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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FRANKFORT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

Mayor Jim Holland called the regular meeting of the Frankfort Village Board to order on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.

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

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 (November 4, 2019)

B. Approval of Bills/Payroll - \$1,171,907.57/\$360,605.98

C. Operations Committee Report

1. Design Engineering Services Agreement: Elm Street Reconstruction Project - Resolution
Accept the recommendation of the Operations Committee and adopt A RESOLUTION (NO. 19-42) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT AND ROBINSON ENGINEERING, LTD., for the Elm Street Reconstruction Project, in an amount of 7.5% of the awarded contract.
2. Police Department Replacement Vehicle - Resolution
Accept the recommendation of the Operations Committee and adopt A RESOLUTION (NO. 19-43) AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE TO CURRIE MOTORS OF FRANKFORT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 FORD UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTOR AWD HYBRID VEHICLE, in an amount not to exceed \$45,442.00, which includes the vehicle base price, options, equipment and installation of emergency equipment.
3. Information Technology Equipment and Updates - Resolution
Accept the recommendation of the Operations Committee and adopt A RESOLUTION (NO. 19-44) AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR THE PURCHASE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND UPDATES, in an amount not to exceed \$167,000.00.

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

Trustees Borrelli and Clavio provided 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. None were forthcoming.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Holland reported 8th grade students from Hickory Creek Middle School participated in the annual Student Government Day, touring the Village Administration Building offices, the Fire Department, Police Station, the Regional wastewater treatment plant, and the Utilities/Public Works facility. The students held a mock Village Board meeting earlier in the evening.
- Mayor Holland entertained a motion from the floor to promote “Small Business Saturday” in Frankfort on the Saturday after Thanksgiving as a day to shop small and shop local for the upcoming holiday season.

Trustee Farina made a motion (#2), seconded by Trustee Borrelli, to proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2019, as “Small Business Saturday” in the Village of Frankfort. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried.

- Mayor Holland announced the following upcoming events: Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony (December 5, 6:30 PM); Frankfort Area Historical Society Annual Candlelight House Walk (December 6, 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM); Christkindl Weekend (December 7, 8), Annual FHBA Cookie Walk (December 7, 8); Midnight Madness (December 13, 6:00 PM to Midnight), Reindeer on the Green (December 14, Noon until 2:00 PM); and holiday beautification award nominations (due December 17).

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Burica reminded residents to be aware of their surroundings and to call the police immediately if they see any suspicious vehicle, person, or circumstance, noting working together makes everyone safer. He also provided a few safety tips and he wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Trustee Farina questioned the number of officers on the Village’s police force and suggested we continue to monitor police to citizen ratio as our community grows.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Piscia congratulated the 8th grade students who participated in Student Government Day and extended his appreciation to Trustees Borrelli and Petrow for their efforts with the event. He reported the Village's leaf collection program is underway and will continue through the week of November 25. He wished the Lincoln-Way East football team good luck at semi-finals and he wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Hannah Lamore voiced her appreciation for the opportunity to participate in Student Government Day and commended the students for their energy and questions at the mock board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Village Board commended the 8th grade students from Hickory Creek Middle School who participated in the Student Government Day event and expressed their thanks to Trustee Borrelli, Trustee Petrow, and 8th grade teacher Michele Sommer for their efforts in preparing the students for Student Government Day.

The Village Board extended a happy and safe Thanksgiving greeting to each other and the community.

Trustee Clavio encouraged residents to shop Frankfort this holiday season. He urged residents to always call the police and report any suspicious activity immediately.

Trustee Petrow thanked Event Coordinator Sue Lynchey and FCTV team member Kevin Delgrosso for their efforts with Student Government Day, as well as the Village Board and other staff members who were involved in the event for their time and commitment. She encouraged residents to support our local small businesses and to attend the upcoming holiday events scheduled in the Village. She also encouraged residents to participate in the online downtown parking survey.

Trustee Farina acknowledged Trustee Ogle for his efforts relating to recommending an ethics ordinance at a recent committee meeting, voicing her support for the idea. She congratulated Bert Behnke on his appointment as Frankfort Chamber of Commerce President for the upcoming year and extended best wishes to Harry D'Ercole who just finished his term as Chamber President. She extended congratulations to the Frankfort Arts Association on their inaugural art exhibit and encouraged community members to visit the gallery.

Trustee Ogle commented on Village events and the downtown charm during the holiday season.

Trustee Borrelli expressed his appreciation to Trustee Petrow for her part in Student Government Day, including the photo booth idea. He also recognized Village staff, fellow board members, and former Trustee Heath for her past involvement in Student Government Day. He encouraged residents to attend the upcoming holiday events scheduled in the Village and to shop in Frankfort.

He echoed Trustee Petrow's comments relating to the online downtown parking survey and he wished the Lincoln-Way East football team the best as they advance to the semi-finals against Marist.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LaPorte Meadows resident, James Grillier, voiced concern about the closing of Lincoln-Way North High School and the current usage of the facility.

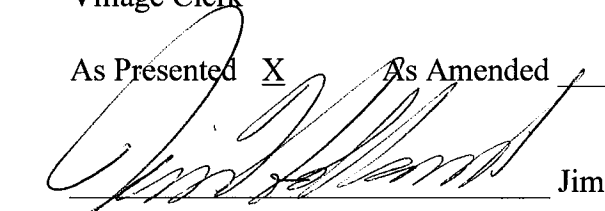
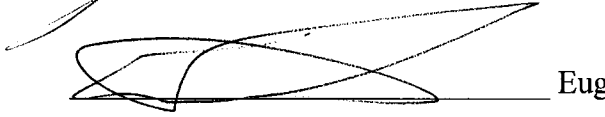
Mayor Holland commented that Lincoln-Way Community High School District 210 is operated separately from Village government, noting the school has arrangements with the Frankfort Square Park District for use of the athletic facilities. He encouraged Mr. Grillier to direct his questions to the Frankfort Square Park District or Lincoln-Way Community High School District 210 who owns the property.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Trustee Ogle made a motion (#3), seconded by Trustee Farina, to adjourn the regular board meeting of Monday, November 18, 2019. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Eugene Savaria
Village Clerk

As Presented As Amended

Jim Holland, Village President

Eugene Savaria, Village Clerk