



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FRANKFORT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2020**

Mayor Jim Holland called the regular meeting of the Frankfort Village Board to order on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. by remote video conference.

Village Clerk Brian Feehery called the roll. In attendance were Mayor Jim Holland, Clerk Brian Feehery, 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 (May 4, 2020)

B. Approval of Bills/Payroll - \$439,545.59/\$362,648.47

C. Economic Development Committee Report

1. Resident Incentive for Purchases to Promote the Local Economy (RIPPLE) – Resolution Accept the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee and adopt A RESOLUTION (NO. 20-21) ESTABLISHING THE RESIDENT INCENTIVE FOR PURCHASES TO PROMOTE THE LOCAL ECONOMY (RIPPLE) PROGRAM.

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

Trustees Petrow and Savaria presented a brief overview of the consent agenda docket items under consideration for approval.

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Holland announced a virtual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 25, 2020. Residents can watch the ceremony by accessing the Village's YouTube page by following the FCTV link featured at www.vofil.com.
- Mayor Holland introduced a resolution supporting a letter from the Will County Governmental League to Governor J.B. Pritzker on the Restore Illinois Plan. The letter provides several comments and recommendations on the Restore Illinois plan, including evaluating Will County communities as a county, shortening the 28-day evaluation period between phases to 14 days, and addressing the ability of our small businesses to implement safe business practices and safely reopen sooner than other parts of the Northeast Region. Mayor Holland reported it is up to the state health experts to agree to disagree with our request and the Village will abide by their decision and continue to comply with the Governor's executive orders.

Mayor Holland entertained a motion from the floor to support Will County Governmental League's letter to Governor Pritzker on the Restore Illinois plan.

Trustee Borrelli made a motion (#2), seconded by Trustee Petrow, to adopt A RESOLUTION (NO. 20-22) SUPPORTING THE WILL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL LEAGUE'S LETTER TO GOVERNOR J.B. PRITZKER RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING CONSIDERATION TO MODIFY THE RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN IN THE BEST INTEREST OF WILL COUNTY COMMUNITIES.

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

- Mayor Holland reported the Village is adjusting its 2020 Calendar of Events in accordance with the Restore Illinois plan, including cancellation of the Village's Open House; a virtual "Get Hooked on Frankfort Fishing Derby;" and a modified country market. He asked Trustee Clavio to provide a report on the modified market.

Trustee Clavio shared that a Community Services Committee meeting was held last week via Zoom to discuss the reopening of the country market after the Village cancelled the spring season of the market due to COVID-19. He reported the committee decided to move forward with a modified market for the summer season. There will be changes to the layout and operations of the market, and the Village will monitor and adjust operations as necessary to comply with directives from the Governor and public health agencies. Administrator Piscia reported the country market will begin on Sunday, June 7, and noted staff is working with the vendors on the details of the modified market and following the Illinois Farmers Market Association COVID-19 guidelines.

- Mayor Holland encouraged residents to submit nominations for the annual beautification awards.

- Mayor Holland thanked residents who have completed the 2020 census and noted the importance of a complete count for our community.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Burica warned residents of email phishing scams circulating in the area. He encouraged residents to file police reports online for non-emergency incidents and to report any suspicious activity immediately. He reminded residents to lock vehicle doors and remove keys and key fobs to help curb incidents of thefts from vehicles and stolen vehicles.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Piscia provided a few safety tips regarding the 2020 Census, noting census takers will ask for sensitive information. He reported with the exception of some localized flooding, the Village experienced no serious issues with the 4½ inches of rainfall yesterday. He asked for residents' assistance in keeping storm drains clear of debris and to report any flooding concerns to the Village.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Lamore had no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Farina extended congratulations to all the 2020 graduates and wished them the best of luck and best wishes.

Trustee Savaria had no comments.

Trustee Ogle inquired about the status of a few events sponsored by other organizations, including Cruisin' Frankfort, Movies on the Green, Fridays on the Green, and Concerts on the Green. Mayor Holland confirmed these events have been cancelled or suspended in compliance with the Restore Illinois plan for large gatherings.

Trustee Petrow commented on summer events in Frankfort and highlighted the creativity, innovation, and flexibility of the Village Board, staff, and residents on finding ways to modify events to meet the Governors orders and work together to Restore Illinois.

Trustee Clavio had no additional comments.

Trustee Borrelli, in honor of Memorial Day, acknowledged the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. He thanked staff for their efforts with the modified country market. He requested a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the possibility of expanding outdoor restaurant seating to help local businesses and follow social distancing guidelines set by the State. Trustee Ogle suggested for staff to talk to local restaurants and merchants to see if they support the idea of closing streets to expand restaurant seating. Trustee Petrow also felt it was appropriate to have a Committee of the Whole meeting to explore options to expand outdoor seating

opportunities in our community. Mayor Holland requested staff to talk to the downtown restaurants and merchants regarding the closure of Kansas Street to expand outdoor restaurant seating and schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Clerk Feehery recognized Chief Burica and the Frankfort Police Department for their professionalism during the COVID-19 pandemic. He reported casual attire for Village Board meetings goes into effect in June.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were accepted in advance for this meeting through the Village’s “Contact Us” form, which was published on the agenda. No public comments were submitted for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Trustee Ogle made a motion (#3), seconded by Trustee Savaria, to adjourn the video conference meeting of Monday, May 18, 2020. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Brian Feehery
Village Clerk

As Presented As Amended

_____ Jim Holland, Village President

_____ Brian Feehery, Village Clerk