

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK HELD AT THE
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
9500 FRANKLIN AVENUE
FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

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

Clerk Assistant Karen Bellendir called the roll:

Present: Trustees Mr. Brimie, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Petersen, and Mr. Ruhl.

Absent: Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. McLean. The Clerk Assistant declared a quorum was present.

Legal Representation Present: Joe Montana, Village Attorney

Staff Members Present: John Schneider (Community Development Director),

Steve Scheffel (Village Engineer), Ron Heller (Comptroller), Joe Lauro (Utilities

Commissioner), Chief Steve Iovinelli (Fire Department), Chief Mike Witz and Deputy

Chief Phil Ruch (Police Department)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Ken Zurek, 3229 George Street – Commented on Consent Agenda item #4 and item #5 regarding bonds. Mr. Zurek also commented on auditors needing to be changed every three years and on an article in the Village Newsletter about tax rates being low compared to other towns

TRUSTEE MCLEAN ENTERS THE MEETING AT 7:05 P.M.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Mr. Johnson, Chair)

1. MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED UPCOMING FINANCE MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON MARCH 12, MARCH 19 AND APRIL 2 TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET

- B. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Mr. Ruhl, Chair)**
 - 1. MR. RUHL REPORTED THERE HAS BEEN THREE WATER MAIN BREAKS IN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS**
 - 2. MR. RUHL STATED THERE HAVE BEEN COMPLAINTS FROM THE RESIDENTS REGARDING WORK BEING DONE ON MINNEAPOLIS AVENUE IN THE AREA OF ERNST STREET AND GEORGE STREET. COMED HAS A CONTRACTOR PERFORMING THE WORK AND THE VILLAGE IS NOT INVOLVED**

- C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE (Mr. Petersen, Chair)**
 - 1. MR. PETERSEN STATED LAST THURSDAY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PICKED UP THEIR NEW FIRE ENGINE**
 - 2. MR. PETERSEN REPORTED POTENTIAL HIRES FOR THE FIVE NEW POSITIONS OPEN FOR POLICE OFFICER WERE INTERVIEWED AND BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE BEING DONE**

- D. STREET AND ALLEY COMMITTEE (Mr. Brimie, Chair)**
 - 1. MR. BRIMIE COMPLIMENTED THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND SALTING AND FOR PATCHING THE POT HOLES ON THE STREETS**

- E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (Ms. Rodriguez, Chair)**
 - 1. IN THE ABSENCE OF MS. RODRIGUEZ, MR. JOHNSON HAD NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME**

- F. HEALTH, HUMAN RESOURCES, GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Ms. McLean, Chair)**
 - 1. MS. MCLEAN THANKED JOHN SCHNEIDER FOR SHOWING HER ALL OF THE AREAS HE'S WORKING ON FOR DEVELOPMENT**
 - 2. MS. MCLEAN ANNOUNCED THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE IN MARCH AND THE SENIOR COMMISSION WILL BE COORDINATING IT**

PRESIDENT PEDERSEN SPOKE ABOUT THE ARTICLE IN THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER REGARDING PROPERTY TAX RATES

- VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 1. Ron Heller spoke about property tax rates and sales tax income. In Lisa Anthony's absence, Mr. Heller spoke about the change in the 457 Plan (employee contribution plan)**

2. **Joe Lauro spoke about emergency repair needed to fix the Caterpillar back hoe. The transmission went out. This back hoe does all of the digging and plowing of the alleys and has been a great machine. Mr. Lauro recommended Patten Cat for repair of the back hoe. Mr. Lauro spoke about meeting with the contractor performing the work for ComEd on Minneapolis Avenue so they could address the complaints by residents. The work should be finished this week. Mr. Lauro spoke about the amount of black top used during the winter months to fill pot holes and about the lot fixed on Franklin Avenue. Mr. Lauro asked for anyone who sees pot holes, to let his department know so they can be fixed as soon as possible**

Motion made by Mr. Brimie, seconded by Ms. McLean to approve the emergency repair services to the 1997 back hoe from Patten Cat in the amount of \$10,305.94.

