

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FRANKFORT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**

President Jim Holland called the regular meeting of the Frankfort Village Board to order on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Robert J. Kennedy called the roll. In attendance were President Jim Holland, Trustees Kevin Egan, Cindy Heath, Todd Morgan, Mike Stevens, Dick Trevarthan, and Doug Walker. Also in attendance were Chief Rob Piscia, Village Administrator Jerry Ducay, and Attorney George Mahoney.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ORDERS - UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

All items of the Omnibus Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and were 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 Agendas and considered separately.

Trustee Trevarthan asked that the Canadian National Railway Settlement Agreement be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda for discussion.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Public Hearing Meeting (December 1, 2008)
2. Regular Meeting (December 1, 2008)

B. Approval of Bills - \$335,226.66

C. Financial Affairs Committee Report

1. Tax Abatement Ordinance Series 1996B
(Waive 1st and 2nd Readings and Adopt)
Waive the First and Second Readings and adopt an ORDINANCE (#2551)
ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2008 TO PAY
THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$1,538,882 GENERAL OBLIGATION
REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1996B, OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT,
WILL AND COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, providing for the abatement of taxes
levied for the payment of principal and interest on \$1,538,882 General Obligation
Refunding Bonds Series 1996B.

D. Plan Commission Report

1. Golich Accessory Structure Area Variance: 23248 Jackson Branch – Ordinance
(Waive 1st and 2nd Readings and Adopt)
Accept the Plan Commission recommendation, waive the First and Second Readings
and adopt an ORDINANCE (#2552) GRANTING AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE
AREA VARIANCE TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE LIMITS
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT, WILL AND COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

- (GOLICH RESIDENCE – 23248 JACKSON BRANCH DRIVE), granting a variance for accessory structure area from 144 square feet to 192 square feet to permit construction of a shed in the rear yard of the property located at 23248 Jackson Branch Drive, in accordance with the reviewed plans.
2. Costello First Floor Building Materials Variance: 21434 S. 92nd Avenue – Ordinance (Waive 1st and 2nd Readings and Adopt)
Accept the Plan Commission recommendation, waive the First and Second Readings and adopt an ORDINANCE (#2553) GRANTING A FIRST FLOOR BUILDING MATERIALS VARIANCE TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT, WILL AND COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS (COSTELLO RESIDENCE – 21434 S. 92nd AVENUE), granting a variance of the first floor masonry building materials requirement to permit the use of Hardi-Board siding for a new shed on the property located at 21434 S. 92nd Avenue, in accordance with the reviewed plans.
 3. Clarke Multiple Accessory Structure Variances: 157 Evergreen Dr. – Ordinance (Waive 1st and 2nd Readings and Adopt)
Accept the Plan Commission recommendation, waive the First and Second Readings and adopt an ORDINANCE (#2554) GRANTING MULTIPLE ZONING VARIANCES TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT, WILL AND COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS (PATRICK CLARKE RESIDENCE – 157 EVERGREEN DRIVE), granting the following multiple variances to the property located at 157 Evergreen Drive to permit construction of a new shed and concrete patio on the property: a side yard setback variance from 10 feet to 4.44 feet along the north property line; a rear yard setback variance from 10 feet to 3 feet along the east property line; and a side yard setback variance from 10 feet to 8.37 feet along the south property line, all in accordance with the reviewed plans.
- E. IDOT Request for Authorization of MFT Funds: Elsner Road STP Project - Resolution
Adopt a RESOLUTION (#08-32) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) REQUEST FOR EXPENDITURE/AUTHORIZATION OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR THE ELSNER ROAD STP PROJECT, authorizing the execution of the Illinois Department of Transportation Request for Expenditure/Authorization of Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$84,658.27 for the Elsner Road STP Project.
- F. IDOT Bridge Program Manager Designation – Resolution
Adopt a RESOLUTION (#08-33) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE NATIONAL BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM, authorizing the execution of the Illinois Department of Transportation Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for the National Bridge Inspection Program.
- G. IDOT Local Agency/State Agreement for Reimbursement of Engineering Costs for U.S. Route 30 Interim Improvements- Resolution

Adopt a RESOLUTION (#08-34) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN IDOT LOCAL AGENCY/STATE AGREEMENT FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF U.S. ROUTE 30 INTERIM IMPROVEMENT COSTS, authorizing the execution of the Illinois Department of Transportation Local Agency/State Agreement for the reimbursement of engineering costs incurred by the Village of Frankfort for U.S. Route 30 interim improvements at Locust Street and 80th Avenue

