

**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
October 07, 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 7:03 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)
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 Jake Galanis as Franklin Park Police Officer***
- 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 STATED HE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM FINANCE OR FROM SPECIAL EVENTS

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 CAL WAGNER 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 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD 3,261 CALLS FOR SERVICE, 124 ARRESTS, 495 STATE CITATIONS ISSUED, 53 LOCAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS ISSUED, 919 PARKING TICKETS ISSUED, 794 TRAFFIC/ PEDESTRIAN STOPS, 19 HIGH GRASS/WEED COMPLAINS REVIEW AND ISSUED 4 CITATIONS FOR HIGH GRASS/ WEEDS
2. MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED OFFICER MAREK GORZKOWICZ WAS PRESENTED WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS LIFE SAVING AWARD FOR HIS ACTIONS ON THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2024, AT 4:02 A.M. OFFICER GORZKOWICZ RESPONDED TO A CALL FOR A UNRESPONSIVE MALE IN THE 2800 BLOCK OF SCOTT STREET. OFFICER GORZKOWICZ UPON ARRIVING ACCESSED THE PERSON AND BEGAN PROVIDING CPR. ACCORDING TO HOSPITAL OFFICIALS HIS ACTIONS MADE A MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN THE PERSON SURVIVING FROM THE HEART ATTACK
3. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. RUHL REPORTED LT. AUGUSTINE IS RETIRING AFTER SERVING FRANKLIN PARK FOR OVER 25 YEARS

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

1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED 9 CUT OUTS AND DRAINS WERE PATCHED WITH HOT MIX ASPHALT, 12 TONS OF MATERIALS WERE USED
2. MR YBARRA REPORTED 14 LOADS OF WOOD CHIPS WERE HAULED OUT, AND CREWS CONTINUE TO RESTORE PARKWAYS FROM TREE STUMP REMOVAL, 5 TREES WERE PLANTED, BRANCH COLLECTION WAS COMPLETED AND 1 SPLIT TREE WAS REMOVED
3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED ALL ROUTES AND MAIN STREETS WERE SWEEP
4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED CORN STALKS WERE ADDED TO THE LIGHT POLES ON

FRANKIN AVENUE, THE VACANT LOT AT MINNEAPOLIS AND MANNHEIM WAS GRADED WITH DIRT AND SEED, AND ADVERTISING SIGNS TAPED TO VILLAGE LIGHT POLES HAVE BEEN REMOVED ALL WEEK

5. MR YBARRA REPORTED THE STREET DIVISION HAS STARTED USING A PROGRAM AND EQUIPMENT BY VIALYTICS, WHICH USES A DASHCAM TO RECORD IMAGES OF ROADS AND SIGNS AS THE VEHICLE MOVES

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

(Ms. Special, Chair)

1. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED 100 CONTRACTORS APPLIED FOR LICENSES, 104 BUILDING PERMITS, 8 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 1 SIGN PERMITS, 5 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 9 FIRE PERMITS, AND 1 POD PERMIT WERE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF 128 PERMITS. SHE ANNOUNCED 11 PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 3 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 1 NEW BUSINESS WAS ISSUED AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE
2. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MS. SPECIAL REPORTED, VILLAGE PLANNER, RUDOLPH REPA, ATTENDED THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION'S ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE IN URBANA-CHAMPAIGN WHERE HE ATTENDED SEVERAL INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS ON THE TOPICS OF STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE, SOLAR ENERGY, REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, AND FOREST PRESERVATION DISTRICTS. THE SESSIONS PRESENTED IDEAS AND STRATEGIES WHICH COULD BE USED TO BETTER ASSIST FUTURE PLANNING STRATEGIES
3. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MET FOR THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON OCTOBER 2ND. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS MEETING WILL BE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AT THE OCTOBER 21ST BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
4. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED SENIOR PLANNER, RYAN ADRIATICO, ATTENDED VISIT OAK PARK'S STAKEHOLDER MEETING ON OCTOBER 2ND TO DISCUSS ONGOING INITIATIVES AND IMPACTS OF THE ORGANIZATION. VISIT OAK PARK IS THE STATE-CERTIFIED CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU THAT SERVES 20 COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN COOK COUNTY

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

1. 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
2. MR. HAGERSTROM ANNOUNCED LEYDEN TOWNSHIP IS HOSTING BOO FEST ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 18 FROM 6PM TO 9PM. THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT WESTDALE PARK

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS: DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Villag Engineer Tom McCabe gave a brief presentation on the Down Town Plaza and cost updates

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 SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$3,051,131.05
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2425 R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ADOPTING THE 2024 COOK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER NINE OF TITLE TWO OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-2-7 OF CHAPTER TWO OF TITLE THREE OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DECREASING THE CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE HELD BY NEW DAVID'S MEXICAN GRILL L.L.C. IN ORDER TO ISSUE A CLASS B-1 LIQUOR LICENSE TO NEW DAVID'S MEXICAN GRILL L.L.C.
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT AND SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR THE CONNECT FRANKLIN PARK PROJECT BY AND BETWEEN GANNETT FLEMING TRANSYSTEMS, CORPORATION AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (FRANKLIN PARK GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROJECT)
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TERMINATING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE O'HARE EAST INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX TAX INCREMENT FINANCE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

8. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF COOK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROJECT

9. ORDINANCE NO. 2425 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN AVENUE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT AND THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT, REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, AND TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN AVENUE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

10. MOTION TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT IN COLLINS V. VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, CASE NUMBER 2022 L 001922 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

11. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM TWO JS INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED, ELK GROVE VILLAGE, ILLINOIS, FOR TUCKPOINTING AND BRICK REPLACEMENT ON THE EAST AND SOUTH WALLS OF THE WATER AND SEWER GARAGE BUILDING AT 9300 BELMONT AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$61,720.00, 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

12. MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CLARK DIETZ, INCORPORATED, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FOR THE CURTISS STREET PUMP STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,250.00 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 SPEAR LANDSCAPING & DEVELOPMENT, INCORPORATED, ITASCA, ILLINOIS, AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK DOWNTOWN PLAZA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$570,098.36 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BID ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE VILLAGE ENGINEER 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. Ybarra and seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom 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
NONE

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

Clerk Arellano reported that The Tree Preservation Commission hosted a community tree planting event at James Park. She thanked Mayor Pedersen, Trustee Ybarra and Trustee Hagerstrom for attending this event

Clerk Arellano reported the Tree Preservation Commission and the Bee committee will be hosting a fall seminar on October 12 from 1PM to 4PM at the police station

Clerk Arellano reported the Secretary of State will be providing services on October 18, during the Health Fair. They will be processing the REAL ID, REAL Driver's License and vehicle stickers

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Mayor Pedersen recaped mulitple events that happened last weekend, the Franklin Park Fire Department Open House, the Community Tree Planting and the laptop giveaway sponsored by Representative Norma Hernandez

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need for Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), and Salary Schedules for one or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Avitia to go into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. for "Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), and Salary Schedules for one or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)"

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 9:00 P.M.

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ybarra to adjourn at
9:14 PM. Voice vote carried.*

ATTEST



April J Arellano, Village Clerk