



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FRANKFORT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 1, 2020**

Mayor Jim Holland called the regular meeting of the Frankfort Village Board to order on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 7:01 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 18, 2020)

B. Approval of Bills/Payroll - \$1,168,532.60/\$365,560.50

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

Trustee 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, Petrow, and Savaria. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Ogle. The motion carried.

Trustee Ogle joined the video meeting at 7:10 P.M., following the approval of the minutes.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Holland announced the annual “Get Hooked on Frankfort” fishing derby for youngsters 3 to 12 years old will go virtual this year. He encouraged parents to take their

children fishing at Prairie Park between June 1-14 and a submit a link to a short video or photo of your child with the largest fish they caught on a tape measure showing its length.

- Mayor Holland announced Frankfort's Country Market opens Sunday, June 7, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and continues every Sunday through August 30. He noted there will be changes to the layout and operations of the market due to COVID-19.
- Mayor Holland encouraged residents to submit summer beautification nominations by June 30.
- Mayor Holland reported Al Fresco dining went into effect on Friday, May 29, noting a number of Frankfort restaurants opened their existing or expanded their outdoor seating areas. He reported Kansas Street from Oak Street to Ash Street has been temporarily closed to allow those restaurants to expand into the street until Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan when restaurants and bars return to normal operations.
- Mayor Holland commented on the death of George Floyd while being arrested by Minneapolis police and Chief Burica's public statement on the incident. Mayor Holland voiced concerns about racism in our society. He reported Frankfort's police officers receive regular training about racial, cultural, religious, and ethnic diversity, including de-escalation critical incident training and implicit bias training. He voiced his pride in Frankfort's Police Department as they actively combat prejudices within society and continually build awareness of implicit biases that help shape their judgement. He applauded their efforts. He asked residents to also combat prejudices actively within our society and in particular combat those prejudices that are within ourselves.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Burica thanked the elected officials for their continued support of regular police training which is very beneficial to the professionalism of our police officers. He stated the Frankfort Police Department will continue to protect everyone's First Amendment rights, however, will never be in support of individuals committing violence or crimes against property or other people. He stated the Frankfort Police Department will continue to reach out to our community seeking dialogue and input from all our residents and he voiced his appreciation to the community for their ongoing support. Chief Burica reminded residents to keep garage doors closed, lock vehicle doors, remove keys and key fobs to discourage theft from vehicles, and to report any suspicious activity to the police immediately. He also commented on recent social media posts in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd and encouraged residents who have safety concerns to contact the Police Department for credible information.

### **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Piscia commented on the recent social media chatter and complimented the Police Department for their measured response in investigating any potential issues, noting no incidents were found to be credible. He thanked the community for their continued support and cooperation. Administrator Piscia encouraged residents to participate in the Village's Resident Incentive for

Purchases to Promote the Local Economy (RIPPLE) Program. He reported Village Hall has reopened to the public as part of Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan, noting social distancing guidelines and face coverings are required for entry.

### **VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Village Attorney Lamore had no report.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Village Board commented on current events happening in our country in response to the killing of George Floyd. Members shared their support of the public statement posted on social media by Chief Burica and recognized the Police Department and Village staff for their professionalism and preventative measures relating to this event. They commented on the recent social media chatter regarding possible demonstrations and unconfirmed incidents regarding damage to property in the south suburbs. Residents were challenged to only share and post factual information. It was noted that June 1 marks LGBTQ Pride month, which commemorates the Stonewall riots in New York City in 1969. Optimism was expressed relating to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan and the reopening of retail stores, salons, and outdoor restaurant dining.

### **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 TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Ogle made a motion (#2), seconded by Trustee Clavio, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

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

The Village Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:29 P.M.

The Village Board came out of Executive Session at 7:54 P.M. and resumed the regular board meeting.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

The Village Board discussed when there would be meetings in the Village Board room. Members agreed the answer remains uncertain at this time and agreed the next Village Board meeting will be conducted by remote video conference.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, Trustee Ogle made a motion (#3), seconded by Trustee Farina, to adjourn the video conference meeting of Monday, June 1, 2020. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Brian Feehery  
Village Clerk

As Presented  X       As Amended  \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Holland, Village President

\_\_\_\_\_ Brian Feehery, Village Clerk