

**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  
September 16, 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),  
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)**

**Dave 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 (HR and Operations Director)**

**Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)**

**The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.**

**IV. *Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Craig Burmeister as Fire Department Battalion Chief of Franklin Park***

**V. *Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Bart Borowiec as Fire Department Lieutenant of Franklin Park***

**VI. *Village Clerk Arellano administered the oath of office to Brendan McManus as Firefighter/Paramedic of Franklin Park***

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

1. Ms. Nafia Khan of Progress Center of Independent Living gave a brief presentation of what the organization does for the community. The Progress Center is an advocacy and service organization governed and staffed by a majority of people with disabilities. They directly assist individuals with all types of disabilities to achieve their self-determined goals
2. Ms. Khan also had suggestions to make village meetings accessible to everyone such as ASL interpreters, and live streaming

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE EDDIE BIUNDO FALL FEST PARADE WILL BE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6. THE LINE UP BEGINS AT NOON AT GRAND AND SCOTT, AND THE PARADE BEGINS AT 1PM

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 2 WATER MAIN BREAKS AND 6 LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENTS AFTER DISRUPTION
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF REBUILT 4 MANHOLES/ STREET DRAINS
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER DIVISION INSPECTED 44 MANHOLES AND STREET DRAINS, THE ELEVATED TANK AT 10771 FRANKLIN IS MOVING ALONG AND USG WATER SOLUTIONS IS ABOUT 2 WEEKS INTO THE RESTORATION OF THE TANK, THE PROJECT SHOULD TAKE ANOTHER 4 WEEKS TO COMPLETE WEATHER PENDING
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS CHECKED AROUND TOWN ON 10/3/24 NO NEW ISSUES.
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED OUR SEWER DIVISION RECEIVED A BRAND NEW 2025 VACTOR
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SCHILLER PROJECT THE CONTRACTOR ONLY HAS 5 SERVICES LEFT TO PUT ON THE NEW WATER MAIN. THEY ALSO STILL MUST TIE IN THE GUSTAV MAIN AND CALWAGNER MAIN INTO THE NEW MAIN ON SCHILLER. CURRENTLY THERE ARE 21 LEAD SERVICES TO UPGRADE TO COPPER ON THE PROJECT
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE GRASS CREW CUT GRASS AT 43 VILLAGE LOCATIONS

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT
2. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE THEIR OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT STATION2 BEGINGING AT 11 AM

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE FLEET DEPARTMENT WORKED 167 HOURS IN MAINTENANCE AND 113 HOURS IN REPAIRS
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 2 TRUCKS AND A PAYLOADER WERE SENT TO FLEET FOR REPAIRS
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE MIDDLE OF TOWN WAS POTHOLE PATCHED AND 3 TONS OF MATERIALS WERE USED
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 MESSAGE BOARDS WERE INSTALLED IN WMRA AS PART OF THE TREE INITIATIVE GRANT
5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED BRANCH COLLECTION WAS COMPLETED AND 2 TREES WERE TRIMMED
6. MR. YBARRA ALL ROUTES AND MAIN STREETS WERE SWEEPED, 40 LOADS OF WOOD CHIPS WERE HAULED OUT, AND THE TEN 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANNERS WERE HUNG UP FOR EAST LEYDEN

