OSCAR GIRON
JORGE HIGAREDA
CHARLES JEDLINK
LUISA PEREZ- GOMEZ
LUIS PLIEGO
BRENDA RODRIGUEZ
ANTHONY SALGADO
BRITNEY SCHIYER
MATT ULIVIERI
EZEQUIEL VALDOVINOS
PAWEL ZACHWIEJA

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

Nay - 0. Absent –0. Abstain - 0.

VII. PRESENTATION ON DOWNTOWN PARK PROPOSAL

Community Development Director Nick Walny and Village Engineer Tom McCabe gave a presentation on the Downtown Park Proposal commonly known as 9601 Franklin Avenue. Directory Nick Walny stated it would be low maintenance, beautify our community and a gateway to downtown Franklin Park and it's local businesses

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE VINTAGE STEAM ENGINE EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS
2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024 AT 11:00AM AT THE VETERAN'S MONUMENT. THIS EVENT IS CO-SPONSORED WITH AMERICAN LEGION POST 974
3. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST WILL BE ON TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 AT 11AM

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 5 WATER MAIN BREAKS, AND 2 LEAD SERVICE LINE WERE REPLACED AFTER DISRUPTION
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REBUILT 3 MANHOLES
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF HAVE A FINAL LIST OF 4 HOUSES SCHEDULED FOR SHUT OFF TOMORROW MORNING MAY 21ST FOR NON-PAYMENT

4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THERE ARE CURRENTLY 500 ESTIMATED METER ACCOUNTS. STAFF IS PLANNING ON HAVING ALL ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS UPGRADED BY THE END OF JUNE
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED M.E. SIMPSON CO. IN TOWN DOING A LEAK SURVEY ON 1/3RD OF THE TOWN AND THEY FOUND 18 LEAKS THAT NEED TO GET ADDRESSED ON OUR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. M.E. SIMPSON ESTIMATED THAT THE VILLAGE IS LOSING 109,000 GALLONS OF WATER A DAY UNTIL THESE LEAKS GET RESOLVED
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS WERE CHECKED AROUND TOWN ON 05/15/24 NO NEW ISSUES
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF HAVE FIXED 1 OUT OF 4 LEAD SERVICES THAT NEED TO GET REPLACED AS OF NOW THIS YEAR
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED CREWS HAD TO DO AN EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR AT FRANKLIN & ATLANTIC AFTER A SINK HOLE SHOWED UP IN THE EAST BOUND LANE ON FRANKLIN AVENUE. ALL REPAIRS ARE COMPLETED, AND THE ROAD HAS BEEN REPAIRED BEFORE OUR UPCOMING FEST
9. MS. AVITIA WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE UTILITIES DEPT. AND ITS 3 DIVISIONS OF STREET, WATER & SEWER, AND FLEET IN RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 19TH- 25TH 2024. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SERVICES YOU PROVIDE FRANKLIN PARK

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

1. MR. RUHL STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
2. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT ON MAY 10TH THE TACTICAL UNIT EXECUTED A NARCOTIC SEARCH WARRANT IN THE 1600 BLOCK OF 1ST AVENUE MELROSE PARK. TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WERE TWO MALES WHO WERE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION AND POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER COCAINE AND MARIJUANA. SEIZED WAS 1 OUNCE OF COCAINE ¾ POUND OF MARIJUANA, 1 GUN AND OVER \$36,000 IN USC
3. MR. RUHL REPORTED DURING A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP TACTICAL OFFICERS DISCOVERED THE DRIVER TO BE IN POSSESSION OF 60 GRAMS CRYSTAL METH, 45 GRAMS COCAINE, 1 HANDGUN AND \$600. THE SUSPECT WAS CHARGED WITH POSSESSION, POSSESSION WITH INTENT AND MANUFACTURING OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
4. MR. RUHL THANKED TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT RAISED \$4,398.00 FOR THE ILLINOIS SPECIAL OLYMPICS COP ON A ROOF FUND RAISER THIS PAST FRIDAY

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 2 TRUCKS WENT TO FLEET FOR REPAIR
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 5 TEMPORARY PATCHES WERE DONE FROM WATER MAIN REPAIRS
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED POT HOLE PATCHING WAS DONE IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED ALL ROUTES AND MAIN STREETS WERE SWEEPED
5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED STAFF REMOVED FENCE, BUSH AND DEBRIS FROM 3057 MANNHEIM ROAD AND DIRT AND GRASS WAS PUT DOWN

6. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 45 YARDS OF WOOD CHIPS WERE HAULED OUT
7. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 1 EMERGENCY TREE REMOVAL WAS COMPLETED, 2 TREE TRIMS, AND BRANCH COLLECTION WAS COMPLETED

5. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, BUILDING, AND TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

(Ms. Special, Chair)