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

3. **Steve Scheffel spoke about Franklin Avenue being ready for construction beginning May 1. Mr. Scheffel reported construction began on the Elm Street water main last week and stated everything is on schedule. Mr. Scheffel spoke about the Crystal Creek Flood Control Project stating the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (I.D.N.R.) has been working on the last phase of the project. Mr. Scheffel spoke about revising the flood plain map the Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) has for this area**
4. **John Schneider stated he would be giving the same kind of tour he gave to Trustee McLean for the fire associates and Regional Transit Authority (RTA) who will be coming in to work on one of the grants for the downtown rezoning. Mr. Schneider spoke about the merchants meeting he attended last week. The banners for the downtown area will be scaled down from 8 feet to 6 feet and there will be more lights at 25th Street and Franklin Avenue. They would like lights at every intersection so the trunks of trees will be lit up to get a little more light into the downtown area. The merchants are looking to put together a group of people who will power wash the sidewalks. Mr. Schneider reported the Zoning Department has been having a lot of meetings regarding zoning issues and would like to redo the zoning ordinance. Mr. Schneider spoke about his meeting with the American Legion to discuss the use of their parking lot for those who go to the Franklin Park pool. Mr. Schneider spoke about bringing Patrick Ainsworth and Eric Richard downtown to introduce them to people at the Assessor's Office, Recorder of Deeds and other offices so they have a point of contact when they go down there. Mr. Schneider spoke about working on the TIF report with Kain, McKenna and Associates. Mr. Schneider reported there are three or four new businesses looking to open a business in Franklin Park and restaurants that would like to expand their business and obtain a liquor license**

President Pedersen spoke about increasing and decreasing the amount of liquor licenses in town with Mr. Schneider. Mr. Schneider spoke about Dottie's Restaurant and Stella's Restaurant liquor licenses. Mr. Schneider reported the first gaming license was issued to the American Legion

5. Chief Iovinelli spoke about item #3 on the Consent Agenda regarding the disposal of certain surplus property owned by the Village - the fire department will be donating an old fire engine to the NIPSTA Training Academy in return for \$6,000.00 worth of tuition credit. Chief Iovinelli read a letter his department received from Elmhurst hospital regarding the amount of time it took them to transport a heart attack victim. The fire department was able to transport this victim in a very timely manner. Chief Iovinelli spoke about the new monitors for the fire department. Chief Iovinelli announced the St. Baldrick's fundraiser will be on March 8
6. Chief Witz spoke about a semi-truck driver traveling on a residential street who ended up getting ticketed. Chief Witz spoke about apprehending three suspects (two of them minors) who had been caught smashing out vehicle windows with landscaping bricks. There was criminal damage to fourteen vehicles in Franklin Park. Chief Witz spoke about tours of the new police station

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.)

Clerk Assistant Karen Bellendir read aloud public recital of Consent Agenda items

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013
2. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,664,271.39
3. ORDINANCE NO. 1213 G
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SAID PROPERTY TO THE NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ACADEMY (1984 EMERGENCY ONE FIRE ENGINE PUMPER)
4. ORDINANCE NO. 1213 G
AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2012 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2010 OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (*ITEM AMENDED TO READ SERIES 2011 NOT SERIES 2010*)

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 1213 G**
AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2012 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$4,165,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2005A OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
6. **ORDINANCE NO. 1213 G**
AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2012 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
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE AN AUDIT SERVICES ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FROM CROWE HORWATH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$69,300.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE SAME**
8. **MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL ROOFING AND WATERPROOFING CONSULTING SERVICES PROPOSAL FROM PATTERSON CONSULTING, LTD, TO PROVIDE EVALUATION, SPECIFICATION, BIDDING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE ONE MILLION GALLON UNDERGROUND EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE ONE MILLION GALLON UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR ON BELMONT AVENUE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE SAME**
9. **MOTION TO APPROVE AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR QUALIFIED DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND NEWPORT RETIREMENT SERVICES, INCORPORATED FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK 457 PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE SAME**

Motion made by Ms. McLean, seconded by Mr. Johnson to amend item #4 to indicate that the Series 2010 will be reclassified as 2011.

Voice vote carried

Motion made by Ms. McLean, seconded by Mr. Petersen to pass the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Brimie, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. McLean.

Nay – 0. Absent – Ms. Rodriguez. Abstain – 0.

(Clerk Assistant Karen Bellendir 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. Brimie to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.
Voice vote carried

ATTEST

Karen Bellendir, Clerk Assistant

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