

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK HELD IN THE
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROOM AT 9545 W. BELMONT AVENUE
JANUARY 5, 2009**

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. CALL TO ORDER:** President Pritchett called to order the Board of Trustees of the Village of Franklin Park in regular session at 7:00 p.m.
- III. ROLL CALL:** Village Clerk Susan Szymanski called the roll:
Present: Trustees, Paul Bellendir, Cheryl McLean, John Johnson, Greg Fisher, Lou Georgetta, and Juan Acevedo. The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.
Legal Representation Present: Don Storino, Village Attorney
Consultants Present: Dave Talbott (Clark Dietz, Inc.)
Staff Members Present: Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources Director), Jeff Eder (Community Development Director), Dave Hough (Comptroller), Eugene Piltaver (Treasurer), Mike Servini (Street Department), Dan Fisher (Inspectional Services), Paul Sharp (Inspectional Services Director), Joe Thomas (Utilities Director), Joe Lauro (Water Department), Chief Dave Traiforos (Fire Department), Chief Tom Wolfe, Deputy Chief Jack Kreckler and Deputy Chief Joe O'Connor (Police Department)
- IV. SWEARING IN OF KAREN BELLENDIR AS DEPUTY CLERK**
- V. POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

MR. PRITCHETT STATED EACH YEAR WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS. CHIEF WOLFE PRESENTED THE AWARDS AS FOLLOWS:

MEDAL OF VALOR

AWARDED TO A PERSON WHO PERFORMS A HEROIC ACT OF EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY WITH THE AWARENESS OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT DEATH MAY RESULT

SERGEANT MIKE JONES OFFICER NORM CARLI

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

AWARDED TO A PERSON WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT BY CONSISTENTLY PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES OVER A PERIOD OF TIME WHILE DEMONSTRATING OUTSTANDING SKILL, DILIGENCE AND JUDGMENT

SERGEANT FRED DEDE OFFICER RUSS KLUG OFFICER DON GIULIANO
OFFICER DAN MORYS OFFICER JOHN FORD

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

AN OFFICIAL LETTER FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE AWARDED TO A PERSON WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

SERGEANT FRED DEDE	OFFICER JUSTIN CAMP
DETECTIVE STEVE WITNIK	OFFICER THOMAS HENNIGER
DETECTIVE VITO BUSSE	OFFICER TOM COKER
DETECTIVE TOM FERRIS	OFFICER DON GIULIANO
DETECTIVE RUSS KLUG	OFFICER TOMASZ KLOS
OFFICER ROBERT ANDRIS	OFFICER JAMES FIGUEROA
OFFICER CHRISTIAN QUIROGA	OFFICER LARA HILL
OFFICER ROBB EMMETT	OFFICER NICK YRACHETA
OFFICER DON KAMINSKI	

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (Mr. Fisher, Chair)

- 1. NOTHING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

B. WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE (Mr. Johnson, Chair)

- 1. NOTHING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE (Mr. Georgetta, Chair)

- 1. MR. GEORGETTA STATED THIS WAS A GREAT POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARD CEREMONY. HE ALSO THANKED THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT THEY TOOK IN DOING BACKGROUND CHECKS AND CHOOSING SOME OF THESE MEN WHO WERE RECEIVING AWARDS TONIGHT**

D. STREET AND ALLEY COMMITTEE (Mr. Bellendir, Chair)

- 1. MR. BELLENDIR STATED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER THE STREET DEPARTMENT USED 2/3 OF OUR SALT SUPPLY. MIKE SERVINI REQUESTED IF HE CAN PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SALT. MR. BELLENDIR INQUIRED WHETHER OR NOT THE BOARD NEEDED TO HAVE AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE. MR. STORINO STATED THEY COULD EXTEND THE EXISTING CONTRACT AND ADD TO THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PURCHASE ORDER**

2. **MR. BELLENDIR STATED A NEED FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE DESIGN OF CHERRY STREET BUT NO DATE IS SET**
- E. PROPERTY, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (Mr. Acevedo, Chair)**
1. **MR. ACEVEDO STATED HE HAD THE COMPLETED PAPERWORK ON THE PURCHASE OF THE RESURRECTION PROPERTY
MR. ACEVEDO STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO START THE YEAR OFF ON A POSITIVE NOTE BY READING LETTERS HE HAD RECEIVED PRAISING THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT ON VARIOUS PROJECTS**
- F. HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE (Ms. McLean, Chair)**
1. **MS. MCLEAN STATED THIS WEEK SHE RECEIVED A HEALTHCARE NEWSLETTER THAT INFORMS THE READER WHAT IS GOING ON STATE-BY-STATE. ONE OF THE ARTICLES TALKS ABOUT THE BABY SAFE HAVEN LAW. MS. MCLEAN STATED THE VILLAGE ACTUALLY HAS SIGNS UP IN OUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS LETTING PEOPLE KNOW IT IS A SAFE HAVEN FOR NEWBORNS.**
 2. **MS. MCLEAN STATED THE VILLAGE'S DECEMBER BLOOD DRIVE WENT WELL AND THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE IN MARCH**
- G. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Mr. Georgetta, Chair)**
1. **MR. GEORGETTA STATED THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS LOOKING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2008 HEROES PROGRAM AND CAN BE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, MUNICIPALITIES, MILITARY, CHILDREN AND SENIORS. MR. GEORGETTA SAID IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE AS A HERO, PLEASE CONTACT HIM THROUGH VILLAGE HALL TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION. APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY**

