

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 OCTOBER 17, 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 Mr. Brimie, Mr. Johnson, Ms. McLean, Mr. Petersen, and Mr. Ruhl. Absent: Ms. Rodriguez. 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), Ron Heller (Comptroller), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Joe Lauro (Utilities Director), Dennis Wagner (I.T. Director), Chief Steve Iovinelli (Fire Department), Chief Mike Witz (Police Department)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1. Ken Zurek, 3229 George Street – Commented on item numbers 7 and 8 on the Consent Agenda to be removed and to have a roll call vote on them
Mr. Zurek also commented on the police collective bargaining agreement to be removed from the Consent Agenda**
- 2. Kurt Kugelberg, 2506 Maple Street – Commented on item number 4 on the Consent Agenda and on electrical aggregation**
- 3. Peter Bedrosian, 3037 Elder Street – Commented on taxes, estimated water bills , garbage pickup, street lights, the 50/50 sidewalk program and the red-light camera**
- 4. Vince Lanzi, 2437 Dora Street – Commented on his high taxes and how the Village should check into the owners of vacant homes**
- 5. Mike Essenmacher, 3016 Edgington Street – Commented on his high taxes**

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 1. MR. JOHNSON REQUESTED RON HELLER TO EXPLAIN WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE HIGH TAXES. MR. HELLER EXPLAINED THE VILLAGE TAX LEVY FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IS \$130,000 LESS THAN PRIOR YEARS AND SPOKE ABOUT CHANGES TO THE COUNTY TAXES. MR. HELLER ANNOUNCED THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT WILL BE OUT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

B. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Mr. Ruhl, Chair)

- 1. MR. RUHL REPORTED ON WATCHING THE DIVERS IN THE RESERVOIR PERFORMING AN INSPECTION. MR. RUHL STATED HE IS WAITING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE INSPECTION REPORT AND WILL GET BACK TO THE BOARD WITH THE RESULTS**

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

- 1. MR. PETERSEN REPORTED ON HIS VISIT TO FIRE STATION #2 AND COMPLIMENTED THE FIREMEN WHO HAVE DONATED THEIR TIME HELPING OUT WITH THE BACKUP COMMUNICATION CENTER**

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

- 1. MR. BRIMIE THANKED JOE LAURO AND THE WORKERS FROM THE STREET AND WATER DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR SERVICES IN GETTING THINGS DONE**

E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (Ms. Rodriguez, Chair)

- 1. IN THE ABSENCE OF MS. RODRIGUEZ, MS. MCLEAN REPORTED ON JEFF EDER ATTENDING THE COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS' TRADE SHOW AT NAVY PIER. MS. MCLEAN STATED MR. EDER MET WITH DEVELOPERS AND POTENTIAL TENANTS FOR THE VACANT KMART PROPERTY. MS. MCLEAN ALSO REPORTED PNC BANK WILL BE MOVING INTO THE VACANT BLOCKBUSTER BUILDING AND ON AN ANCHOR TENANT FOR THE GRAND AVENUE AND MANNHEIM ROAD AREA**

F. HEALTH, HUMAN RESOURCES, GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Ms. McLean, Chair)

- 1. MS. MCLEAN REPORTED ON THE "LET'S MOVE" MEETING HELD LAST WEEK AND STATED SOME SENIORS ARE INTERESTED IN THE "LET'S MOVE" INITIATIVE. MS. MCLEAN SPOKE ABOUT A BOY SCOUT WHO IS WORKING ON HIS EAGLE SCOUT BADGE BY DEVELOPING URBAN WALKING PATHS. DISTRICT 84 IS ALSO LOOKING INTO A SAFE WALKING ROUTE TO SCHOOL WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE STUDENT WALKING WITH A BUDDY. MS. MCLEAN ANNOUNCED DR. GALLOWAY FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WILL BE SPEAKING AT THEIR MEETING ON DECEMBER 14TH**
- 2. MS. MCLEAN REMINDED EVERYONE TO GET A FLU VACCINE**
- 3. MS. MCLEAN REPORTED ON THE CATVANDO FUNDRAISER HELD THIS PAST WEEKEND**

