

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 MAY 4, 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, Ms. McLean, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Georgetta, and Mr. Acevedo. The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.
Legal Representation Present: Rich Ramello, Village Attorney
Consultants Present: Dave Talbott (Clark Dietz, Inc.), John Mick (Baxter & Woodman)
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), Joe Lauro (Utilities Director), Chief Dave Traiforos (Fire Department), Chief Tom Wolfe, and Deputy Chief Jack Kreckler and Joe O'Connor (Police Department)
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (Mr. Fisher, Chair)**
 - 1. NOTHING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS TIME**
 - B. WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE (Mr. Johnson, Chair)**
 - 1. NOTHING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS TIME**
 - C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE (Mr. Georgetta, Chair)**
 - 1. NOTHING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS TIME**
 - D. STREET AND ALLEY COMMITTEE (Mr. Bellendir, Chair)**
 - 1. NOTHING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS TIME**
 - E. PROPERTY, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (Mr. Acevedo, Chair)**
 - 1. NOTHING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS TIME**
 - F. HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE (Ms. McLean, Chair)**
 - 1. NOTHING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS TIME**

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

- 1. MR. GEORGETTA STATED “KIDS ON WHEELS” WENT OFF WELL AND HE THANKED TOM WOLFE AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND MS MCLEAN. THE KIDS HAD A GREAT TIME AND SEVERAL BIKES WERE GIVEN AWAY. HE WAS GLAD TO BE A PART OF THE 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 MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009, AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009**
- 2. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,380,703.94**
- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 0910 R
COLE TAYLOR BANK RESOLUTION REGARDING EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD**
- 4. RESOLUTION NO. 0910 R
RESOLUTION APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND DANIEL B. PRITCHETT FOR THE USE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE 2009 RAILROAD DAZE EVENT**
- 5 MOTION TO APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY (MDA) “FILL THE BOOT” COLLECTION ON FRIDAY, MAY 29 AND FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009**

**Motion made by Mr. Bellendir, seconded by Mr. Georgetta to pass the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5
Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Bellendir, Ms. McLean, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Georgetta, and Mr. Acevedo.
Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.**

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1.**

VII. COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF

- 1. Mr. Georgetta thanked Mr. Pritchett for slating him for trustee eight years ago and stated he was happy to be part of the Grand Avenue Underpass Project. He stated he was proud to be part of starting the Mini Relay for Life in the schools and being involved with Lisa Anthony and Joan Morys in raising over \$1 million in this community over the last eight years. He stated he was pleased to be part of the**

- hiring process of Police Chief Tom Wolfe. He stated over \$200,000 was raised in the MS Tour De Farms and thousands of dollars for Juvenile Diabetes. Franklin Park is a very giving community and it was a pleasure for the eight years he has been here
2. Mr. Fisher thanked all the residents of Franklin Park that helped him out and supported him over the past eight years and he wished the new board and mayor the best of luck. He thanked Mr. Pritchett for getting him involved eight years ago
 3. Ms. Szymanski stated Mr. Pritchett brought her on as treasurer and the Fireman's Pension Board and then went on to be elected as clerk for eight years. She stated she tried to streamline and modernize the Clerk's Office to be efficient and to be able to have documents ready when people call for them. Ms. Szymanski stated she brought a lot of the office to the 21st century with modern technology which was not in use before. She thanked Mr. Pritchett for getting her involved in the community and she thanked the residents for supporting her in the past
 4. Mr. Pritchett stated in the last 13 years he has made a lot of contacts and good friends and some of the best friends for the Village came out of Washington. He read a statement made April 23, 1910 by Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Pritchett stated it was over 28 years when his service to Franklin Park began and when he became trustee, he spent six years learning about village government and trying to restructure a nearly non-existent building department that had allowed an alarming percent of the housing stock to deteriorate. He introduced a code enforcement that included mandated pre-sale inspections and investigated residents concerns about the neighborhoods and as problematic properties were addressed, property values increased

Mr. Pritchett commented on his respectable, cordial relationship with previous mayor, Jack Williams and how Mr. Williams requested Mr. Pritchett to take over as acting president when he had become ill. Mr. Pritchett commented on the advice he received when he became mayor after Mr. Williams passed away to surround himself with competent and loyal people and the current staff is top shelf. Mr. Pritchett commented on bringing in Dennis Wagner as I.T. director and Chief Tom Wolfe as police chief. Mr. Pritchett commented on the many new businesses and new development that have come into Franklin Park. Mr. Pritchett stated he was very proud of the Veterans' Monument, new sewers with connection to the deep tunnel, paving of all the alleys in the Village, the Silver Creek Basin improvements, the relocation and restoration of the B12 Tower, three new parks named in honor of our veterans and the biggest project of all, the \$44 million Grand Avenue underpass most of which was paid for by aggressively seeking grant monies

Mr. Pritchett thanked Ms. Szymanski, Mr. Georgetta and Mr. Fisher for their part in all the endeavors. Ms. Szymanski has reorganized the Village's records including scanning and properly archiving Village papers in a secure but readily accessible manner, the passport service she introduced has assisted thousands and provided revenue for the Village. Mr. Fisher has overseen the formulation of a balanced Village budget for the past three years and monitored it to keep it in the black. Mr. Georgetta's background in Police and Fire personnel is evident with the many years he served on the Police and Fire Commission and chairing the Police and Fire Committee; however, his big heart for charities will always be remembered.

