

**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  
FEBRUARY 17, 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 Ms. McLean, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Georgetta, and Mr. Acevedo. **Absent:** Mr. Bellendir. The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present  
**Legal Representation Present:** Brian Baugh, Village Attorney  
**Consultants Present:** Dave Talbott (Clark Dietz, Inc.)  
**Staff Members Present:** Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources Director), Dave Hough (Comptroller), Eugene Piltaver (Treasurer), Joe Lauro (Water Department), Paul Sharp (Inspectional Services Director), Joe Thomas (Utilities Director), Commander Dave Olson (Fire Department), Chief Tom Wolfe and Deputy Chief Joe O'Connor (Police Department)

**IV. 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. MR. JOHNSON STATED ALL THE PARTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR THE FUELING STATION AND CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BEGIN IN THREE WEEKS**

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

**1. MR. GEORGETTA COMMENDED CHIEF WOLFE AND HIS STAFF FOR THE GOOD JOB THEY DID ON THEIR NEW DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL**

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

**1. MR. FISHER, CO-CHAIR, SAID THERE IS NOTHING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

- E. PROPERTY, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (Mr. Acevedo, Chair)**
- 1. MR. ACEVEDO STATED CVS, CHASE BANK AND SONIC RESTAURANT ARE PLANNING ON OPENING AT GRAND AVENUE AND MANNHEIM ROAD. HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM RIDGE PROPERTY TRUST WHO HAS A NEW TENANT MOVING INTO A 73,000 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING CREATING NEARLY 100 JOBS**
  - 2. MR. ACEVEDO STATED THEY ARE WORKING WITH THE DEVELOPER TO OPEN UP GREEN SPACE ON FRANKLIN AVENUE BY THE CROSSINGS UNTIL THE MARKET TURNS AROUND THEN IT CAN BE DEVELOPED**
  - 3. MR. ACEVEDO STATED HE HAS THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND HOMELAND SECURITY HE WANTED THE BOARD TO REVIEW**
- F. HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE (Ms. McLean, Chair)**
- 1. MS. MCLEAN STATED THERE ARE 30 PEOPLE ENROLLED IN THE “BIGGEST LOSER” WEIGHT LOSS CONTEST FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES, TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
  - 2. MS. MCLEAN STATED THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS MARCH 20 AND LETTERS WILL BE SENT TO CHURCHES FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR BULLETINS AND TO THE NEWSPAPER**
- G. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Mr. Georgetta, Chair)**
- 1. MR. GEORGETTA STATED HE AND LISA ANTHONY ATTENDED THE KICK-OFF FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY’S “RELAY-FOR-LIFE.” MR. GEORGETTA ALSO MENTIONED LISA ANTHONY, JOAN MORYS AND HIMSELF ARE NO LONGER THE CHAIRS OF THE EVENT AND WERE RECOGNIZED WITH A PLAQUE FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE. KITTY GREENWOOD, BERNICE BROWN AND LARRY FRITZ ARE THE NEW CHAIRS**
  - 2. MR. GEORGETTA REPORTED THERE WERE 161 APPLICANTS FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS “HEROES BREAKFAST”**
  - 3. MR. GEORGETTA STATED HE WILL HAVE A “RAILROAD DAZE” MEETING AFTER THE NEXT STAFF MEETING**
  - 4. MR. GEORGETTA MENTIONED HE WAS READING AN ARTICLE IN THE DAILY HERALD THAT DES PLAINES IS LOOKING FOR SPONSORS FOR THEIR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS EVENT DUE TO A CUT BACK ON FUNDS. DES PLAINES CHARGES A \$25 FEE FOR THEIR RESIDENTS TO ATTEND EVENTS COMPARED TO FRANKLIN PARK’S EVENTS THAT ARE FREE**

