

**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 21, 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. McLean, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bellendir, Mr. Brimie and Mr. Acevedo.

**The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.**

**Legal Representation Present:** Joe Montana, Village Attorney

**Consultants Present:** Dave Talbott (Clark Dietz, Inc.)

**Staff Members Present:** Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources Director), Jeff Eder (Community Development Director), Jeff Harris (Zoning Administrator), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), 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. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. FINANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Mr. Johnson, Chair)**

**1. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE BUDGET IS CURRENTLY BEING WORKED ON AND MORE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS**

**B. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Ms. Rodriguez, Chair)**

**1. MS. RODRIGUEZ REPORTED EVERYTHING HAS BEEN RUNNING SMOOTHLY AND THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY TWO RECENT WATER MAIN BREAKS**

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

**1. MR. JOHNSON STATED HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT**

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

- 1. MR. BRIMIE REMINDED EVERYONE STREET SWEEPING BEGINS NEXT MONTH AND TO PARK ON THE DESIGNATED SIDE OF THE STREET SO THE STREET SWEEPERS CAN GET BY**
- 2. MR. BRIMIE REPORTED FLEET MAINTENANCE IS DOING THEIR BEST TO KEEP THE POLICE FLEET RUNNING AND OUT ON THE STREET. MR. BRIMIE ALSO STATED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING TO PURCHASE TWO NEW POLICE VEHICLES**

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

- 1. MR. ACEVEDO ANNOUNCED ROMANO'S RESTAURANT IS OPEN WHERE THE OLD ARBY'S RESTAURANT ON GRAND AVENUE WAS LOCATED**
- 2. MR. ACEVEDO SPOKE ABOUT THE MEMO IN THE BOARD PACKETS REQUESTING THE EAST SIDE PARKING LOT BE KEPT OPEN AND FOR A CHANGE IN CONDITIONAL USE**
- 3. MR. ACEVEDO REMINDED EVERYONE TO SHOP LOCALLY AND BUY AMERICAN**

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

- 1. MS. MCLEAN REPORTED ON THE PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM THE VILLAGE IS PARTICIPATING IN. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT LISA ANTHONY**
- 2. MS. MCLEAN STATED LAST FRIDAY THE QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE PRODUCED 37 UNITS OF BLOOD WHICH WILL HELP SAVE OVER A HUNDRED LIVES. THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS IN JUNE**

**H. GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Mr. Bellendir, Chair)**

- 1. MR. BELLENDIR STATED GRASS CLIPPINGS WILL BEGIN BEING PICKED UP THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL**

**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:**

- (a) REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011**
- (b) SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011**

**2. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,240,818.80**

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 1011 R**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HONORING JOE PENAR**
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 1011 R**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HONORING NICK SISTO**
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 1011 R**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HONORING DENNIS VACCARO**
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 1011 R**  
**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE ENGINEERING FIRM OF CLARK DIETZ, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**
7. **ORDINANCE NO. 1011 VC**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (ELIMINATE HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE AT 3513 DORA STREET)**
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE NATIONAL ROOFING COMPANY AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE WATER AND FLEET STRUCTURE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$334,100.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND PURSUANT TO THE ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE VILLAGE'S CONSULTANT, STRUCTURAL TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED**
9. **MOTION TO APPROVE KIWANIS CLUB OF FRANKLIN PARK TAG DAY REQUEST FOR THEIR ANNUAL PEANUT DAY COLLECTION AT THE CORNERS OF GRAND AVENUE/MANNHEIM ROAD AND GRAND AVENUE/25TH AVENUE ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH 24, 2011**

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

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

Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. NONE**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Elected Officials Salary**

Trustee Acevedo stated the Trustees and Mayor should lead by example and take a 10% cut in pay and put the money under general coffers. Mr. Brimie stated it was originally asked for the money to be donated to Leyden Family Services and that there was a misrepresentation in the newspaper article. Village attorney Joe Montana stated elected officials have not had their salaries increased since the last election.

Mr. Montana went on to report the current salaries would have to be fixed 180 days before the beginning of the term of the officers whose compensation is to be adjusted and it would have to be done by an ordinance

**VIII. APPOINTMENTS**

**1. Daniel Olson, Economic Development Commission**

President Pedersen appointed Daniel Olson as Commissioner to the Economic Development Commission

Motion made by Mr. Bellendir, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the appointment of Daniel Olson as Commissioner to the Economic Development Commission

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

Nays – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 0.

**2. Juan Nevarez, Plan Commission**

President Pedersen stated Juan Nevarez is unable to be appointed to the Plan Commission at this time due to conflicts with a new job

**IX. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF**

**1. Chief Iovinelli reported the response plans from CIS have finally been put together and will be reviewed and ready in about a week. Chief Iovinelli also reported the new communications equipment and computer will be installed in the new ambulance tomorrow**

**2. Dave Talbott stated new LED street lights are being tested on Martens street (3<sup>rd</sup> pole south of Chestnut street) as part of the energy efficiency block grant. Mr. Talbott reported the Water Reclamation District will be handling the removal of beaver dams on Silver Creek. Mr. Talbott stated he will be getting an update on the joint project with River Grove regarding the Elm street reconstruction project**

**3. Ron Heller spoke about the Triton College Internship program and that he anticipates having some personnel from their accounting program work in the Administration Department. Mr. Heller invited residents to contact him on issues they might have regarding Village finances**

4. **Dennis Wagner reported he received the beta Village website from American Eagle and he has started to work through the process of updating the site to be ready for a Spring launch. Mr. Wagner stated the new Auto Vehicle Location System (AVL) is now installed in the police cars and in the fire apparatus which allows for tracking where the vehicles are located at any given time**
5. **Chief Witz stated the purpose of the Auto Vehicle Location System software is for the safety of the officers. Chief Witz reported there is currently two officers injured. Chief Witz stated in a few months he will be coming before the board requesting the purchase of two new police vehicles and explained why purchasing new vehicles is more cost effective than maintaining the old vehicles**

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK**

1. **Village Clerk Tommy Thomson announced early voting ends on March 31, and the closest locations for early voting are at the Elmwood Park and Melrose Park village halls. Mr. Thomson also spoke about an article he had in the Village newsletter a couple of months ago regarding solicitors and how to handle them when they come to your house. Recently, the Clerk's Office received a complaint about a door-to-door solicitor and Mr. Thomson was able to track them down and have the police issue them a ticket**

**XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

1. **None**

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. **Ken Zurek, 3229 George Street – Commented on the Mayor's position being full-time when it used to be part-time and he also commented on the treasurer's position**
2. **Helen Piotrowski, 3530 Britta - Commented on the Mayor's comments regarding the Navy and being fired as an election judge**
3. **Kurt Kugelberg, 2506 Maple St. – Commented on salary reductions**
4. **Barry Brandell, 9472 Schiller Blvd. – Thanked Ron Heller for answering his questions regarding Village financial statements and commented on the new police station**
5. **Mike Essenmacher, 3016 Edgington St. – Commented on the chairman of the Finance Committee from the previous administration not knowing the finances of the Village**
6. **David Granger, 3137 Hawthorne – Commented and had questions regarding the last Town Hall Meeting**
7. **Roberta Krueger, 10205 Panoramic – Commented on the Town Hall Meeting**

**XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. **NONE**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Ms. McLean, seconded by Mr. Bellendir to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.  
Voice vote carried

**ATTEST**

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**Tommy Thomson, Village Clerk**

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