

**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  
November 18, 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,  
Mr. Ybarra, Ms. Avitia and Mr. Hagerstrom

**Department Heads:**

**Mike Witz (Police Director)**

**Mark Stewart (Fire Chief)**

**Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)**

**Joe Thomas (Utilities Commissioner)**

**Nick Weber (Deputy Utilities Commissioner)**

**Nick Walny (Director of Community Development and Zoning)**

**Lisa Anthony (HR and Operations Director)**

**Tom McCabe (Village Engineer)**

**Dafne Henriquez (Assistant Village Engineer)**

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

**IV.** *Ms. Avitia and Ms. Special presented certificates to winners of the Best Halloween Decorations Contest, which included:*

*1<sup>st</sup> 2921 Rose Street – Debbie Kaft Family*

*2<sup>nd</sup> 2801 Elder Lane – Kim Morales Family*

*3<sup>rd</sup> 3224 Ernest Street – Reyes Garcia Family*

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

1. NONE

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THAT THE VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE WAS SUCCESSFUL, 5 ADDITIONAL VETERANS WERE ADDED TO THE MEMORIAL
2. MR. JOHNSON REMINDED EVERYONE THE CPKC HOLIDAY TRAIN IS ROLLING INTO FRANKLIN PARK ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>. IT WILL ARRIVE AT 6:45PM. THE LIBRARY WILL BE HANDING OUT BOOKS AND PLEASE BRING AN ITEM FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 3 DIG JOBS AND DISTRIBUTION REPAIRS AROUND TOWN
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF TAGGED 97 ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS LAST WEEK, CURRENTLY HAVE 129 ACCOUNTS TO UPGRADE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 19 DIRT STOP RESTORATIONS FROM PAST DIG JOBS, SEWER DIVISION INSPECTED 15 MANHOLES AND STREET DRAINS.
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE ELEVATED TANK AT 10771 FRANKLIN AVE HAS COMPLETED AND PASTED ALL THE SAMPLING PROCESS AND IS BACK IN SERVICE
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAGE 2 TTHM'S AND HHA SAMPLES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND SHIPPED TO THE LAB FOR THE 4 SET OF THIS YEAR
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS CHECKED AROUND TOWN ON 11/13/24 NO NEW ISSUES
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER CREW JETTED AND CLEANED THE SEWERS ON 2400-2500 LINCOLN, 3519 BRITTA FOR A TOTAL OF 665 FEET.
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT IN THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER ESI WILL BE REPLACING THE MAIN GENERATOR AT THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED ALL OF THE UTILITIES STAFF COMPLETED CONFINED SPACE TRAINING LAST WEEK AND HARASSMENT TRAINING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE UTILITIES STAFF NEXT MONTH TO COMPLETE THIS YEAR'S TRAINING SCHEDULE

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

1. MR. RUHL STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FOR EITHER THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE STREET DIVISION, MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 TRUCKS WERE TAKEN TO FLEET FOR REPAIR, THE POTHOLES IN THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN WERE PATCHED, 11 UTILITY CUTS WERE HOT PATCHED, 5 SIGNS WERE REPLACED AND CREWS STARTED TREE PLANTING
2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED ALL ROUTES WERE SWEEPED, CREWS ATTENDED CONFINED SPACE TRAINING AND 1 FLY DUMB WAS PICKED UP

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

**(Ms. Special, Chair)**

1. MS. SPECIAL DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FOR THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
2. MS. SPECIAL STATED THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DID NOT HAVE A REPORT
3. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED FERRERO HOSTED VILLAGE STAFF ON A TOUR OF THEIR PLANT IN FRANKLIN PARK. FERRERO IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS TO REDEVELOP A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THEIR PRODUCTION FLOOR AS THEY LOOK TO INTRODUCE NEW INNOVATIONS. FERRERO'S FRANKLIN PARK PLANT CURRENTLY PRODUCES BUTTERFINGER AND BABY RUTH PRODUCTS. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE THEM AS COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN FRANKLIN PARK
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MET ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> TO DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED METRO STRATEGIES GROUP AND THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY HOSTED AN OPEN HOUSE EXPO ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 FOR FRANKLIN PARK'S CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN. THIS EVENT ALLOWED PARTICIPANTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE WHILE ALSO PROVIDING A PLATFORM FOR RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON ALL THINGS RELATED TO CLIMATE RESILIENCY. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE FINAL BLOOD DRIVE FOR THE YEAR WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 13, FROM 3PM TO 7PM
2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED A SAVE THE DATE FOR THE TREE LIGHTING EVENT AT THE STREET DEPARTMENT'S GARAGE ON DECEMBER 05, 2024 FROM 6-8PM

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

1. Community Development and Zoning director Nick Walny gave an update on the status of two lots located on Grand Avenue

**VIII. 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 NOVEMBER 04, 2024

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:  
\$1,392,301.28
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER FOUR OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGARDING BICYCLES, MOTORIZED BICYCLES AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G  
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE 2025–2026 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM BY AND BETWEEN BAXTER & WOODMAN, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DETERMINING THE ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A LETTER OF INTENT WITH VME DEVELOPMENT TO PURCHASE AND DEVELOP TWO VILLAGE OWNED VACANT LOTS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 10500 WEST GRAND AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING SALARY SCHEDULES AND OTHER COMPENSATION
8. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 Z  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A “RECEPTION FACILITY” AT A RESTAURANT IN THE C-2 COMMUNITY SHOPPING DISTRICT (ZBA 24-10: 9755 GRAND AVENUE)
9. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND RATIFY THE PROPOSAL FROM RMV ROOFING SOLUTIONS, ELK GROVE VILLAGE, ILLINOIS, FOR A NEW ROOF ON THE KING STREET WATER PUMP STATION LOCATED AT 11030 KING STREET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$149,250.00, 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

10. MOTION TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT IN WHITE V. VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, CASE NUMBER 2022-CV-04210 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
11. MOTION TO APPROVE A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH RESIMPLIFI, INCORPORATED, TO ADVERTISE AND UPDATE AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME
12. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM TWO JS INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED, ELK GROVE VILLAGE, ILLINOIS, FOR TUCKPOINTING AND REPAIRS ON THE STREET DIVISION GARAGE AT 9501 BELMONT AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,450.00, 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
13. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,400.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO COMPLETE A DRAINAGE INVESTIGATION AND IMPROVEMENT STUDY 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. Ybarra 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.*

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. NONE

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**

Clerk Arellano reported 4,500 voters came through Village Hall for early voting.

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**


NONE

**XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
NONE

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:26 PM. Voice vote carried.*

ATTEST

  
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April J. Arellano, Village Clerk