

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 MARCH 2, 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 Mr. Bellendir, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Georgetta, and Mr. Acevedo.
Absent: Ms. McLean. The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.
Legal Representation Present: Don Storino, Village Attorney
Consultants Present: Chester Kochan (Clark Dietz, Inc.)
Staff Members Present: Jeff Eder (Community Development Director), Dave Hough (Comptroller), Mike Servini (Street Department), Paul Sharp (Inspectional Services Director), Joe Thomas (Utilities Director), Joe Lauro (Water Department), Chief Dave Traiforos (Fire Department), Chief Tom Wolfe and Deputy Chief Jack Krecker (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 THEY ARE GOING TO START WELDING ON THE WATER TANK TO INSTALL NEW LADDERS, WHICH WILL START NEXT WEEK. HOPEFULLY, THE WEEK AFTER THAT THEY WILL START ON THE REFUELING STATION**
 - 2. MR. JOHNSON STATED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO HE DISCOVERED AN OPEN MANHOLE COVER ON GREENFIELD ROAD. HE CONTACTED THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND THEY SENT TEDDY OCWIEJA TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM. MR. JOHNSON COMMENDED THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR ITS QUICK RESPONSE. MR. JOHNSON, ALONG WITH ALL THE PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL GREENFIELD ROAD, APPRECIATE IT**

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

- 1. MR. GEORGETTA ANNOUNCED FIRE FIGHTER DAVID AUGUSTINE'S WIFE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AND PLEASE REMEMBER HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

- 1. NOTHING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

E. PROPERTY, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (Mr. Acevedo, Chair)

- 1. MR. ACEVEDO STATED THE EMERGENCY DISASTER ORDINANCE IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- 2. MR. ACEVEDO STATED HE SPOKE WITH A NATIONAL CHAIN REGARDING THE GRAND AVENUE AND MANNHEIM ROAD AREA. MR. ACEVEDO WOULDN'T DISCLOSE WHO THEY ARE BUT SAID THEY WOULD MAKE A NICE ADDITION TO OUR DEVELOPMENT THERE**

F. HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE (Ms. McLean, Chair)

- 1. MR. GEORGETTA STATED TO REMEMBER THE UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE ON MARCH 20, AT 3:00 P.M.**

G. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Mr. Georgetta, Chair)

- 1. MR. GEORGETTA STATED LAST WEEK THERE WAS A STAFF MEETING FOR "RAILROAD DAZE." THE HEADLINER BAND FOR FRIDAY NIGHT IS "SLIPPERY WHEN WET" WHICH IS A "BON JOVI" TRIBUTE BAND, ALSO A LOCAL ROSEMONT BAND WILL BE PLAYING THAT NIGHT. THERE WILL BE A COUNTRY ACT ON SATURDAY NIGHT ALONG WITH THE EAST LEYDEN/WEST LEYDEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BANDS WHO WILL PLAY IN THE AFTERNOON. MR. GEORGETTA STATED FOOD VENDORS ARE BEING SOLICITED AND THIS MIGHT BE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EXPLORERS (CHIEF WOLFE'S GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE) TO BE PUT IN ACTION TO HELP US OUT AT THIS EVENT**

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 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**
- 2. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,581,037.05**

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 0809 R**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE – PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC. AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 0809 VC**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ENTITLED “EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER AGENCY (ESDA),” OF TITLE 2, ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS,” OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 0809 R**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS PERTAINING TO A CONGESTION MITIGATION – AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT CONCERNING THE RETROFIT AND DEPLOYMENT OF THREE (3) SWITCHER LOCOMOTIVES BY THE INDIANA HARBOR BELT RAILROAD FOR USE IN ITS RAIL YARD IN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

6. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE SALVATION ARMY REQUEST FOR THEIR ANNUAL DONUT DAY COLLECTION FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, JUNE 5 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009 AND THEIR ANNUAL RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN FROM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 THROUGH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2009**

7. **MOTION TO APPROVE KIWANIS CLUB OF FRANKLIN PARK REQUEST FOR THEIR ANNUAL PEANUT DAYS COLLECTION AT GRAND AVENUE AND MANNHEIM ROAD AND ALSO GRAND AVENUE AND 25TH ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 THROUGH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009**

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bellendir to pass the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 7. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Bellendir, , Mr. Johnson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Georgetta, and Mr. Acevedo. Nay – 0. Absent – Ms. McLean. Abstain – 0

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1.

VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

1. Mr. Eder stated the Board should have received in their packets a notice for the public meeting regarding the Elgin/O’Hare project. The hearing will be held on March 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Elk Grove Village Belvedere Banquet

Hall. They will be discussing how to move traffic through the western side of O'Hare that connects to Elgin/O'Hare. They would also like to build a new bridge over the tracks by Irving Park Road and Taft Avenue

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

1. Ms. Szymanski reminded everyone that tomorrow is the Primary Election and all polling places will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and voter's registration is open until March 10, for the April 7 Consolidated Election

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mr. Gregory Heath, 2215 Mannheim Road - He would like to see Franklin Avenue widened west of Mannheim Road

XI. COMMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. Mr. Pritchett stated speaking of Franklin Avenue, first of all the history of the railroads, the history of our country, most railroad right-of-ways were granted to the railroad for the construction of those railroads and tremendous benefits were given and of course it was a monumental undertaking, but things like property taxes and the right-of-ways were granted to them in perpetuity so most railroad tracks run relatively tax free. We received notice last week that we are going to be the recipients of A \$950,000 grant, an earmark that we've been working on for about a year that is designated for Franklin Avenue so that is \$1 million of a proposed \$9 million construction project. Mr. Pritchett stated we are about 10% of the way there. Mr. Pritchett has not seen the bill yet as to see what it's tied to but Mr. Pritchett will be in Washington to seek the other \$8 million
2. Mr. Pritchett stated the Village had another snow/rain scare again a couple days ago. Mr. Pritchett and Mr. Thomas cruised around to make sure everything was under control. Mr. Pritchett said his heart goes out to the people of Lee Street and Belmont Avenue because it doesn't take much for them to get nervous now. When Mr. Pritchett visited the Panoramic Avenue and Ernst Street area, there was a lot of water but the manhole was taking in the water. The Lee Street and Belmont Avenue area residents still insisted on sandbags. Mr. Pritchett stated he had Rich Pena investigating the idea of possibly having a P.O.D. container put in a central location perhaps behind K Mart where they could have the sandbags in the unit ready to go. This would be easier to load
3. Mr. Pritchett stated he met with The Cook County Housing Authority on February 19. The Board voted unanimously for the senior only status. The Cook County Housing Authority has a completed draft and sent it to Washington and it is a matter for Washington to review. Mr. Pritchett will be in Washington soon to point out the highs and the lows and see if there is anything else they could require to get our Senior Towers back to senior only status
4. Mr. Pritchett stated on February 22 the scouts put on the Blue/Gold Dinner at the United Methodist Church. The place was packed and it was a great event

5. Mr. Pritchett stated on February 24 students met for the preparation of “Student Government Day” which will be held on March 16
6. Mr. Pritchett stated there was a GARRA meeting on Friday, February 27
7. Mr. Pritchett announced there will be an electronics collection April 24 and April 25 at Triton College. Any computer equipment, computers, telephones, answering machines, cell phones, fax machines, television, VCR’s, stereo equipment, software, discs and CD’s can be dropped off
8. Mr. Pritchett stated he will soon be in Washington, D.C. to check on the \$950,000 grant plus continuing to work on the Silver Creek basin funding so we can finish the final pieces of that project and the pedestrian bridge on Franklin Avenue
9. Mr. Pritchett stated Sonic Restaurant has signed papers to be the third build out on Grand Avenue and Mannheim Road and they are excited about this
10. Mr. Pritchett stated Elgin, Joliet and Eastern (EJ&E) project did go through and this will mean less trains for Franklin Park
11. Mr. Pritchett stated he received a card from David Nemecek thanking him for taking time out of his schedule to speak to the 5th grade classes on the history of Franklin Park

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Acevedo, seconded by Mr. Georgetta to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.
Voice vote carried

ATTEST

Susan K Szymanski, Village Clerk

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