

**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 18, 2023**

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 special 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, Mr. Ybarra and Mr. Hagerstrom

Department Heads:

Mark Stewart (Fire Department Chief), Robert Jenson (Commander of Investigations), Dan Corcoran (IT Director), Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources), Nick Walny (Deputy Director of Community Development), Nick Weber (Sewer & Water Division Supervisor), Tom McCabe (Village Engineer), Dave Gonzalez (Village Comptroller) and Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Trustee Avitia joined the meeting at 7:02 PM

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

1. Resident Donna Salemi expressed her concerns over her high water bill

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON STATED VILLAGE COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL BRIEFLY GO OVER THE TAX LEVY ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION DURING STAFF REPORTS

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 3 WATER MAIN BREAKS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 1 SMALL LEAK AT 3145 MANNHEIM
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS WERE CHECKED AROUND TOWN ON 12/13/23 WITH NO NEW ISSUES TO REPORT
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 2 SEWER BACK-UP, BOTH PRIVATE ISSUES
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED VACTOR TRUCK 211 ASSISTED IN 3 HYDRO EXCAVATION JOBS TO REPAIR 2 MAIN BREAKS AND 1 SERVICE IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THERE WAS A 59-METER UPGRADE AND 5 APPOINTMENTS FOR LEAKS AND STAFF IS CONTINUING TO DOOR TAG ESTIMATED METER ACCOUNTS
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SINCE DECEMBER 1ST THERE HAS BEEN 2 RAIN EVENTS TOTALING 1.25" OF RAIN WITH NO REPORTS OF ANY FLOODING. STAFF HAD ALL THE STREET DRAINS CHECKED AND CLEARED OF ANY DEBRIS DURING THESE RAIN EVENTS
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED CREWS PICKED UP GARBAGE AT ALL VILLAGE PROPERTIES AND PARKWAYS

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

1. MR. RUHL REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE STREET SWEEPERS WENT TO FLEET FOR REPAIRS
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 4 SIGNS INSTALLED, 36 TREE TRIMS AND 4 TREE REMOVALS
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 1 DEAD ANIMAL WAS PICKED UP AND 1 HOMELESS CAMP WAS CLEANED UP

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

(Ms. Special, Chair)

1. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED SUSTAINABILITY, FORESTRY, PARKWAYS AND FACILITIES DIRECTOR ANDY SMOLEN HAS SUBMITTED THE TREE CITY USA CERTIFICATION AND THE BEE CITY USA CERTIFICATION THIS WEEK
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED MR. SMOLEN WILL HAVE A ZOOM MEETING WITH THE MORTON ARBORETUM AND THE CHICAGO LAND REGION TREE INITIATIVE TO REVIEW PROJECTS FOR MARCH 2024 IRA GRANT
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF PLANS TO PRUNE TREES FROM WEST OF SCOTT STREET UP TO LINCOLN STREET AND GRAND AVENUE NORTH TO FULLERTON AVENUE
4. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MET TO REVIEW AND MAKE

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TWO TEXT AMENDMENTS. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE AMENDMENTS ARE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA TONIGHT

5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF HAD A KICKOFF MEETING WITH METRO STRATEGIES GROUP AND THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY TO DISCUSS THE VILLAGE'S CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN. FRANKLIN PARK WAS ONE OF FIVE MUNICIPALITIES SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN COOK COUNTY'S CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLANNING FOR COMMUNITIES PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM WAS ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS YEAR AND WILL HELP OUR COMMUNITIES ADDRESS THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDES A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PLANNING AND PRIORITIZATION PROCESS IN WHICH WILL SET GOALS AND IDENTIFY PROJECTS TO BOLSTER RESILIENCY
6. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 25 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 26 BUILDING PERMITS, 8 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 2 SIGN PERMIT, 1 DUMPSTER PERMIT, 2 FIRE PERMITS, AND 0 POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 39 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 15 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 3 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 2 NEW BUSINESS WAS ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM STATED "THE LIGHT UP FRANKLIN PARK" CONTEST ENDED AND PHOTOS OF THOSE WHO ENTERED WILL BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT MONTH, THANK YOU ALL WHO PARTICIPATED

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Deputy Community Development Director Nick Walny introduced representatives of Digital Grand Avenue 3, LLC, who went over the development summary for 2425-2553 Edgington. 425-2553 Edgington will be demolished and redeveloped into a two-story data center. Digital estimates 150 construction jobs and 30 full-time jobs will be created as a result of the project
2. Village Comptroller David Gonzalez briefly went over items number 9, 10, 11 for consideration on the consent agenda, which included the Tax Levy

VII. 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, DECEMBER 04, 2023

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$ 3,975,292.90
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2324 R
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATION BY DIGITAL GRAND AVENUE 3, LLC FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 2425 – 2553 EDGINGTON STREET, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 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)
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6F-8 OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ELIMINATE THE HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE AT 2830 EMERSON STREET
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 VC
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 9-10-3(G) OF THE ZONING CODE REGARDING BARBED WIRE RESTRICTIONS AND PUBLIC UTILITY FENCE REQUIREMENTS (ZBA: 23-11)
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 VC
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTIONS 9-13-2 AND 9-13-7 OF THE ZONING CODE REGULATING SIGNS AND AWNINGS (ZBA: 23-10)
8. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 VC
AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS A BEE CITY USA AFFILIATE AND AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK TO ESTABLISHING A BEE CITY USA COMMITTEE
9. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2023 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$3,335,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2014B OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
10. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2023 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$8,880,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2016A OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

11. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024
12. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, AFL-CIO, CLC, LOCAL 1526 EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025
13. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR UNSCHEDULED INTERCITY BUSES, AND THE DISCHARGE OF PASSENGERS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK
14. ORDINANCE NO. 2324 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO THE PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT
15. MOTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE RENEWAL OF THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2023, TO NOVEMBER 30, 2024, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$877.00 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 Mr. Hagerstrom to approve the Consent Agenda
Roll Call: Ayes - Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Ms., Avitia
Nay - 0. Absent – Mr. Ybarra Abstain - 0.*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

NONE

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

1. Mayor Pedersen wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year

XI. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need for Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of certain Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Closed under the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

Motion made by Mr. Ybarra, seconded by Mr. Johnson to go into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. for “Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees 5

ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of certain Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Closed under the Open Meetings Act,5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)”

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

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:07 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 Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 8:09pm. Voice vote carried.

ATTEST _____
April J Arellano, Village Clerk