

**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 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 (*walked into session at 7:03PM*) Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra, Ms. Avitia and Mr. Hagerstrom

Department Heads:

Mike Witz (Police Director)

Mark Steward (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)

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 administered the oath of office to K9 Officer Vili as Franklin Park K9 Police Officer*

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED COMPTROLLER DAVID GONZALEZ WILL GO OVER FINANCIALS DURING STAFF REPORTS

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

1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 9 MAIN BREAKS
2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED STAFF ARE DOOR TAGGING & MAILING LETTERS BECAUSE THERE ARE 125 ACCOUNTS STILL ON THE OLD ACLARA NETWORK THAT NEED TO BE UPGRADED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE ADDRESSES THAT ARE TAGGED WILL HAVE UNTIL JANUARY 31ST TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THIS YEAR WE HAVE REPLACED 28 LEAD SERVICES AFTER THE LINE HAS BEEN DISRUPTED. ADDITIONALLY, OVER 30 LEAD SERVICES HAVE BEEN REPLACED THIS YEAR ON THE SCHILLER PROJECT PHASE 2
4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED A SEWER BACK-UP ON THE 2600 BLOCK OF WESTBROOK AND THE SEWER DEPARTMENT JETTED 310 FEET TO GET SEWER CLEANED OUT, SEWER DIVISION INSPECTED 82 SANITARY MANHOLES AND STREET DRAINS
5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED A ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE KING STREET PUMPING STATION WILL START MID-MARCH WEATHER PENDING
6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED 60 LOCATIONS FOR LEAD SAMPLING APPROVED BY THE IEPA FOR SAMPLING TO START IN SPRING OF 2025
7. MS. AVITIA REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS CHECKED AROUND TOWN ON 12/11/24 NO NEW ISSUES
8. MS. AVITIA REPORTED ESI HAS THE NEW GENERATOR INSTALLED AT THE PUMP HOUSE WITH A START DATE OF WEDNESDAY 12/18/24 AND STAFF WILL RECEIVE TRAINING ON THE NEW UNIT ON THURSDAY 12/19.
9. MS. AVITIA REPORTED GRAFFITI WAS REMOVED AT 2 LOCATIONS

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

1. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, THE DEPARTMENT REPONDED TO 339 SERVICE CALLS
2. MR. RUHL REPORTED FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC DENNIS MOSSUTO WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE FRANKLI PARK MANILA CLUB AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 974 AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2024 FIGHTERFIGHTER OF THE YEAR
3. MR. RUHL REPORTED ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED 2690 CALLS FOR SERVICE, 56 ARRESTS, 378 STATE CITATIONS ISSUED, 45 LOCAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS ISSUED, 791 PARKING TICKETS ISSUED AND 462 TRAFFIC/PEDESTRIAN STOPS
4. MR. RUHL CONGRATULATED OFFICE BUCARO AND K9 OFFICER VILI ON THEIR SWEARING IN

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

1. ON BEHALF OF FLEET, MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE UTILITIES HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF HOURS OF REPAIRS AT 101 HOURS
2. ON BEHALF OF STREET DEPARTMENT, MR. YBARRA REPORTED STAFF HAVE FINISHED FINAL REPAIRS AND PREPARATION ON THE SNOW EQUIPMENT
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED POTHOLES ON THE EAST SIDE AND MIDDLE OF THE VILLAGE HAVE BEEN PATCHED
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 7 SIGNS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED

5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED STREET SWEEPING WAS COMPLETED AND HAS ENDED FOR THE SEASON
6. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 3 ANIMAL PICK UPS AND STAFF WORKED ON THE TREE LIGHTING PREPARATIONS

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

(Ms. Special, Chair)

