

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
JUNE 15, 2020**

MEETING MODIFICATION DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR PRITZKER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07, DATED MARCH 16, 2020, WHICH SUSPENDS THE REQUIREMENT OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PERTAINING TO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC BODY DURING THE DURATION OF THE GUBERNATORIAL DISASTER PROCLAMATION, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING THROUGH AUDIO ACCESS TECHNOLOGY. THE MEETING ROOM REMAINED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC WAS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING. ALL PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING PRACTICED APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING. AS GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-10, DATED MARCH 20, 2020, AND CDC GUIDELINES, REQUIRE THAT NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED IN THE BOARD ROOM AT ANY ONE TIME. THE PUBLIC WAS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING TO VILLAGE CLERK ROBERTA JOHNSON AT RJOHNSON@VOFP.COM.

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 Deputy Clerk April J. Arellano called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Roberta Johnson, Village Clerk; April J. Arellano, Deputy Clerk, Joe Montana, Village Attorney, Mr. Ruhl, Trustee.

Present Via Telecommunications: President Pedersen, Trustees Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra

The Village Deputy Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Staff Members Present Via Telecommunication: Bill Brehm (Fire Chief), Pete Cajigas (Director, Department of Building), Frank Grieashamer (Treasurer), Joe Lauro (Utilities Director), John Schneider (Community Development Director), Mike Witz (Police Department Director), Tom McCabe, (Engineer Consultants for Smith LaSalle)

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

1. None (*Public was also give the opportunity to submit comments to the Village Clerk via email to be read at the meeting, none were received*)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THAT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 21 WILL BE HELD ON JULY 13, THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY BEGINNING JUNE 25, 2020 AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE**

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

- 1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT STAFF HAS STARTED CLEANING THE SILVER CREEK SIDES AND BANKS AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF WEEK**
- 2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT THE CLEARING PUMP STATION AND THE JACK B. WILLIAMS PUMP STATION LOST POWER FOR 15 HOURS BUT ARE BACK AND RUNNING**
- 3. MS. AVITIA STATED THAT THERE WERE 2 MAIN BREAKS, AND 1 WATER MAIN VALVE REPLACED**
- 4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT M.E. SIMPSON FOUND 16 MINOR LEAKS**
- 5. MS. AVITIA STATED THAT ITEM NUMBER 4 ON THE AGENDA IS A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR G.I.S SUPPORT, THIS IS IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO MEET WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS CONVERNING ELECTRONICALLY MAPPING OUR WATER SYSTEMS, LEAD AND COPPER LINES**

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

- 1. MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT ON JUNE 3, A MALE SUBJECT BROKE INTO A BUSINESS REMOVING LOTTERY TICKETS. OFFICIERS RESPONDED AND IN SHORT TIME TOOK THE SUSPECT INTO CUSTODY. THE SUSPECT GAVE AN ADMISSION SAYING THAT HE SAW HOW TO BREAK A WINDOW WITH A HAMMER FROM A RECENT LOOTING ON TV AND WANTED TO GIVE IT A TRY**
- 2. MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT ON MAY 21, A 76 YEAR OLD RESIDENT WAS SCAMMED BY SEVERAL MALE SUBJECTS; THEY TOLD HIM HE HAD AN ISSUE WITH SEEPAGE. THE MALE SUBJECTS STOLE \$2,000 USC FROM THE RESIDENT. DETECTIVES WERE ABLE TO RETURN THE STOLEN MONEY TO THE ELDERLY RESIDENT**
- 3. MR. RUHL REPORTED THAT ON JUNE 7, OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A MALE SUBJECT WHO WAS HOLDING AN AXE AND A KNIFE. OFFICERS WERE ABLE TO DEPLOY THEIR TASER AND ABLE TO TAKE THE SUBJECT TO THE HOSPITAL FOR EVALUATION**

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

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- 1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED ON THE HARD WINDS THIS PAST WEEK. THE STREETS DEPARTMENT DID A GREAT JOB PICKING UP BRANCHES. 12 FULL TREES WERE LOST, 5 PARTIAL TREES AND 4 TREES REMOVED. OVER 82 PHONE CALLS FOR DOWN TREES, LIMBS OR BRANCHES**
- 2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THAT STREET DIVISION STARTED STREET SWEEPING AND BRANCH PICK UP AND WILL CONTINUE ON THEIR NORMAL SCHEDULE**
- 3. MR. YBARRA STATED THAT FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PLANTED THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, COMPLETING FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND AVENUE AND MOST OF ROSE STREET**
- 4. MR. YBARRA STATED THAT ITEM NUMBER 05 ON THE AGENDA IS A CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR PHASE 3 AND 4 FOR REUTER'S SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE AND THE VILLAGE**
- 5. MR. YBARRA STATED THAT NUMBER 07 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA IS A PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT FOR BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE ENGINEERING AND THE VILLAGE FOR KING STREET**
- 6. MR. YBARRA STATED THAT JOE LAURO, DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES MET WITH THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER, CYNTHIA PEREZ AND COMPTROLLER, DAVID GONZALEZ TO WORK ON OPERATIONAL AS WELL AS CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**

