

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK HELD AT THE
PARK DISTRICT OF FRANKLIN PARK NORTH PARK CENTRE
AT 10400 ADDISON IN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2010
7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** President Pedersen called to order the Board of Trustees of the Village of Franklin Park in special session at 7:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL:** Village Clerk's Assistant Karen Bellendir called the roll:
Present: Trustees Ms. McLean, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bellendir, Mr. Brimie and Mr. Acevedo. The Village Clerk's Assistant declared a quorum was present.
Consultants Present: Dave Talbott (Clark Dietz, Inc.), John Mick (Baxter & Woodman, Inc.)
Staff Members Present: Lisa Anthony (Health & Human Resources Director), Jeff Eder (Community Development Director), Jeff Harris (Zoning Administrator), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Ron Heller (Comptroller), Dennis Wagner (IT Department), Joe Lauro (Water Department), Joe Thomas (Utilities Director), Acting Chief Steve Iovinelli (Fire Department), Deputy Chief Mike Witz (Police Department)

TOWN HALL MEETING

President Pedersen gave a slide presentation and spoke about Home Rule. President Pedersen stated populations under 25,000 must ask for approval on Home Rule by voting on it and that is why it will be included on this year's November election ballot.

President Pedersen along with Attorney Burt Odelson explained the pros and cons of Home Rule. President Pedersen stated the number one reason to have Home Rule is to lessen the tax burden on residents. Home Rule brings money back into the Village and takes power away from Springfield and brings the power home. It also allows the local officials to make more decisions on how the Village is run and how it is financed.

President Pedersen read information in response to the misinformation that is being presented to the public about Home Rule.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1. There were 18 comments on Home Rule, 1 comment on how many gas stations in Franklin Park, 1 comment on why is there no Sam's Club, Target, or Wal Mart put in at Grand & Mannheim, 1 comment on garbage fees, 1 comment on how much money is generated from sales tax, 2 comments on truck route signs, 2 comments on recycling bins, 1 comment on poor bond rating for Illinois and its effect on Franklin Park, 1 comment on collecting fines from railroad, and 3 comments on foreclosed and abandoned buildings.**

IV. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Mr. Brimie, seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.
Voice vote carried.**

ATTEST

Karen Bellendir, Village Clerk's Assistant

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