

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK HELD IN THE POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM AT 9451 BELMONT AVENUE DECEMBER 7, 2020

MEETING MODIFICATION DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR PRITZKER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07, DATED MARCH 16, 2020, WHICH SUSPENDS THE REQUIREMENT OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PERTAINING TO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC BODY DURING THE DURATION OF THE GUBERNATORIAL DISASTER PROCLAMATION, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING THROUGH AUDIO ACCESS TECHNOLOGY. THE MEETING ROOM REMAINED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC WAS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING. ALL PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING PRACTICED APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING. AS GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-10, DATED MARCH 20, 2020, AND CDC GUIDELINES, REQUIRE THAT NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED IN THE BOARD ROOM AT ANY ONE TIME. THE PUBLIC WAS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING TO VILLAGE CLERK ROBERTA JOHNSON AT RJOHNSON@VOFP.COM.

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; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Village Clerk Roberta Johnson called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Mayor Pedersen; Joe Montana (Village Attorney); Roberta Johnson (Village Clerk); Mynor Rodriguez (I.T); and Mike Witz (Director of Police)

Present Via Teleconference: Trustees Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra

The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Staff Members Present Via Telecommunication: Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources/Health and Welfare), Joe Lauro (Utilities Commissioner), Tom McCabe (Engineer Consultant for Smith LaSalle), Frank Grieashamer (Treasurer), Pete Cajigas (Director, Building Department), Bill Brehm (Fire Department Chief), David Gonzalez (Comptroller), Tom Dailly (I.T. Director)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)

(Public was also give the opportunity to submit comments to the Village Clerk via email to be read at the meeting) There was no one from the public in the meeting, but emails were sent to the Village Clerk

1. A resident commented on vehicles parking/blocking sidewalks and risks this causes to pedestrians

2. A resident commented on installing stop sign cameras
3. A resident commented on cars speeding through the neighborhood and risks it causes. The same resident commented on the blockages at train crossings from trains stopping for very long periods of time

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. **MR. JOHNSON THANKED EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE HOLIDAY PARADE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5. HE STATED IT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH RESIDENTS AND ESPECIALLY CHILDREN EXCITED TO SEE THE PARADE PASS BY THEIR HOMES. HE ANNOUNCED A VIDEO OF THE PARADE WILL BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK IN A FEW DAYS**
2. **MR. JOHNSON STATED ITEM #14 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA IS THE RENEWAL OF THE LIABILITY AND WORKMAN'S COMP INSURANCE**

B. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Ms. Avitia Chair)

1. **MS. AVITIA STATED THERE WERE 6 WATER MAIN BREAKS SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING, ONE OF THE 16 INCH CLAY VALVE WAS REBUILT AT THE KING STREET PUMP STATION, A WATER MAIN AT ADDISON AVENUE AND RUNGE STREET REPAIRED, 3 BACKED UP SEWERS, ONE SEWER REPAIRED**
2. **MS. AVITIA STATED ITEM #5 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE ENGINEERING AND THE VILLAGE FOR THE ANNUAL SEWER LINING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2021**

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

1. **MR. RUHL STATED HE HAD NO REPORT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**
2. **MR. RUHL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PERFORMED A TRAFFIC STOP AND A WOMAN WAS ARRESTED FOR HAVING A HAND GUN AND NARCOTICS IN THE CAR**
3. **MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THE PROMOTION OF SGT. TOM FERRIS TO PATROL COMMANDER**
4. **MR. RUHL COMMENTED ON THE HOLIDAY PARADE AND COMMENDED THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE FINE WORK IN KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE DURING THE PARADE**

D. STREETS, ALLEYS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)

1. **MR. YBARRA ANNOUNCED 16 TONS OF COLD PATCH WAS APPLIED TO THE STREETS, 38 TONS OF HOT PATCH, 12 LARGE STREET OPENINGS REPAIRED AND 3 STREET DRAINS REPAIRED**
2. **MR. YBARRA STATED THE FORESTRY DIVISION PLANTED 9 TREES, REMOVED 4 AND TRIMMED 16 TREES**

3. MR. YBARRA ANNOUNCED STREET SWEEPING ENDED DECEMBER 4. LAST WEEK ALL ROUTES SWEEPED THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, AS WELL AS MOST MAIN ROUTES
4. MR. YBARRA STATED THERE WERE 3 FLY DUMPS, 2 STOP SIGNS REPLACED, 9 SNOW ROUTE SIGNS, 14 STREET NAME SIGNS AND 1 YIELD SIGN REPLACED. 1 HANDICAPPED SIGN WAS REMOVED AND 1 INSTALLED
5. MR. YBARRA COMMENDED MIKE SAELI AND THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR HELPING DAFNE HENRIQUE, LISA ANTHONY AND DAWN CATANZARO WITH THE PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING. THE EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS
6. MR. YBARRA STATED ITEM #4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE BOARD CONSIDERATION IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE ENGINEERING AND THE VILLAGE FOR THE ANNUAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2021

