

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK HELD AT THE
PARK DISTRICT OF FRANKLIN PARK 9560 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MAPLE ROOM
MARCH 7, 2011**

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: Village Clerk Tommy Thomson called the roll:
Present: Trustees Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bellendir, Mr. Brimie, and Mr. Acevedo. **Absent:** Ms. McLean. The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.
Legal Representation Present: Joe Montana, Village Attorney
Consultants Present: Dave Talbott, Joe Thomas (Clark Dietz, Inc.)
Staff Members Present: Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources Director), Jeff Eder (Community Development Director), Jeff Harris (Zoning Administrator), Ron Heller (Comptroller), Joe Lauro (Utilities Commissioner), Andy Smolen (Deputy Utilities Commissioner), Dennis Wagner (I.T. Director), Chief Steve Iovinelli (Fire Department), Chief Mike Witz and Deputy Chief Phil Ruch (Police Department)

IV. PRESENTATION TO JOE THOMAS

PRESIDENT PEDERSEN THANKED JOE THOMAS AND PRESENTED HIM WITH A PLAQUE ACKNOWLEDGING HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Mr. Johnson, Chair)**
- 1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MET LAST MONDAY TO DISCUSS THE WATER FUND, SEWER FUND AND STREET AND BRIDGE FUND. THE NEXT FINANCE MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 8**
 - 2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THERE WAS A "RAILROAD DAZE" MEETING TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND WEEKEND IN JUNE**

- B. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Ms. Rodriguez, Chair)**
- 1. MS. RODRIGUEZ REPORTED THERE HAS BEEN NO WATER BREAKS FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS AND THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON GETTING 10 TO 12 FIRE HYDRANTS BACK IN SERVICE**
- C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE (Mr. Johnson, Chair)**
- 1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MET AND HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT**
- D. STREET AND ALLEY COMMITTEE (Mr. Brimie, Chair)**
- 1. MR. BRIMIE REPORTED POT HOLES ARE BEING FILLED AND IF ANY POT HOLES ARE SEEN, PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK**
 - 2. MR. BRIMIE STATED HE RECEIVED A LETTERS PRAISING THE SNOW REMOVAL EFFORTS OF THE VILLAGE'S STREET DEPARTMENT**
 - 3. MR. BRIMIE REPORTED A \$6,000 GRANT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS FOR THE EMERALD ASHBORE PROGRAM**
 - 4. MR. BRIMIE ANNOUNCED CINDY SLIWINSKI'S SON'S DIVISION FROM THE PANTHER HOCKEY TEAM HAD BEATEN MR. BRIMIE'S SON'S TEAM**
 - 5. MR. BRIMIE ANNOUNCED THIS PAST SATURDAY THE ILLINOIS KID WRESTLING CONFEDERATION BROUGHT THE SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT BACK TO LEYDEN. THIS TOURNAMENT HAS NOT BEEN THERE IN 30 YEARS AND IT BROUGHT A LOT OF BUSINESS TO LOCAL RESTAURANTS. MR. BRIMIE HOPES MORE OF THESE KIND OF EVENTS COULD BE BROUGHT TO FRANKLIN PARK**
- E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (Mr. Acevedo, Chair)**
- 1. MR. ACEVEDO SUGGESTED THE VILLAGE BOARD TAKE A 10% DEDUCTION IN THEIR PAY AND DONATE IT TO LEYDEN FAMILY SERVICES**
- F. HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE (Ms. McLean, Chair)**
- 1. IN MS. MCLEAN ABSENCE, MR. JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE ON MARCH 18, FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**
- G. GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Mr. Bellendir, Chair)**
- 1. MR. BELLENDIR REPORTED DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ANDY SMOLEN IS WORKING ON THE TREE-CITY CERTIFICATION AND HE IS WAITING TO HEAR BACK**

VI. 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:

(a) REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

(b) SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

2. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,919,700.63

3. ORDINANCE NO. 1011 G

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR ACCESS TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY

2. MOTION TO APPROVE MISERICORDIA HEART OF MERCY REQUEST FOR THEIR ANNUAL CANDY SALE TAG DAY FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 29 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011

3. MOTION TO APPROVE LEUKEMIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION TAG DAYS REQUEST FOR TAG DAYS FRIDAY, MAY 20, SATURDAY, MAY 21 AND SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2011

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bellendir to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes –Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bellendir, Mr. Brimie, and Mr. Acevedo.