A motion (#1) was made by Trustee Trevarthan, seconded by Trustee Egan, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Clerk Robert J. Kennedy called the roll. Ayes; Trustees Egan, Heath, Morgan, Stevens, Trevarthan, and Walker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Holland announced that the Village of Frankfort, along with the Frankfort Park District and the Frankfort Chamber of Commerce, are sponsoring the 14th annual Winter on the Green program. The events, all held at Breidert Green, begin Sunday, January 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM and continue for five consecutive Sundays. Ice Fest will be the first event with ice sculptures, heated trolley rides, dog sled rides, and refreshments.
- Mayor Holland stated that our list of winners for the Beautification Awards for Holiday Decorations is complete. He turned the meeting over to Trustee Morgan who stated that this is always a difficult task as there are so many beautiful homes and businesses to choose from. Trustee Morgan announced the winners.
- Mayor Holland reminded residents that parking is prohibited on local roads when a 2-inch snowfall occurs. This allows our Public Works crew to safely remove snow and ice from our roads. He also asked parents to warn their children about the hazards of digging tunnels in snow piles, especially those along the road.
- Mayor Holland reported that once again the Village of Frankfort will participate in the "Safe Ride Home" program. These free rides on New Year's Eve will be available from 11:00 pm until 4:00 am. for residents who feel they would not be able to drive home safely.
This service is available for residents of Frankfort, Orland Park, Mokena, New Lenox, Orland Hills, Palos Park and Tinley Park. The driver will take you home ---not to another party or public establishment. There will be no charge for this service, no names will be taken and no questions asked.
Call Town & Country Limousine Service at 1-800-381-6222 for a ride.
- Mayor Holland reported that tonight is the last Village Board meeting to be broadcast live from Heritage Hall. As our residents are aware, the building has been sold to LaSalle Securities. The January 5, 2009 board meeting will be held at Heritage Hall, however, without live broadcast capabilities. Starting on January 20, the Village Board meetings

will be held in the lower level of the Frankfort Police Department, 20602 Lincoln-Way Lane.

- Mayor Holland introduced Kevin Keegan who has been promoted to Sergeant. He gave a brief history of Kevin who was born and raised in Frankfort. Mayor Holland administered the Oath of Office for Sergeant to Kevin Keegan.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Ducay presented the Board with a request to approve the Canadian National Railway Settlement Agreement negotiated by the Village of Frankfort and Canadian National officials. The agreement addresses noise mitigation and safety efforts to be undertaken at specified railroad crossing locations throughout the Village pending CN's acquisition of the EJ & E Railroad.

Mayor Holland explained that this mitigation will be good for our community.

A motion (#2) was made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Trustee Heath, to adopt a RESOLUTION (#08-35) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT AND CANADIAN NATIONAL (CN) RAILWAY COMPANY, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Frankfort and the Canadian National Railway Company regarding the pending acquisition of the EJ & E Railroad by Canadian National. Clerk Robert J. Kennedy called the roll. Ayes; Trustees Heath, Morgan, Stevens, Trevarthan, Walker, and Egan. Nays; None. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chief Piscia wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Chief Piscia cautioned residents to drive carefully during bad weather.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Ducay Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – No Report

OTHER BUSINESS

- Trustee Stevens – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Trustee Morgan – Wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to staff and citizens.
- Trustee Trevarthan – Stated that when stoplights are out and weather conditions are unstable, it is dangerous to put a police officer out to direct traffic. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Trustee Heath – Reported that the 911 center is now in the new Frankfort Township Building. She stated that in February all the Fire Districts will also locate in this facility. She also reminded students to study hard for finals.
- Trustee Walker – Congratulated Chief Piscia in the excellent results in fighting crimes in the area. He stated that we have a great Police Force that enables us to promote from within. He also congratulated the leadership on making the Heritage Hall sale a positive one by preserving the building. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Trustee Egan – Stated that the Board will be saying good-bye to these Council Chambers and will eventually move into new chambers in the Village Administration Building.
- Clerk Robert J. Kennedy – Hoped everyone has a safe holiday
- Deputy Clerk Alice Schomburg – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked all to remember the troops that will not be home for Christmas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PHONE CALLS

Residents called to express their concerns:

- A caller questioned the status of a vacant house on Laraway Road.
- A caller felt that traffic should be directed when traffic lights go out.
- A caller asked if the C/N agreement would prohibit homeowners associations or other groups from still opposing the C/N purchase.

The Mayor responded to these items of concern with direction for action by appropriate Village personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion (#3) was made by Trustee Trevarthan, seconded by Trustee Morgan, to adjourn the regular Board meeting of Monday, December 15, 2008.

Voice vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Robert J. Kennedy
Village Clerk

As Presented X As Amended ____

/s/ Jim Holland, Village President

/s/ Robert J. Kennedy, Village Clerk

/s/ Alice Schomburg, Deputy Village Clerk