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

**(Ms. Special, Chair)**

1. ON BEHALF OF SUSTAINABILITY, FORESTRY, PARKWAYS AND FACILITIES DIRECTOR, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED TONIGHT, DIRECTOR ANDY SMOLEN ATTENDED THE MORTON ARBORETUM'S ANNUAL AWARD NIGHT CELEBRATION. THE FRANKLIN PARK TREE BOARD/BEE BOARD IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE TREE ADVOCATE AWARD. FRANKLIN PARK IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE HARD WORKING AND DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING SO MUCH ASSISTANCE WITH MOVING THE VILLAGE FORWARD INTO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. THE MEMBERS ARE, RAMONA MICHEAL, JOAN AMBO SYLVIA NOTH, LES GRAHN, MARY SMOLEN, KATARINA MODRICH, KAYLA FAHEY AND MONIKA SURYVYCH
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE TREE BOARD/BEE BOARD WILL BE HOSTING A COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH ON THE 9800 AND 9900 BLOCKS OF FRANKLIN AVENUE. THE BOARD WILL HOST AN INFORMATION BEE EVENT ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 3RD AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF FRANKLIN PARK. THE EVENT STARTS AT 5:00. THE BOARD WILL BE HOSTING A TREE PLANTING KICKOFF EVENT ON OCTOBER 5TH AT JAMES PARK. THE EVENT STARTS AT 12:00. THE BOARD WILL BE HOSTING A GREEN EVENT ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM LOCATED AT 9451 BELMONT. THE EVENT STARTS AT 1:00. THIS EVENT WILL COVER VARIOUS SUSTAINABLE ISSUES
3. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 76 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 85 BUILDING PERMITS, 11 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 3 SIGN PERMITS, 5 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 4 FIRE PERMITS, AND 0 POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 108 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 11 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 5 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 1 NEW BUSINESS WAS ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE
4. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED, MAYOR PEDERSEN AND VILLAGE STAFF HOSTED CONGRESSMAN CHUY GARCIA ON A TOUR OF THE SCHILLER BLVD IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT. THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHILLER BLVD INCLUDES THE INTRODUCTION OF VITAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, ENSURING THAT FAMILIES WILL HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE, CLEAN WATER. THE PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT CONGRESSMAN GARCIA'S SUPPORT

5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MET FOR THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 4TH. WITH NO CASES ON THE AGENDA THIS MONTH, STAFF PROVIDED A PRESENTATION REGARDING APPROVAL AUTHORITIES AND PROCESSES FOR ZONING APPLICATIONS IN FRANKLIN PARK

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 20 FROM 3PM TO 7PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED SHRED DAY WILL BE ON OCTOBER 5 FROM 10 AM TO 2PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
3. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE SENIOR HEALTH FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 18 FROM 10AM – 2PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, SECRETARY OF STATE, OSCO FOR FLU AND COVID VACCINES AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**IX. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Gonzalez briefly announced the fiscal year 2022 has been completed and filed with the State and the fiscal year 2023 is expected to be completed in December

**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 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$3,227,453.64

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE A OF CHAPTER NINE OF TITLE SEVEN OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGARDING THE FEE IN-LIEU OF STORMWATER DETENTION

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6A-3 OF ARTICLE A OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESIGNATING THE SOUTHERN MOST PORTION OF WASHINGTON STREET ADJACENT TO GRAND AVENUE A TWO-WAY STREET

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (IT DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT)

6. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM BAXTER & WOODMAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS, FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL DESIGN, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND BIDDING DOCUMENTS FOR THE BELMONT AVENUE AND EDGINGTON STREET SIGNAL MODIFICATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,775.30 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM H & H ELECTRIC COMPANY, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS, FOR THE CROWN ROAD AND HOUSTON STREET ELECTRIC METER RELOCATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,755.25 TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

8. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM CWF RESTORATION, ELMHURST, ILLINOIS, FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL AND REMEDIATION SERVICES AT 3107 MAPLE STREET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,425.00 TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS 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 - 0.*

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**  
NONE

**XII. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**  
None

**XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

A PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DECLARING SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2024, AS NATIONAL SEE TRACKS? THINK TRAIN WEEK

**XIV. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need for Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5),

Motion made by Mr. Ybarra, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to go into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. for “Pending Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), and Probable or Imminent Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)”

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

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 7:48 P.M.

Village Clerk, April Arellano, stated to let the record reflect that all members returned. No action was taken in Closed Session

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made by Mr. Ruhl, seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Voice vote carried.*

**ATTEST**

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**April J Arellano, Village Clerk**