Nay – 0. Absent – Ms. McLean. Abstain – 0.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. NONE

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. NONE

X. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

1. Jeff Eder stated M.B. Financial Bank took over ownership of the old Motorola building on Grand Avenue and clean up has started so it can be marketed.

Mr. Eder reported due to the O'Hare expansion, the Union-Pacific rail bridge has to be reconstructed across Franklin Avenue. This work will begin on March 15 and is a two-year project

2. **Lisa Anthony announced Monday, March 21 is Student Government Day and will have their mock board meeting between 6:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Board members and department heads will meet with the students at 11:30 a.m. at the high school and then be brought back to the Village Hall for a few hours**
3. **Ron Heller reported the 2009 audit has finally been completed and copies will be available tomorrow and should be online by Wednesday**
4. **Joe Lauro spoke about the salt permit bidding process that has to be completed by the Village by March 18 and submitted to the State of Illinois. This year they will be applying for 4,500 tons of salt. Mr. Lauro commended Andy Smolen for all the work he put in applying for the tree-city certification**
5. **Dave Talbott announced the Birch Street/Cherry Street project has been awarded and it should begin this spring**
6. **Jeff Harris reported the Village has issued six new certificate of occupancies for new businesses in the last month. The old Arby's location has reopened as an Italian restaurant**
7. **Dennis Wagner reported the electronic recycling site at 9360 Franklin Avenue is up and running. Mr. Wagner also reported the new website should be completed by the end of the month**
8. **Chief Witz stated the Police Department recently submitted two grants. The first grant was for a security camera for the C. P. rail yard and the other grant is for a new squad car**
9. **Andy Smolen reported the Utilities Department has saved money by changing its trucking company for hauling away debris. Mr. Smolen also reported the tree ordinance for the tree-city designation is almost complete**
10. **Chief Iovinelli announced Elmhurst Hospital is coming out to Station #2 to give a "Recognition of Excellence" award to the crew of Anthony Bianchi, Lieutenant Dan Fidonik, Rob Wright, Dan Colantuono and Lieutenant Dave Richter for a cardiac call they responded to. Chief Iovinelli also announced this Friday, March 11, is the annual St. Baldrick's fundraiser at Hanging Gardens in River Grove. Chief Iovinelli stated a hazardous material cleanup company is interested in buying some of the Fire Department's old air packs**

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

1. **NONE**

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- 1. President Pedersen stated if anyone from the public would like to review the budget documents the board is currently reviewing at budget meetings and would like to suggest modifications to the budget; please email, send a letter, call or drop off in the suggestion box located at the Village**
- 2. President Pedersen thanked the Park District of Franklin Park for allowing the Village board to use their facility**

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1. Ken Zurek, 3229 George Street – Commented on the Mayor’s property tax appeals and thanked Trustee Acevedo for being concerned about Leyden Family Services**
- 2. Naomi Weaver, 9535 Franklin Avenue – Thanked Mayor Pedersen, the Board of Trustees, Chief Witz and Chief Iovinelli for keeping the Senior Towers safe. There has been in issue with younger people moving in who sometimes cause trouble and there has been complaints about garbage left on cars**
- 3. Jackie Granger, 9617 Richard Avenue – Commented on sending a thank-you note to the people who drop off suggestions and that everyone has the right to make a tax appeal**

XIV. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. NONE**

XV. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Brimie to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.
Voice vote carried**

ATTEST

Tommy Thomson, Village Clerk

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