E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Ms. Special, Chair)

1. MS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCED FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT 28 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 78 BUILDING PERMITS, 10 ELECTRICAL PERMIT, 2 SIGN PERMIT, 1 DUMSTER PERMIT AND 1 STORAGE PERMIT FOR A TOTAL 89 PERMITS IN A TWO-WEEK SPAN. THERE WERE 15 PROPERTY CLOSINGS, INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 1 NEW BUSINESS APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY
2. MS. SPECIAL STATED FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, STAFF IS SEEKING BOARD APPROVAL FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND CLEAR CHANNEL TO ERECT A DIGITAL BILLBOARD ON VILLAGE PROPERTY THAT WILL GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 ANNUALLY OVER THE TERM OF THE LEASE
3. MS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCED THE BELMONT/WILLIAMS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT IS SET TO EXPIRE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TIF ORDINANCE AND THE TIF ACT. ONCE ANY AND ALL OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT COSTS, OBLIGATION AND/OR CLAIMS ARE RESOLVED, ANY AMOUNT REMAINING IN THE SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND SHALL BE PROMPTLY PAID TO THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER WHO SHALL DISTRIBUTE SUCH AMOUNTS TO THE RESPECTIVE TAXING DISTRICTS IN THE PROJECT AREA

F. HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE (Mr. Hagerstrom, Chair)

1. MR. HAGERSTROM COMMENTED ON THE FINAL BLOOD DRIVE OF THE YEAR WITH 24 DONORS. MR. HAGERSTROM THANKED BOTH KITTY GREENWOOD AND BERNIE BROWN FROM THE SENIOR COMMISSION TO HELPING WITH THIS EVENT

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Controller David Gonzalez announced that on the Consent Agenda, item # 10 is for the Board consideration for the tax levy which includes a 2.7% increase**
2. **Community Development John Schneider stated item #6 on the Consent Agenda for Board consideration is a lease for Clear Channel to erect a billboard sign and item #11 is in regards to the termination of the Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Belmont Avenue/Williams Redevelopment project and he explained the success it has been in helping with improvements**
3. **Health and Human Resources Director Lisa Anthony introduced Leah Cozard, a representative from Alliant, to explain item # 14 for Board consideration regarding the Village liability, property and casualty, automobile and workman's compensation insurance that is due for renewal. Ms. Cozard explained the policy and stated premiums will have an 8.5% decrease this year**
4. **Fire Chief Bill Brehm stated item #13 is for renewal of the Blackboard Connect agreement for unlimited priority communications to residents**

VII. 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.)

Village Clerk Roberta Johnson read aloud public recital of Consent Agenda items

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:
(a) REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020**
2. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$ 1,810,133.91**
3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 VC
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-6F-8 OF CHAPTER SIX
OF TITLE SIX OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ELIMINATE THE
HANDICAPPEDRESERVED PARKING SPACE AT 9801 SCHILLER
BOULEVARD, UNIT 1S**
4. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR THE 2021 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BY AND
BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF
FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE 2021 SEWER LINING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BY AND BETWEEN SMITH LASALLE, INCORPORATED AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR, LLC FOR A BILLBOARD AT 11020 KING STREET
7. ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G
AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$8,880,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2016A OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
8. ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G
AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$3,835,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2018 OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
9. ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G
AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$3,335,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2014B OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
10. ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G
THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021
11. ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TERMINATING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE BELMONT AVENUE/WILLIAMS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA
12. ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A SANITARY SEWAGE PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
13. MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM BLACKBOARD, INCORPORATED, RESTON, VIRGINIA, TO RENEW THE BLACKBOARD CONNECT FOR

GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR UNLIMITED PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS TO RESIDENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,457.13, TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE SAME

- 14. MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF GENERAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT LIABILITY, PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, AUTOMOBILE AND WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE PREMIUMS WITH ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT TRUST (ICRMT) FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2020 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2021, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,256,533.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME**

Motion made by Ms. Avitia seconded by Mr. Ybarra to approve the Consent

Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra. Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

IX. APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING IN

None

X. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

No Comments

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. President Pedersen commented on the parade and the many compliments that were received from the residents and he thanked everyone who helped make this event a success

XII. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

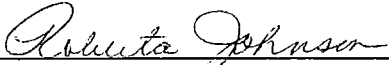
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Special to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra.

Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

ATTEST



Roberta Johnson, Village Clerk

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