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

- 1. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THAT STAFF HAS SUBMITTED A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ACCESS TO TRANSIT PROGRAM. THE PROPOSAL IS FOR BICYCLE PEDISTRIAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL ALLOW SAFER ACCESS TO DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN PARK, METRA STATIONS, BUS STOPS, DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL AND THE VILLAGE'S INDUSTRIAL AREA**
- 2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT STAFF HELD A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING ON JUNE 10 TO HELP CLEAR BACK LOGGED CASES CAUSED BY COVID-19 AND THE VILLAGE BEING CLOSED. ZONING CASES ARE NOW UP TO DATE AND ON THEIR REGULAR SCHEDULE**
- 3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT STAFF IS PREPARING AN APPLICATION FOR THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM. THE PROPOSAL IS REQUESTING FUNDS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE AMERICA IN BLOOM GRANT WHICH PROMOTES BEAUTIFICATION THROUGH EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND HIGHLIGHTING VILLAGES LANDSCAPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS**

4. **MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ON THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT THAT 26 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 107 PERMITS, 10 PROPERTY CLOSES, 2 BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 1 OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE AWARDED**
- F. HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE (Mr. Hagerstrom, Chair)**
1. **MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED THAT THE MAST DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS, 351 CARS CAME THROUGH. IF ANY RESIDENT WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, THEY CAN CONTACT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO RECEIVE THEIR MASKS**
- VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**
1. **UTILITY DIRECTOR JOE LAURO GAVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO DAFNE, LISA, ROBERTA, MIKE WITZ, AND THE TRUSTEES FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PUTTING THE MASK DISTRIBUTION TOGETHER**
- 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 Deputy Clerk April Arellano read aloud public recital of Consent Agenda items
1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:
 (REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 01, 2020**
 2. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,661,143.74**
 3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 VC
 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ENTERTAINMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
 4. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G
 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR GIS SUPPORT BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PHASE THREE AND FOUR OF THE REUTER SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS SUPPORTING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND APPROVING AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PROTECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE AND PROVIDING RELIEF TO THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES FOR KING STREET IMPROVEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 Z**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR AN “EDUCATIONAL SERVICE” USE WITHIN THE C-2-1 COMMUNITY SHOPPING DISTRICT (ZBA 20-01: 10035 GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 304)

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 Z**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILALGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR AN “UNDERTAKING ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNERAL PARLOR” USE WITHIN THE C-2-1 COMMUNITY SHOPPING DISTRICT (ZBA 20-03: 10300 GRAND AVENUE)

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 Z**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A “MACHINE SHOP” USE WITHIN THE I-1 RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 20-04: 3519 MARTENS STREET)

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Avitia to approve the Consent agenda.
 Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra.
 Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING IN

1. NONE

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

DEPUTY CLERK ARELLANO REMINDED EVERYONE THE VILLAGE BOARD WILL BE MEETING ONCE A MONTH FOR REGULAR MEETING DURING SUMMER: JULY 13TH AND AUGUST 10TH

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. PRESIDENT PEDERSEN STATED THAT HE HAD A PRODUCTIVE CONVERSATION WITH FATHER LARRY SULLIVAN WITH THE CHICAGO CATHOLIC CEMETARIES WITH REGARDS TO THE 2020 EASEMENT TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL. THERE IS NO REAL ALTERNATIVE BETWEEN BELMONT AND THE METRA TRACKS EXCEPT GETTING THE 20 FOOT EASEMENT WITHOUT SPENDING 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO ELEVATE THE PATH ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE DES PLAINES RIVER

2. PRESIDENT PEDERSEN STATED THAT THERE IS A WEBSITE THAT PROVIDES THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BEFORE COVID-19 AND AFTER IN AREAS THAT ARE AT THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY OR THE WEST END OF THE COUNTY UP TO NORTH AVENUE. HE ASKED THE ASSESSOR IF HE COULD GENERATE THE NUMBERS FOR AREAS THAT ARE NORTH OF NORTH AVENUE AVAILABLE

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ybarra to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

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

Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

ATTEST


Roberta Johnson, Village Clerk

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