



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FRANKFORT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

Mayor Jim Holland called the regular meeting of the Frankfort Village Board to order on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

Administrator Rob Piscia called the roll. In attendance were Mayor Jim Holland, Trustees Adam Borrelli, John Clavio, Margaret Farina, Keith Ogle, Jessica Petrow, and Gene Savaria. Also in attendance were Attorney George Mahoney, Attorney Hannah Lamore, Police Chief John Burica, Village Administrator Rob Piscia, and Asst. Village Administrator Jeff Cook.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ORDERS – UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Omnibus Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and are enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of these items unless a board member makes a request, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting (January 21, 2020)

B. Approval of Bills/Payroll - \$914,630.15/\$369,302.93

Trustee Ogle made a motion (#1), seconded by Trustee Petrow, to approve the Unanimous Consent Agenda.

Trustee Borrelli presented a brief overview of the consent agenda docket items under consideration for approval.

Mayor Holland invited trustee and audience comment on the consent agenda items prior to a vote being taken. No comments were forthcoming.

Administrator Piscia called the roll. Ayes: Trustees Borrelli, Clavio, Farina, Ogle, Petrow, and Savaria. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Holland entertained a motion from the floor to designate February 9 - 15 as "Kindness Week" in the Village of Frankfort.

Trustee Farina made a motion (#2), seconded by Trustee Savaria, to proclaim the week of February 9 through February 15, 2020, as "Kindness Week" in the Village of Frankfort. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried.

- Mayor Holland presented a framed proclamation to Frankfort School District 157-C and members of the POZ Squad, 8th grade Hickory Creek Middle School students. The POZ Squad provided a brief presentation of “Project Kindness” and shared a few of the weekly challenges that were initiated as part of the project to encourage acts of kindness within the school district and throughout the Frankfort community. They reported School District 157-C students designed kindness labels to share with local retailers who will, in turn, share the labels with customers by attaching them to a purchased item or handing them out at the stores during Kindness Week. Members of the Village Board commented on the kindness labels and voiced their pride in the students and their leadership role in the project.
- Mayor Holland encouraged residents to attend the Winter on the Green events held on Sundays through February 23, from Noon to 2:00 PM, at Breidert Green.
- Mayor Holland announced in observance of the President’s Day holiday on Monday, February 17, Village of Frankfort offices will be closed. The regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, at 7:00 P.M.
- Mayor Holland expressed his appreciation to Trustee Ogle for his time and efforts relating to the Laraway Communications Center, a Public Service Answering Point, which provides 911 call answering and dispatching services for 32 police and fire agencies. He shared a few of the challenges experienced since the state mandated consolidation of the agencies, which was purported to save money, although it has not.
- Mayor Holland congratulated Nick Allegretti, a Lincoln-Way East 2014 graduate and a rookie offensive lineman on the Kansas City Chiefs, who won Super Bowl LIV. He wished the Allegretti family well and thanked them for their involvement in the community.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Burica congratulated the POZ Squad for spearheading Project Kindness and promoting positivity in the community. He also expressed his appreciation to Trustee Ogle for his involvement with the Laraway Communications Center. Chief Burica announced applications are available for residents interested in the upcoming Citizen’s Police Academy, which will take place at the Will County Sheriff’s Building, from March 5 through May 21, 2020, from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. He reported the next “Coffee with a Cop” event is scheduled for Friday, February 21, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, at Jewel-Osco, 21164 S. LaGrange Road. Chief Burica encouraged residents to report suspicious activity to the police immediately to help prevent crimes and he commented on the Frankfort Police Department’s “#9PM Routine Safety Reminder,” a text message reminding residents to lock their vehicles, remove valuables and keys from their automobiles.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Piscia congratulated School District 157-C and the POZ Squad for their leadership role in Project Kindness and encouraging acts of kindness throughout the community. He congratulated Nick Allegretti, Kansas City Chiefs rookie offensive lineman and former Lincoln-

Way East student/athlete, who participated in the match-up against the San Francisco 49ers, winning Super Bowl LIV. Administrator Piscia reported that staff is working with owners of the building located 10211 W. Lincoln Highway, formerly Simply Smokin, regarding maintenance issues.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Lamore had no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Village Board applauded the Hickory Creek students for their leadership role with Project Kindness and proudly supported this heartfelt effort to create a “ripple of kindness” within the school district and throughout the entire Frankfort community.

The Village Board congratulated Nick Allegretti, Lincoln-Way East graduate and Kansas City Chiefs offensive lineman, on his NFL rookie season and Super Bowl Championship title.

Trustee Clavio commented on the numerous outstanding accomplishments of the youth in our community and he voiced his pride in the Frankfort community.

Trustee Petrow stated she was looking forward to the upcoming Winter on the Green events and she encouraged residents to take the part in the survey conducted by the Frankfort Park District and vote for their favorite movies for the “Movies on the Green” event.

Trustee Savaria extended congratulations to Nick Allegretti on his accomplishments.

Trustee Farina Public Works reported Public Works crews are pruning parkway trees and she encouraged residents to contact the Public Works Department with any questions.

Trustee Ogle commented on recent coyote sightings and provided tips to protect family pets and guidelines to follow if you encounter a coyote. He congratulated the Lincoln-Way East High School Cheerleaders as IHSA Sectional Champions, earning a score of 97.16, the highest score in IHSA history. He offered additional comments relating to some of the operational challenges of the Laraway Communications Center and the consolidation of the police and fire agencies, noting agency members have been working very hard to resolve these challenges. He also commented on the recent increase in car burglaries and voiced support to work with other communities to look at ways to prevent these types of crimes, including town hall meetings and reform of the juvenile criminal justice system.

Trustee Borrelli reported the Illinois Gaming Board approved an amendment to the Village of Matteson’s application for a casino, altering the proposed site from Harlem Avenue and Route 30 to the former Lincoln Mall site. He thanked Mayor Holland, Trustees, and community members for their efforts and voicing their opposition to the original location near Harlem and Route 30.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received by the Village Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Trustee Borrelli made a motion (#3), seconded by Trustee Farina, to adjourn the regular board meeting of Monday, February 3, 2020. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Robert E. Piscia
Village Administrator

As Presented As Amended

_____ Jim Holland, Village President

_____ Robert E. Piscia, Village Administrator