1. ON BEHALF OF DIRECTOR ANDY SMOLEN DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY, FORESTRY, PARKWAYS AND FACILITIES, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED CICADAS HAVE OFFICIALLY EMERGED FROM THE GROUND IN FRANKLIN PARK. THE SCIENCE ABOUT CICADA EMERGENCE IS THAT AREAS WITH A LOT OF LAND WITHOUT BUILDINGS WILL SEE A GREATER CICADA PRESENCE. OTHER THAN THE DONATED TREES THAT WERE PLANTED ON CULLERTON MR. SMOLEN HAS PUSHED BACK ALL TREE PLANTINGS IN FRANKLIN PARK INTO THIS FALL
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE FEDERAL IRA GRANT WAS FINALIZED ON MAY 16TH. THE GRANT IS A NO MATCH GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,770.00
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 140 BALL AND BURLAP TREES WILL BE PURCHASED AND PLANTED IN THE WMRA AREA. THE WMRA AREA IS ONE OF THE NEEDIEST COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGION BECAUSE IT LACKS TREE CANOPY, THE HIGHER HEAT ISLAND EFFECT AND HAS A SHORTAGE OF GREENSPACE. RESIDENTS OF SIMILAR COMMUNITIES SUFFER MORE HEALTH PROBLEMS DUE TO POLLUTION FROM HEAVILY TRAVELED ROADWAYS
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ALL ENTRY WAY SIGNS, AND VILLAGE PLANTERS WERE PLANTED LAST WEEK
5. MS. SPECIAL THANKED FRANKLIN PARK RESIDENT THOMAS THORNE FROM THE 2900 BLOCK OF EMERSON. THOMAS DONATED TO THE VILLAGE SWAMP MILKWEED IN WHICH WAS PLANTED THE MILKWEED IN TWO UNUSED GARDEN BOXES WEST OF VILLAGE HALL
6. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED MWRA REPRESENTATIVES ARE HAPPY WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE PACIFIC AVENUE POLLINATOR GARDENS
7. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 126 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 114 BUILDING PERMITS, 11 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 2 SIGN PERMITS, 4 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 3 FIRE PERMITS, 1 CAFÉ PERMIT, AND NO POD PERMITS WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 135 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 20 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 2 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND NO NEW BUSINESSES WERE ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE
8. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF HOSTED AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON MAY 9TH WITH THE COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NIMS, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SPECIALIZES IN WORKFORCE TRAINING IN MANUFACTURING. THE MEETING FOCUSED ON THE GOOD JOBS CHALLENGE, A GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL OFFER ON THE JOB TRAINING SOLUTIONS FOR MANUFACTURERS IN OUR REGION. ANY MANUFACTURING

EMPLOYERS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

9. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF PARTICIPATED IN A FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION HOSTED BY THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA). THE FOCUS GROUP CONSISTED OF LEADERS FROM COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT NORTHERN ILLINOIS WITH REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES LIKE METRA AND PACE. FINDINGS FROM THIS DISCUSSION WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RTA'S TRANSIT FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES GUIDE WHICH AIMS TO SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE, AND EDUCATE DECISION-MAKERS ON STRATEGIES THAT MAKE COMMUNITIES MORE TRANSIT-FRIENDLY AND EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT NEAR CTA, METRA AND PACE STATIONS AND ROUTES

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024 FROM 3-7PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

IX. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Tom McCabe (Village Engineer) stated the projects for the year are on tonight's agenda for consideration

X. 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 MAY 06, 2024
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 1,973,246.65
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2425 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN RES ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATING COMPANY AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR OFFSITE STORMWATER MITIGATION

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONSULTING AND SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE JORDAN GROUP AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 Z
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUBDIVISION OF THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9501 FRANKLIN AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (ZBA: 24-05)
7. MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SONNENSCHNEIN GROUPE, OAKBROOK TERRACE, ILLINOIS, TO ASSIST THE VILLAGE IN THE PROCESSING OF ANY SETTLEMENT CLASS CLAIM AS PART OF THE PAYMENT CARD INTERCHANGE FEE AND MERCHANT DISCOUNT ANTITRUST LITIGATION AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
8. MOTION TO APPROVE DENTAL, VISION, VOLUNTARY LIFE, SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES WITH METLIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025, AND AUTHORIZE THE REQUIRED OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
9. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM SMITH LASALLE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS, FOR AN ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS STUDY FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$81,300.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
10. MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM SAINT GERTRUDE PARISH TO PROCEED ON ATLANTIC STREET, SCHILLER BOULEVARD, GUSTAVE STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET FOR THEIR ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024 FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 PM AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF POLICE TO PROVIDE A POLICE ESCORT

*Motion made by Mr. Ybarra and seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom 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 - 0.*

XI. NEW BUSINESS
NONE

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

Clerk Arellano briefly went over the Clerk's yearly report for April 2024, 72 passports were processed, 37 photos taken, 44 FOIA requests completed, and 47 notaries performed

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Mayor Pedersen reported he attended a press conference at Elmhurst University to urge legislatures to consider and address the impact on the communities of the proposal to eliminate the grocery tax

XIV. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION
NONE

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST



April J. Arellano, Village Clerk