

**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 19, 2016**

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. CALL TO ORDER:** President Pedersen called to order the Board of Trustees of the Village of Franklin Park in regular session at 7:00 p.m.
- III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**  
Village Clerk Tommy Thomson called the roll:  
Present: Trustees Mr. Caporusso, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special, Mr. Ruhl, and Mr. Ybarra. Absent: Ms. McLean. The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.  
Legal Representation Present Joe Montana, Village Attorney  
Staff Members Present: Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources Director), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Cynthia Perez (Deputy Comptroller), Dave Talbott (Village Engineer), Eric Richard (Village Planner), Tom Dailly (I.T. Manager), Joe Lauro (Utilities Commissioner), Chief William Brehm (Fire Department), and Deputy Chief Phil Ruch (Police Department).
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance No. 1415-G-43)**  
1. Bill McMurray – Commented on disability benefits
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- A. FINANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Mr. Johnson, Chair)**
- 1. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE A FINANCE MEETING SOME TIME IN FEBRUARY**
  - 2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED ON THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES**
- B. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Mr. Caporusso, Chair)**
- 1. MR. CAPORUSSO STATED THE WATER DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY BUSY. ONE WATER MAIN VALVE WAS FIXED AT THE JACK B. WILLIAMS RETENTION POND AND THERE WERE SIX WATER MAIN BREAKS THROUGHOUT TOWN**
  - 2. MR. CAPORUSSO STATED THE SEWER DIVISION HAS BEEN BUSY RODDING OUT 4,122 FEET OF SEWER LINE**
  - 3. MR. CAPORUSSO REPORTED ON AGENDA ITEM #10 REGARDING THE DESIGN AGREEMENT FOR THE REUTER SUBDIVISION ROADWAY AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

4. **MR. CAPORUSSO STATED THE SILVER CREEK PROJECT IS 40% DONE AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THIS SUMMER**
- C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE (Mr. Petersen, Chair)**
1. **MR. RUHL REPORTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS AT FULL STAFFING LEVELS**
  2. **MR. RUHL STATED THE GENERATOR PROJECT AT STATION #2 IS COMPLETED AND THE SIDE DOOR AT STATION #1 HAS BEEN REPAIRED**
  3. **MR. RUHL STATED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A \$10,000 GRANT FOR THE STRETCHER LIFT SYSTEM FOR THE NEW AMBULANCE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY APPLIED FOR A \$900,000 GRANT FOR A NEW LADDER TRUCK**
  4. **MR. RUHL REPORTED OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL TEAM ASSISTED THE RIVER GROVE POLICE IN SERVING A SEARCH WARRANT AT A HOTEL LOCATED AT BELMONT AVENUE AND RIVER ROAD. A LARGE AMOUNT OF HEROIN WAS RECOVERED ALONG WITH CASH**
  5. **MR. RUHL REPORTED ON A TRUCK PARKED OUTSIDE OF BARANOWSKI BAKERY IN WHICH THEY FOUND TWO DECEASED INDIVIDUALS. THEY WERE OVERCOME BY CARBON MONOXIDE**
  6. **MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED CHIEF MIKE WITZ IS RETIRING FROM THE FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT JANUARY 20**
- D. STREETS, ALLEYS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)**
1. **MR. YBARRA STATED SINCE THE LAST MEETING, 37 TONS OF COLD PATCH HAS BEEN APPLIED TO REPAIR POTHOLES**
  2. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED THERE WAS ONE SNOW EVENT LAST WEEK AND THE SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTORS WERE CALLED OUT TO PLOW PARTICIPANTS ON THE SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM**
  3. **MR. YBARRA STATED THE SALT DOME IS 80% FULL**
  4. **MR. YBARRA ANNOUNCED CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP ENDED LAST WEEK**
  5. **MR. YBARRA REPORTED ON VEHICLE REPAIRS**
- E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE (Ms. Special, Chair)**
1. **MS. SPECIAL STATED THEY ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH COOK COUNTY ON GRANTS**
- F. HEALTH, HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE (Ms. McLean, Chair)**
1. **IN THE ABSENCE OF MS. MCLEAN, THERE WAS NO REPORT**

**VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Joe Lauro spoke on agenda item #10 regarding the design phase for the Reuter subdivision area. Mr. Lauro stated there will be a complete overhaul of road, curbs, street, and infrastructure with water/sewer - storm and sanitary. Mr. Lauro explained repairing potholes in this area is difficult. The work is so extensive and they don't want to inconvenience anyone by doing all the work at one time. The work will be split up into a multi-year program. Mr. Lauro spoke about water main breaks and how busy his department has been
2. Chief Brehm spoke about having worked with Steve Iovinelli to put together the grant for the ladder truck

**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.)

Village Clerk Tommy Thomson read aloud public recital of Consent Agenda items

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:**
  - (a) **REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016**
2. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,862,521.41**
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 1516 R**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM FOR HOMEOWNERS IF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BECOMES A HOME RULE UNIT**
4. **ORDINANCE NO. 1516 VC**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6F-8 OF CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ELIMINATE THE HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE AT 2907 WASHINGTON STREET**
5. **ORDINANCE NO. 1516 VC**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE FOR 9801 SCHILLER BOULEVARD)**

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 1516 G**  
**AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2015 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$6,140,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2015A OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
7. **ORDINANCE NO. 1516 G**  
**AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2015 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$3,335,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2014B OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
8. **ORDINANCE NO. 1516 G**  
**AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2015 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$9,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2006 OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
9. **ORDINANCE NO. 1516 G**  
**AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2015 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$8,155,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2007 OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
10. **ORDINANCE NO. 1516 G**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE REUTER SUBDIVISION ROADWAY AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, SECTION ONE BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
11. **ORDINANCE NO. 1516 G**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROHIBITING THE USE OF GROUND WATER AS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY BY THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD 10261 FRANKLIN AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131**
12. **MOTION TO APPROVE AN EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION AND GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE SAME**
13. **MOTION TO APPROVE MARICELA RUIZ REQUEST TO SELL TEDDY BEARS AND FLOWERS AT THE CORNER OF GRAND AND SARAH IN THE JOHN'S TOWN PARKING LOT ON FEBRUARY 14 AND MAY 8 AND 10, 2016**

Motion made by Mr. Caporusso, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Caporusso, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special, Mr. Ruhl, and Mr. Ybarra.  
Nay – 0. Absent – Ms. McLean. Abstain – 0.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 1516 VC 26**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-1-5 OF CHAPTER ONE OF TITLE FIVE OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTOR OF POLICE**

Motion made by Mr. Caporusso, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 1516 VC 26.  
Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Caporusso, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special, Mr. Ruhl, and Mr. Ybarra.  
Nay – 0. Absent – Ms. McLean. Abstain – 0.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 1516 G 45**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1516-G-37 (AMEND SALARY SCHEDULE ORDINANCE; POLICE DEPARTMENT)**

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Caporusso to approve Ordinance No. 1516 G 45.  
Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Caporusso, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Special, Mr. Ruhl, and Mr. Ybarra.  
Nay – 0. Absent – Ms. McLean. Abstain – 0.

#### IX. APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING IN

1. **Mike Witz, Director of police, term to expire on May 1, 2016**

**President Pedersen appointed Mike Witz as Director of Police**

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Special to approve the appointment of Mike Witz as Director of Police.

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

*Village Clerk Tommy Thomson swore in Mike Witz as Director of Police*

#### X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

1. **Village Clerk Tommy Thomson reminded everyone to register to vote**

#### XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. **President Pedersen spoke about his meeting with house republican leader Jim Durkin today. They spoke about the \$2.9 million the State of Illinois has requested from the Village**
2. **President Pedersen spoke about hosting the environment committee this morning for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus**

*Trustee McLean entered the meeting at 7:28 p.m.*

**XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Special to recess to Closed Session for Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters at 7:28 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Caporusso, Mr. Johnson, Ms. McLean, Ms. Special, Mr. Ruhl, and Mr. Ybarra.

Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0

**RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 7:57 P.M.**

Village Clerk, Tommy Thomson, stated to let the record reflect that all members returned

No action was taken in Closed Session

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Caporusso, seconded by Ms. Special to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Voice vote carried

**ATTEST**

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Tommy Thomson, Village Clerk

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