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, OCTOBER 3, 2011**
2. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$733,242.67**
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 1112 R**
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE 2011-2012 SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS
4. **ORDINANCE NO. 1112 VC**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SIX OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (STOP INTERSECTIONS ON MARTENS STREET)
5. **ORDINANCE NO. 1112 G**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND THE ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL, FRANKLIN PARK LODGE NUMBER 47
6. **ORDINANCE NO. 1112 G**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SAID PROPERTY TO THE HOOSIER VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM (100 FEET OF OLD RAILROAD TRACK)
7. **ORDINANCE NO. 1112G**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 10745 WEST GRAND AVENUE
8. **ORDINANCE NO. 1112G**
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY AS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TO THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (10745 GRAND AVENUE)
9. **MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH CHRISTOPHER B. ENGINEERING FOR STORM WATER MITIGATION PLANNING WITH A FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$66,000**

10. MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM ST. AGNES OF BOHEMIA TO GO THROUGH FRANKLIN PARK SOUTH ON RIVER ROAD ON DECEMBER 12, 2011, DURING THEIR ANNUAL ANTOROCHA GUADALUPANIA

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Brimie to approve the Consent Agenda.
Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. McLean, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Brimie.
Nay – 0. Absent – Ms. Rodriguez. Abstain – 0.

PRESIDENT PEDERSEN READ AN ARTICLE REGARDING A NEAR DROWNING INCIDENT IN BOULDER, COLORADO. A MAN WAS SAVED FROM DROWNING WHEN TWO BOYS WHO WERE FISHING SAW THE MAN DROWNING AND RAN FOR HELP. THE TWO BOYS WERE PRESIDENT PEDERSEN'S SONS AND THE INCIDENT HAPPENED WHILE THEY WERE VACATIONING IN THE AREA. PRESIDENT PEDERSEN READ A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE VICTIM'S SISTER. UNFORTUNATELY, THE VICTIM PASSED AWAY FIVE DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

Dave Talbott explained what electric aggregation is all about. This program allows residents and municipalities to purchase their electricity from other suppliers besides Commonwealth Edison at a more competitive rate. A referendum is required on the ballot giving voters the right to authorize such a program and individuals can choose to opt in or opt out of this program

Joseph Mario Moreno of Greater Energy Partners gave a presentation on energy aggregation and provided information about his company's services. Afterwards, there were questions from the Mayor and the board members to Mr. Moreno and his coworker Mark.

After Mr. Moreno gave his presentation, Javier Barrios of Good Energy gave a presentation on his company's background and services. Mr. Barrios asked his colleague, Phil, to explain how the opt out process works and other information about the program. There were questions from the Mayor and the board members after they gave their presentation

IX. APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING IN

1. None

X. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

- 1. Chief Iovinelli spoke about the Fire Department's Open House this past Saturday being a success. He reported the weather was great and approximately 400 to 500 people attended**
- 2. Dennis Wagner stated the implementation of the multi-language option on the Village website has now been completed. There is also a new button on the website for accessing frequently asked questions**

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

- 1. Village Clerk Tommy Thomson stated he was in Springfield, Illinois last week for the clerk's association annual training attending classes specifically for clerk duties and responsibilities**
- 2. Mr. Thomson reported he is about 15% finished with going through records for destruction at the records storage building**
- 3. Mr. Thomson announced there will be a huge Halloween display on the 3000 block of Gustav on Halloween night, if anyone is interested in seeing it**

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- 1. President Pedersen stated that Marilyn Joyce complimented code enforcement for cleaning up the property next door to her**
- 2. President Pedersen addressed a frequently asked question he receives regarding why the Village gives local governmental entities so much money. Mr. Pedersen explained these are all separate taxing bodies and they all collect their own tax monies**

XIII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Ms. McLean, seconded by Mr. Petersen to recess to closed session for matters of Purchase or Lease of Real Property; and Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Closed under the Open Meetings Act at 8:22 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Brimie, Mr. Johnson, Ms. McLean, Mr. Petersen, and Mr. Ruhl.

Nays – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – Ms. Rodriguez.

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:40 P.M.

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

Action was taken to approve minutes from the regular Board of Trustees meeting from October 3, 2011

Village Clerk Tommy Thomson stated Purchase or Lease of Real Property was not discussed in Executive Session

Chief Witz discussed the burying of electrical lines on the site for the new police station

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Petersen to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.
Voice vote carried**

ATTEST

Tommy Thomson, Village Clerk