

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 6, 2014**

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. CALL TO ORDER:** President Pedersen called to order the Board of Trustees of the Village of Franklin Park in special session at 7:00 p.m.
- III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
Deputy Village Clerk Roberta Johnson called the roll:
Present: Trustees Mr. Johnson, Ms. McLean, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra. The Deputy Clerk declared a quorum was present.
Legal Representation Present: Joe Montana, Village Attorney
Consultants Present: Shauna Urlacher (Clark Dietz, Inc.)
Staff Members Present: Ron Heller (Comptroller), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Joe Lauro (Utilities Commissioner), Vernel Miller (I.T. Manager), Chief Steve Iovinelli (Fire Department), Chief Mike Witz, Deputy Chief Phil Ruch (Police Department), Dave Talbott (Village Engineer), Jerry Gabrielatos (Executive Assistant to Mayor)
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1112-G-21)**
1. None
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- A. FINANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Mr. Johnson, Chair)**
1. **MR. JOHNSON STATED HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT**
- B. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Mr. Ruhl, Chair)**
1. **MR. RUHL REPORTED THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL WATER BREAKS OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THE WATER AND STREET DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY WORKING ESPECIALLY THIS PAST WEEKEND. MR. RUHL STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE WATER DEPARTMENT A SPECIAL PAT ON THE BACK FOR HANDLING ALL OF THE WATER BREAKS IN THE SUB FREEZING WEATHER**

- C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE (Mr. Petersen, Chair)**
- 1. MR. PETERSEN ANNOUNCED THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION CANCELLED THEIR MEETING FOR TONIGHT DUE TO THE WEATHER**
 - 2. MR. PETERSEN STATED VILLAGE CLERK TOMMY THOMSON WASN'T PRESENT AT TONIGHT'S MEETING BECAUSE HE IS TAKING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT'S TESTING**
 - 3. MR. PETERSEN STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO COMPLIMENT DEPUTY CHIEF PHIL RUCH FOR PLAYING SANTA CLAUS FOR SOME CHILDREN IN TOWN**
- D. STREETS, ALLEYS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
- 1. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE STREET DEPARTMENT WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK WITH THE RECENT SNOW STORMS AND DRIFTING SNOW. IN THE LAST NINE DAYS, 19,000 TONS OF SALT HAS BEEN USED FROM THE SALT DOME. THE SENIOR SNOW PLOWING CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN CALLED UP FOUR TIMES IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS**
 - 2. MR. YBARRA STATED THE WEATHER HAS BEEN REALLY HARD ON THE EQUIPMENT AND THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE UPCOMING BUDGET TALKS**
 - 3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED, DUE TO THE EXTREMELY LOW TEMPERATURE, THERE WAS NO TRASH PICKUP TODAY. THE TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP TOMORROW**
 - 4. MR. YBARRA STATED 90% OF THE SALT DOME WAS FILLED BEFORE WINTER STARTED AND ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS WILL BE DELIVERED SOON. THE SALT DOME WILL BE 60% FULL AFTER THESE DELIVERIES**
 - 5. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE CRYSTAL CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT WILL BEGIN WORK THIS WEEK AND DORA STREET WILL BE CLOSED NORTH OF SARAH STREET BEGINNING JANUARY 13**
- E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE (Ms. Special, Chair)**
- 1. MS. SPECIAL STATED SHE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT**
- F. HEALTH, HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE (Ms. McLean, Chair)**
- 1. MS. MCLEAN STATED SHE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT BUT THANKED THE POLICE, FIRE, STREET AND WATER DEPARTMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK DURING THE RECENT SNOW STORMS AND SUB ZERO WEATHER**
 - 2. MS. MCLEAN SPOKE ABOUT THE WARMING CENTERS FOR THOSE IN NEED AND ABOUT CHECKING ON OUR NEIGHBORS**
 - 3. MS. MCLEAN ASKED EVERYONE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT FALLING WHEN THEY ARE OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS AND SHE ALSO WARNED ABOUT SPACE HEATERS AND FIRES**

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Deputy Chief Ruch spoke about Karl Cooper from Westwood College who arranged a special Christmas event for children. Mr. Ruch reported with the help of Jim Figueroa and students from the criminal justice program, 13 families were given gifts for Christmas**
- 2. Dave Talbott introduced Eric Rothstein from Galardi Rothstein Group who is doing a rate study on water and sewers for the Village. Mr. Talbott announced Mr. Rothstein will be giving a presentation later on in tonight's meeting**
- 3. Chief Iovinelli reported one of the new fire engines f that was left out in the street froze up. Chief Iovinelli spoke about playing hockey with the WSSRA kids the first weekend in January to help raise money for them. The Park District donated two days of free ice rink time for the event**
- 4. Joe Lauro spoke about the Street, Water and Fleet departments working together around the clock. Mr. Lauro spoke about there only being 5 tons of salt left and trying to obtain more. Mr. Lauro reported the salt has to be mixed with liquid calcium chloride in order to be effective in this kind of weather. Mr. Lauro spoke about the many thanks he has received from seniors for having their sidewalks shoveled. Mr. Lauro spoke about police officers first going to residents' doors to ask them to move their cars instead of ticketing them for parking on the street when more than two inches of snow fell. Mr. Lauro spoke about putting up a snow fence next year for the Police Department due to blowing snow. Mr. Lauro spoke about the State clearing Belmont Avenue from River Road to 25th Avenue. Mr. Lauro spoke about complaints about snow he has received from businesses on Grand Avenue and using the Bobcat to remove snow. Mr. Lauro spoke about the long wait by residents for the Silver Creek project to begin**
- 5. Chief Witz spoke about knocking on doors to get cars off the street for snow removal – cars will be towed on Friday if not moved. Chief Witz stated the reverse-911 for sending out messages went well and will be used more in the future. Trustee Ruhl suggested sending out a reminder for parking restrictions**

President Pedersen spoke about the Asset Management Study helping to put the Village in the position to do a water and sewer rate study. Mr. Pedersen introduced Eric Rothstein to give his presentation on the water and sewer rate study. Mr. Rothstein of Galardi Rothstein Group explained his previous experience and then gave a presentation on water and sewer rates. Questions were taken at the end of the presentation

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

(Items on the Consent Agenda will be enacted/approved by one motion. 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.)

Deputy Clerk Roberta Johnson read aloud public recital of Consent Agenda items

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:

**(a) SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013**

**2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,600,411.62**

3. ORDINANCE NO. 1314 VC

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6F-8 OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE
SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLINPARK,
COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS (ELIMINATE HANDICAPPED RESERVED
PARKING SPACE AT 3322 ERNST STREET)**

4. ORDINANCE NO. 1314 G

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1314-G-9 (AMEND SALARY
SCHEDULE ORDINANCE)**

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. McLean to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Johnson, Ms. McLean, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra.
Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.**

(Deputy Clerk Roberta Johnson read aloud each of the items that were identified on the consent agenda and under consideration by the Village Board before final action on the items identified on the consent agenda occurred)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. None

X. APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING IN

1. None

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

1. None

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. None

XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Mr. Ruhl, seconded by Mr. McLean to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.
Voice vote carried**

ATTEST _____
Roberta Johnson, Deputy Clerk

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