1. ON BEHALD OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE FALL TREE PLANTING SEASON IS COMPLETE WITH A TOTAL OF 214 DIVERSIFIED SPECIES OF TREES PLANTED THROUGHOUT FRANKLIN PARK . 81 TREES WERE PLANTED IN THE WMRA NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH WAS PART OF THE FEDERAL IRA GRANT AWARD.
2. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 54 TREES WERE PLANTED THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF FRANKLIN PARK ACCORDING TO HOMEOWNER REQUESTS TO HAVE TREES PLANTED IN THEIR PARKWAYS.
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THIS VILLAGE WAS FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE 79 DONATED TREES FROM MORTON ARBORETUM. 39 TREES WERE PLANTED ON THE 3100 AND 3000 BLOCKS OF CULLERTON. 20 TREES WERE PLANTED ON THE 9600 BLOCK OF ADDISON THAT BORDERS EAST LEYDEN’S ATHLETIC FIELD.
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE LEYDEN SCIENCE CLUB VOLUNTEERED WITH THE TREE PLANTING AS PART OF THE ANNUAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY. 20 TREES WERE PLANTED ON THE 9900 AND 9800 BLOCKS OF FRANKLIN AVENUE WITH VOLUNTEERS FROM MORTON ARBORETUM
5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE ASPHALT PARKWAYS AT GUSTAV AND SCHILLER WERE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH SOIL THAT WILL REDUCE THE HEAT ISLAND EFFECT CAUSED FROM THE ASPHALT GENERATING HEAT.
6. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED DURING SPRING 2025 TREES WILL BE PLANTED ON THESE NEWLY FORMED PARKWAYS. THE CONCRETE PARKWAY LOCATED AT ROSE AND MINNEAPOLIS WAS REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH SOIL WITH 4 NEWLY PLANTED TREES ADDED
7. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 70 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 54 BUILDING PERMITS, 17 ELECTRICAL PERMITS 1 SIGN PERMITS, 3 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 6 FIRE PERMITS, AND NO POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 81 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 10 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 3 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 2 NEW BUSINESSES WERE ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE
8. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MET ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH TO DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A VARIANCE AND A TEXT AMENDMENT. THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE APPLICATIONS ARE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
9. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE GRAND CHAMBER BY O’HARE HOSTED VILLAGE STAFF AND CHAMBER MEMBERS AT THEIR ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 10TH. WE VALUE THE CHAMBER’S PARTNERSHIP AND EFFORTS IN FOSTERING A THRIVING

BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN OUR REGION

10. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION HELD A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 11TH TO CELEBRATE THE REOPENING OF THEIR LOBBY AT 2701 25TH AVENUE. WITH A NEWLY RENOVATED LOBBY, THE BRANCH NOW HAS A MORE EFFICIENT FLOOR PLAN DESIGN TO BETTER SERVE THEIR CLIENTS

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM REPORTED THE TREE LIGHTING ON DECEMBER 5TH WAS SUCCESSFUL, THE VIDEO IS NOW ON OUR WEBSITE AND ON FACEBOOK
2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED THE BEST DECORATED HOME CONTEST GOES THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20. THE HOMES WHO HAVE ENTERED THE CONTEST ARE POSTED ON FACEBOOK AND WINNERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT ONE OF THE JANUARY MEETINGS

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Village Comptroller David Gonzalez briefly went over the proposed tax levy up for consideration on tonight's agenda
2. Village Engineer Tom McCabe gave a brief update on the downtown plaza, he stated the fence is down and christmas tree is up.

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 DECEMBER 02, 2024
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:
\$2,090,379.19
3. RESOLUTION NO 2425 R
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT RENEWAL APPLICATION BY DIGITAL GRAND AVENUE, LLC FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 9333, 9355 AND 9377 WEST GRAND AVENUE, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2425 R
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATION BY DIGITAL GRAND AVENUE, LLC FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 9229 WEST GRAND AVENUE, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (PIN 12-27-302-008-0000)

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 9-11-6 OF THE ZONING CODE REGARDING ON-STREET PARKING CREDITS (ZBA: 24-12)
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2025
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 Z
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A REDUCED REAR YARD SETBACK FOR A BUILDING IN THE I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 24-11: 11010 ADDISON AVENUE)

Motion made by Mr. Ybarra 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.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. NONE

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

1. Village Clerk Arellano wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

1. Village President Pedersen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST



April J Arellano, Village Clerk