Mr. Pritchett thanked everyone for unlimited assistance in 17 car shows, 15 Railroad Daze, and 10 Christmas parties at Hammill Square. Mr. Pritchett commented on his previous Village elections and how he always adhered to the principles of a clean campaign based on issues, policies and one's record and it had made him to be able to meet a formidable political adversary anywhere whether it be on the street, at the store or at church, he exchanged some pleasantries, some would even put up a lawn sign in future elections. Unfortunately, this past election introduced a level of negative politics delivering self serving and misrepresentations directed at his children, family and family's 60-year old business. He stated they will usher in a new level of politics that the good people in Franklin Park should not have to deal with. To that end, he stated he would seek regress

Mr. Pritchett thanked the people of Franklin Park for giving him the honor of serving for so many years

Mr. Pritchett, Ms. Szymanski, Mr. Georgetta and Mr. Fisher vacated their seats

VIII. SWEARING IN OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT BARRETT F. PEDERSEN, VILLAGE CLERK TOMMY THOMSON, TRUSTEES JOHN C. JOHNSON, ROSE RODRIGUEZ AND TOM BRIMIE BY THE HONORABLE ANNE M. BURKE, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

Supreme Court Justice Burke remarked on orderly transition of government and those who serve their community. Justice Burke officiated the oath of office to Barrett Pedersen as President, Tommy Thomson as Village Clerk, Tom Brimie, John Johnson, and Rose Rodriguez as Trustees

IX. NEW VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Pedersen thanked everyone who supported him and it is a great privilege to serve as mayor. He also thanked the residents of Franklin Park for putting him in a position to work on their behalf. Mr. Pedersen thanked Justice Burke for being here for him. Special thanks to Mayor Dan Pritchett for his 13 years of service as well as Village Clerk Susan Szymanski and Trustees Greg Fisher and Lou Georgetta for their years of service to our community. He also thanked his family for their support and as well as other elected officials

Mr. Pedersen commented on the public policy changes he hopes to implement including public safety, economic development and tax relief, ethics reform, Inspectional Services reorganization, and beautification and cleanliness. He stated he will propose in the upcoming budget where possible to increase funding for streets, alleys and sidewalk maintenance. Mr. Pedersen stated he will request that the Village attorney draft an ordinance opposing any further adult uses in Franklin Park until constitutionally permissible limitations are passed to protect the Village.

He thanked everyone for allowing him and the board members to serve the Village. He pledged to provide an open and transparent government

Mr. Pedersen announced recess at 7:46 p.m.

The meeting resumed from recess at 8:20 p.m.

Barrett Pedersen, Tommy Thomson, Rose Rodriguez, and Tom Brimie took their positions

Village Clerk Tommy Thomson called the roll:

Present: Trustees Ms. McLean, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bellendir, Mr. Brimie, Mr. Acevedo The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present

X. RESOLUTIONS FOR FORMER OFFICIALS

- 1. Mr. Pedersen announced the resolutions will be available for the May 18, 2009 Board meeting**

XI. APPOINTMENTS

- 1. Mr. Pedersen requested Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. to be appointed as Village attorney. Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. McLean to confirm Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. Village attorney. Roll Call: Ayes –Ms. McLean. Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bellendir, Mr. Brimie, Mr. Acevedo. Nays – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 0.**

Mr. Pedersen thanked the law firm of Storino, Ramello and Durkin for all their years of service with the Village of Franklin Park

- 2. Mr. Pedersen requested Joseph Patti to be appointed Chief of Police. Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Brimie to appoint Joseph Patti as Chief of Police. Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. McLean. Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bellendir, Mr. Brimie, Mr. Acevedo. Nays – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 0.**

Village Clerk Tommy Thomson officiated the swearing in of as Joseph Patti as Police Chief

- 3. Mr. Pedersen requested to appoint Jeffery Eder as Interim Director of Inspectional Services Department. Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. McLean to appoint Jeffery Eder and Interim Director of Inspectional Services Department. Roll Call: Ayes –Ms. McLean. Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bellendir, Mr. Brimie, Mr. Acevedo. Nays – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 0.**

Mr. Pedersen thanked Paul Sharp for his many years of service with the Village as not only the Director of Inspectional Services but also as Trustee

- 4. Mr. Pedersen stated Wagner and Sims has been the Village Auditor for 40 years but the Board will be accepting proposals from prospective auditing firms at a Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, May 11, 2009**

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. SWEARING IN OF CAPTAIN STEVE IOVINELLI AS FIRE DEPARTMENT SHIFT COMMANDER**

Mr. Pedersen announced Captain Steve Iovinelli is the next commander for the Fire Department

Village Clerk Tommy Thomson officiated the swearing in of Steve Iovinelli as Commander for the Fire Department

Mr. Pedersen invited everyone to the Underpass Lounge for a reception

Mr. Pedersen stated he has a need for Executive Session for employment status of employees

Mr. Johnson announced there was cookies, cake, and coffee in the back of the room

while the Board was in recess

XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bellendir to recess to Closed Session for matters of class of benefits to employees at 8:40 p.m.

**Roll Call: Ayes –Ms. McLean. Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bellendir, Mr. Brimie, Mr. Acevedo.
Nays – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 0.**

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 9:05 P.M.

**Roll Call: Present: Ms. McLean. Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bellendir,
Mr. Brimie, Mr. Acevedo.**

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

No action was taken in Closed Session

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Mr. Bellendir, seconded by Mr. Acevedo to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.
Voice vote carried**

ATTEST

Tommy Thomson, Village Clerk

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