**V. 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, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**
2. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,955,711.87**
3. **ORDINANCE NO. 0809 VC  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6F-8A, "RESERVED PARKING SPACES," OF ARTICLE F, "PARKING RESTRICTIONS," OF CHATER 6, "TRAFFIC SCHEDULES," OF TITLE 6, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF FRANKLIN PARK (2558 Oak Street)**
4. **ORDINANCE NO. 0809 Z  
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND GRANTING A VARIATION TO ALLOW THE EXPANSION OF THE NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 9000 KING STREET, FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (ZBA 09-03)**
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE LEUKEMIA RESEARCH REQUEST FOR TAG DAYS ON FRIDAY, MAY 8, SATURDAY, MAY 9, AND SUNDAY MAY 10, 2009**
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 158 REQUEST FOR TWO CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS: ONE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009 AND ONE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009**

Motion made by Mr. Acevedo, seconded by Ms. McLean to pass the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6.  
Roll Call: Ayes –Ms. McLean, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Georgetta, and Mr. Acevedo.  
Nay – 0. Absent – Mr. Bellendir. Abstain – 0.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. HOUSE BILL 5058**

Steve Witnik, Franklin Park police detective and President of the Police Pension Fund, stated this bill is about new legislation that came into effect over the year and they are accountable to report to the Village Board the statistics on their fund. The members of the Board were given copies to review of the signed October 21, 2008 report. Mr. Acevedo pointed out some typing errors and Mr. Johnson commented on the superb job they did with investments. Mr. Pritchett stated Deputy Chief Jack Kreckler had a lot to do with the success of this report

**VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF**

1. Lisa Anthony announced Student Government Day is March 16 and the students will be here on Tuesday, February 24, at 9:00 a.m. Department heads, mayor, clerk and available trustees will give an overview of their roles and responsibilities

**IX. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK**

1. Ms. Szymanski announced early voting polling places are Elmwood Park and Melrose Park for the March 3 Primary Election

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. None

**XI. COMMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

1. Mr. Pritchett stated the Village received a check for \$81,086.69 from Daniel Hynes' Office and this is the first installment of reimbursement for the September 13 rain storm disaster. Mr. Pritchett mentioned the Police, Fire and Utilities departments did a great job of documenting everything and the Village should be receiving another check for approximately \$73,000
2. Mr. Pritchett announced the Village received an award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for our variable speed drives on our water pumping station equipment. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Talbott attended the award ceremony
3. Mr. Pritchett stated three days last week at the B-12 tower, he held six classes for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students of Pietrini and North Schools. Mr. Pritchett presented a local history lesson and he looks forward to doing this each year
4. Mr. Pritchett stated he met with the Di Paolo's, and since the condo market hasn't revived, they have decided to cap the site on Franklin Avenue for green space. Mr. Pritchett stated he didn't think the site would be ready for "Railroad Daze" but perhaps it would be ready for the "Street Dance"
5. Mr. Pritchett stated he had a meeting with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District on February 4 in which they talked extensively about some of the flooding questions the Village has on the upstream conditions of Silvercreek and Crystal Creek, the Lee and Belmont area and the Jack Williams Reservoir. Mr. Pritchett is mostly concerned about the south end of Silvercreek as it passes underneath Armitage Avenue and into Melrose Park and he wants to know why the water is not leaving Franklin Park
6. Mr. Pritchett announced that Sonic Drive-in Restaurant is coming to Franklin Park at Grand Avenue and Mannheim Road and he met with the architects who are excited about this location
7. Mr. Pritchett stated he read the Norm Goodman resolution at the basketball game. He only read the paragraph dealing with Rose Street being renamed in Norm Goodman's honor. Mr. Pritchett joked about how at half time, Norm Goodman wanted to recall just about every player that ever played for him. Mr. Pritchett mentioned what a wonderful evening it was and how nice it was to recall all those memories

**8. Mr. Pritchett stated this Thursday the Cook County Housing Authority is having a meeting. The Mayor plans on attending regarding the designation as senior only for the Towers. The residents appreciate the work being done**

**XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
None

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion made by Ms. McLean, seconded by Mr. Georgetta to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.  
Voice vote carried

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan K Szymanski, Village Clerk

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