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.)

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**
2. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,221,012.18
(*MOVED TO NEW BUSINESS ITEM NUMBER 2*)**

3. RESOLUTION NO. 0809 VC

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE B, ENTITLED “SERVICE CHARGES”, OF CHAPTER 8, ENTITLED “WATER SYSTEMS”, OF TITLE 7, ENTITLED “PUBLIC WORKS AND PROPERTIES”, OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Motion made by Mr. Bellendir, seconded by Mr. Acevedo to pass the Consent Agenda Items 1 and 3 with Item #2 “Approval of Expenditures in the Amount of \$1,221,012.18” moved to New Business.

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Bellendir, Ms. McLean, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Georgetta, and Mr. Acevedo.
Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. NONE

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 0809 R 59

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROPOSAL FROM DAI ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. FOR A PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT AND ASBESTOS SURVEY FOR REAL PROPERTY WITHIN RESURRECTION TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Bellendir, seconded by Ms. McLean to pass Resolution No. 0809 R 59 not to exceed \$12,900

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Bellendir, Ms. McLean, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Georgetta, and Mr. Acevedo.
Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

2. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,221,012.18

Motion made by Ms. McLean, seconded by Mr. Acevedo to approve Expenditures in the amount of \$1,221,012.18

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Bellendir, Ms. McLean, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Georgetta, and Mr. Acevedo.
Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – Mr. Johnson.

X. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

1. MR. PILTAVER STATED HE HAD ATTENDED A MILITARY CEREMONY FOR MR. EDWARD PETTENUZO, WHO WAS A MARINE THAT FOUGHT IN THE BATTLE OF OKINAWA AND HAD DIED ON HIS BIRTHDAY AT THE AGE OF 84.

2. MR. PILTAVER ALSO THANKED TRUSTEE GEORGETTA FOR THE BASEBALL CARDS HE HAD GIVEN TO MR. PILTAVER’S GRANDSON

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

1. Ms. Szymanski congratulated Karen Bellendir and officially welcomed her aboard as the newest deputy clerk

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

XIII. COMMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. Mr. Pritchett stated he received a call from Mayor Frank Pasquale of Bellwood regarding a police officer who was seriously wounded in apprehending an individual who is now up for parole. Mr. Pritchett stated this individual is looking for a pardon from the Governor and has only served two years of his 24-year sentence. Mayor Pasquale would like for Mayor Pritchett to distribute a petition for signatures to make sure this individual does not get a pardon
2. Mr. Pritchett mentioned a legislative breakfast was coming up and he needed to know which board members would be attending
3. Mr. Pritchett stated the research director from Senator Durbin's office visited Village Hall regarding help for earmarks in Washington D.C. The Village is hoping to get \$3 million for flood water monies
4. Mr. Pritchett stated Canadian National was given the green light to purchase Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway (EJ&E)
5. Mr. Pritchett thanked the board members who attended the meeting at Senior Towers for him. Mr. Pritchett will be traveling to Washington D.C. in February regarding the Senior Towers and its transition back to seniors only status
6. Mr. Pritchett thanked the board members who came out on December 27 to help with sandbagging. Once again, the Lee and Belmont and Marconi areas were affected. Mr. Pritchett stated that he along with Mr. Thomas followed Silvercreek south of Franklin Park to see how the water was flowing. Mr. Pritchett thinks there might be some kind of blockage somewhere in the flow of Silvercreek and would like for this to be further investigated by the proper authorities
7. Mr. Pritchett stated several \$25.00 Jewel gift certificates were received from Scott Forge to be given out to needy families in town
8. Mr. Pritchett stated the annual Christmas party for Village employees held at El Pescatore Restaurant was a success. This resulted in a savings over previous years
9. Mr. Pritchett stated he did not have a need for Executive Session

XIV. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Georgetta, seconded by Ms. McLean to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.
Voice vote carried

ATTEST

Susan K Szymanski, Village Clerk

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