

**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  
January 06, 2025**

**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),**

**Trustees (Present in the Room): Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special,  
Mr. Ybarra, and Mr. Hagerstrom**

**Department Heads:**

**Nick Steker (Battalion Chief)**

**Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer)**

**Joe Thomas (Utilities Commissioner)**

**Nick Weber (Deputy Utilities Commissioner)**

**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 Natasha Brown Harris as Plan Commission Member***

*Motion made by Mr. Ybarra and seconded by Mr. Johnson to appoint Natasha Brown Harris as Plan Commission Member*

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

2. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE FRANKLIN PARK FEST MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY JANUARY 27, 2025, THIS IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

3. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 26, 2025 WILL BE THE ANNUAL STAND DOWN EVENT AT THE AMERICAN LEGION. IT IS TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS AND THOSE IN NEED. THEY ARE ACCPETING NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHING, BLANKETS, TOILETRIES WHICH CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE LEGION AFTER 4PM
2. **WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Ms. Avitia, Chair)**
    1. ON BEHALF OF MS. AVITIA'S ABSENSE, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 7 MAIN BREAKS
    2. MS. SPECIAL 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. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF HAD A SEWER BACK-UP ON THE 2500-2600 BLOCK OF WESTBROOK AND THE SEWER DEPTMENT JETTED 2,600 FEET TO GET SEWER CLEANED OUT
    4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED SEWER BAD SPOTS CHECKED AROUND TOWN ON 01/03/24
    5. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED ESI HAS THE NEW GENERATOR START-UP AT THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE SET BACK A FEW WEEKS BECAUSE THEY NEED TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE GAS LINE FEEDING THE GENERATOR  
MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE NEW CHLORINE & PH ANALYZERS AT 3 LOCATIONS AND OUR NEW PHOSPHATE ANALYZER AT THE MAIN PUMP HOUSE ARE UP AND RUNNING
    6. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF FLUSHED OUT ALL THE DEAD-END MAINS IN TOWN TO CLOSE OUT THIS YEAR'S FLUSHING SCHEDULE
    7. MS. SPECIAL 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 396 SERVICE CALLS AND A TOTAL OF 4563 FOR 2024
    2. MR. RUHL REPORTED ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED 2980 CALLS FOR SERVICE, 91 ARRESTS, 420 STATE CITATIONS ISSUED, 36 LOCAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS ISSUED, 492 PARKING TICKETS ISSUED AND 580 TRAFFIC/PEDESTRIAN STOPS
  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 65 HOURS
    2. ON BEHALF OF STREET DEPARTMENT, MR. YBARRA REPORTED TRUCKS 228, 225 AND 208 WERE TAKEN TO FLEET FOR REPAIR, POTHOLES WERE PATCHED ON THE SECONDARY STREETS AND USED 2 TONS OF MATERIAL, AND CHRISTMAS TREES WERE PICKD UP

3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 7 SIGNS INSTALLED, 2 SNOW EVENTS AND A DRIVER TRAINING WAS DONE FOR A NEW EMPLOYEE, AND 2 PAYLOADERS WERE POWER WASHED WITH SALT NEUTRALIZER

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

**(Ms. Special, Chair)**

1. ON BEHALF OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED SHE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT
2. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 40 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 25 BUILDING PERMITS, 5 ELECTRICAL PERMITS 2 SIGN PERMITS, 2 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 6 FIRE PERMITS, AND NO POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 40 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 7 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 3 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND NO NEW BUSINESSES WERE ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE
3. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING WITH DEVELOPERS, BROKERS, AND PROSPECTIVE BUSINESSOWNERS REGARDING ONGOING PROPOSALS AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED STAFF CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE GRAND AVENUE CORRIDOR PLAN WITH THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING AND THE CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN WITH COOK COUNTY AND METRO STRATEGIES GROUP. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES

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

1. MR. HAGERSTROM THANKED EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR LIGHT UP FRANKLIN PARK CONTEST FOR THE HOLIDAYS, THE WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETNIG

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

1. NONE

**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 16, 2024

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF:  
\$1,665,161.58

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE FROM IMPERIO DE LA ELEGANCIA INC. TO RAYO OPERATIONS, INC. D/B/A VILLA BELLA BANQUETS IN OPERATION OF THE BANQUET HALL AT 9755 W. GRAND AVENUE

*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 Mr. Ybarra  
Nay - 0. Absent - 0. Abstain - Ms. Irene Avitia*

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. NONE

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**

1. Village Clerk Arellano briefly went over the 2024 yearly report. The Clerk's office processed 818 passports, 490 photographs, 56 voter registrations, 664 FOIA requests, 250 notaries, 8 block parties, 227 garage sale registrations and issued 4 business licenses

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Village President Pedersen announced the passing of retired detective Joseph Hermann, auxiliary officer John Siracause and Mercedes Chaidez, Village President Pedersen shared memories of them

Village President Pedersen announced Chief Witz, Police Director is attending his son's promotional ceremony in Elmwood Park. His son is being promoted to Fire Department Lieutenant

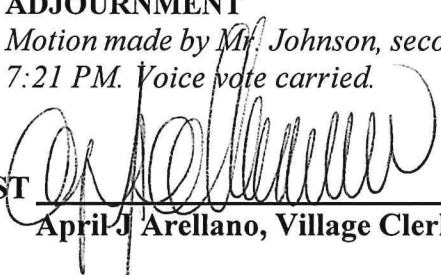
**XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NONE

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 7:21 PM. Voice vote carried.*

ATTEST

  
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April J. Arellano, Village Clerk