

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THE SPECIAL 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 17, 2013**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. 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.

**III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Village Clerk Tommy Thomson called the roll:

**Present:** Trustees Mr. Johnson, Ms. McLean, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra. The Village Clerk declared a quorum was present.

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

**Staff Members Present:** Lisa Anthony (Health and Human Resources Director), Ron Heller (Comptroller), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), John Schneider (Community Development Director), Joe Lauro (Utilities Commissioner), Vernel Miller (I.T. Manager), Chief Steve Iovinelli (Fire Department), Chief Mike Witz and Deputy Chief Phil Ruch (Police Department), Dave Talbott (Village Engineer), Patrick Ainsworth, (Planner)

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1112-G-21)**

1. Ken Zurek, 3229 George - Commented on appointment of auxiliary police officers, property tax levy
2. Tom Toton, 9121 Chestnut – Commented on 9143 Cherry Street

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. Mr. Johnson commented on Christmas in Hammill Square

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

Mr. Ruhl stated there were four water main breaks in last two weeks, new valves at the King Street water tank, water tanks on County Line Road postponed until after the new year, mechanical issue with Scott Street station but they are up and running now. Mr. Ruhl commented on a letter from the City of Chicago about the water rates going up, and he also spoke about a meeting regarding infrastructure and looking for alternative revenue for infrastructure improvements

*Trustee McLean arrived at meeting at 7:10 p.m.*

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

1. **Mr. Peterson stated the 911 Board is waiting for bids on transportation and installation of radio equipment for fire and police. Fire Department Lieutenant and Police Department Sergeant testing is in final stages**

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

1. **Mr. Ybarra commented on the Tree Preservation Commission meeting and they divided the Village in sectors to choose places to plant trees. He also commented on recent snow events and public works clearing the streets**

**E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE (Ms. Special, Chair)**

1. **Ms. Special commented on the ribbon cutting on “Smoked On Rose” and their excellent food. Ms. McLean announced “Grinders”, a new restaurant on Grand Avenue, will be opening in January. She also commented on supporting the businesses**

**F. HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE (Ms. McLean, Chair)**

1. **Ms. McLean thanked everyone who turned out for blood donations with over 30 people donating**

**VII. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Mr. Heller commented on the tax levy, financials were not available due to surgery he had in October and he has requested and was granted extensions through January 31 from the GOFA and Cook County**
2. **Mr. Miller commented on the Ricoh contract and wiring the fire stations will take a few days and it will help with new phone integration, he is working on the EPay system with developers to develop the code to interface with the building system to integrate with Springbrook, and he commented on the new CRM system in that he did all in-house testing and it was successful**
3. **Chief Witz commented on disposal of two chassis from police cars that were totaled in traffic accidents. Office Eduardo Hower graduated from Cook County Police Academy is now working with us, Office Joe Vallejo was awarded the Officer of the Year Award for 2013, an Officer involved in the NIPAS team was involved in a hostage shooting incident, Chief Witz thanked Dave Talbott, Shauna Urlacher, Carmen Cupello, and Mayor Pedersen as we are about to receive the LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for the new police station**
4. **John Schneider announced a new clothing store going into the old Kmart building met with Leyden High Schools and District 84 regarding high school kids climbing through the trains when stopped at crossing.**

*Mayor Pedersen requested a resident to finish taking pictures and put the camera away or move to the back of the room to take pictures as the taking of pictures was a disruption to the meeting*

The Village is requesting the schools to write letters to the railroad and to the FCC in regards to students climbing through the trains when stopped with a concern that someone is going to be hurt. A suggestion was to give students slips for being late because of a train blocking the right-of-way, Chief Witz volunteered to give classes to 6<sup>th</sup> graders on bicycle safety, and also discussed was training students for high tech jobs within our industrial base in both the high school and elementary school. Mr. Schneider stated he will be meeting with the president of Triton College to see how to integrate Triton Community College and East Leyden High School with employees being involved with the training of students. Some companies in town have indicated they would be interested in this. Mr. Schneider announced a meeting with Cook County Director of Environment and Kansas State to look at some sites that may or may not have contamination and to help put together an application for USCPA as a joint effort with other communities in the area

7. Patrick Ainsworth announced a granite company that would like to locate in vacant building in Franklin Park
- 8 Chief Iovinelli shared a fire fighter witnessing two high school students climbing through a stopped train at the Ruby Street crossing and as they were getting off the train, the train began to move, both girls fell off the train on the snow and ice. This is something we need to address. Lt. Bill Horn was named Firefighter of the Year. The Lieutenant testing is ongoing and there are two vacancies. Chief Iovinelli stated to be careful with candles during the holidays and suggested using LED lights instead of candles

#### **VIII. 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 Tommy Thomson read aloud public recital of Consent Agenda items

##### **1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:**

**(a) SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2013**

##### **2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,629,777.77**

##### **3. RESOLUTION NO. 1314 R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS REQUESTING THAT THE PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF A NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND A NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX, EACH AT A RATE OF 1%, BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE**

**OF FRANKLIN PARK AT THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD  
ON MARCH 18, 2014**

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 1314 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 (ELIMINATE HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING SPACE AT 3320 RUBY STREET)**
  
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6. **ORDINANCE NO. 1314 G**  
**THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2013 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2014**
  
7. **ORDINANCE NO. 1314 Z**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW AN "OTHER MANUFACTURING, PROCESSING, STORAGE OR COMMERCIAL USE" IN THE C-M COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING DISTRICT (ZBA 13-20: 9867 PACIFIC AVENUE)**
  
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF LIABILITY, PROPERTY AND WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE PREMIUMS WITH ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT TRUST (ICRMT) FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2014, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,347,897.00**
  
9. **MOTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSAL AS SCRAP THE CHASSIS OF A 2010 CHEVROLET IMPALA POLICE 4 DOOR VIN# 2G1WD5EM7A1255296 AND THE CHASSIS OF A 2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA 4 DOOR VIN# 2G1WF55K249277916, TO STAFFORD AUTO PARTS AND RECYCLING, 900 NORTH MAIN STREET, MONTGOMERY, ILLINOIS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE SUCH NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SAME**
  
10. **MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE STIPULATIONS TO SETTLE 07-CT-2788 (2005 TAX RATE OBJECTION) AND 08-CO-5381 (2006 TAX RATE OBJECTION) AT A RATE OF .015**

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

(Village Clerk Tommy Thomson read aloud each of the items that were identified on the consent agenda and under consideration by the Village Board before final action on the items identified on the consent agenda occurred)

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1.**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**1.**

**XI. APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING IN**

**1. Auxiliary Police Officers, Wellington Howard Ehrhart and Alfred Rosario**

Motion made by Trustee Ybarra, seconded by Ms. Special to approve Wellington Ehrhart and Alfred Rosario as auxiliary police officers. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Johnson, Ms. McLean, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra. Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

Village Clerk Tommy Thomson swore in Wellington Howard Ehrhart and Alfred Rosario as auxiliary police officers.

**XII. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK**

**1. None**

**XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**1. President Pedersen encouraged everyone to drive safely over the holidays, tell neighbors to increase their recycling, and recommended people eat at the new restaurant “Smoked On Rose”**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Ruhl, seconded by Mr. Peterson to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.  
Voice vote carried

**ATTEST**

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**Tommy Thomson, Village Clerk**

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