

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FRANKFORT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010**

President Jim Holland called the regular meeting of the Frankfort Village Board to order on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 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 Sean Brady.

Attorney George Mahoney was absent.

**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 Egan asked that the Frankfort Park District Referendum be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda for discussion.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting (December 21, 2009)

B. Approval of Bills - \$1,142,912.76

C. Committee of the Whole Report

1. Cottonwood Rd and Durham Dr. Water Main Replacement: Bid Approval  
Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to accept the bids and award the Cottonwood Road and Durham Drive water main replacement project to D Construction, Inc. of Coal City, Illinois, in the amount of \$260,198.00.

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

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Holland reminded residents that parking is prohibited on local roads when a 2-inch snowfall occurs. This allows our Public Works crews to safely remove snow and ice from our roads. Also, parents are asked to warn their children about the hazards of digging tunnels in snow piles, especially those along the road.

- Mayor Holland announced that the Village of Frankfort, along with the Frankfort Park District, and the Frankfort Chamber of Commerce, are sponsoring the annual Winter on the Green program. The events, all held at Breidert Green, begin Sunday, January 10 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, the Illinois Alaskan Malamute Rescue Association, and refreshments. January 17 will host the Winter Carnival with carnival games, balloon animals, and a giant inflatable. A ski instructor will teach participants how to cross country ski, and DJ Don Gray will provide music.

## **LAND USE AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Egan presented the Board with a request to support the Frankfort Park District's Limiting Tax Rate Referendum. The District's 1995 Referendum Bond issue that purchased and renovated the Founders Center, and purchased and developed Commissioners Park Phase I, had its final payment made on December 15, 2009. With retirement of the Bond, the tax rate will drop by three cents from 20 cents to 17 cents. The Park District will ask voters for approval of a single year .03% limiting rate increase referendum to retain the three cents tax rate for capital development, which would preserve \$250,000 annually for capital expenditures and park improvements without raising the tax rate and with no new taxes. The Park District representatives requested Village support for passage of the referendum issue.

Frankfort Park District Director Jeff Boubelik explained the proposed tax rate referendum and asked for support of this effort from the village.

Frankfort Park District Commissioner stated that this would represent about 10% of the park district's budget. He reported on various funding that the park district has previously received from the DNR and explained that these funds are no longer available. This referendum would allow the park district to do improvements to the parks. He asked residents to vote "yes" on this referendum.

Pam Melnek, Park Board Commissioner thanked the Board for their support of this effort.

A motion (#2) was made by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Walker, to accept the Land Use and Policy Committee recommendation and adopt a RESOLUTION (#10-01) SUPPORTING THE FRANKFORT PARK DISTRICT'S LIMITING TAX RATE REFERENDUM PROPOSITION ON THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2010, in support of the Frankfort Park District's Limiting Tax Rate Referendum proposition on the February 2, 2010 General Primary Election ballot. Clerk Robert J. Kennedy called the roll. Ayes; Trustees Egan, Heath, Morgan, Stevens, Trevarthan, and Walker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- Chief Piscia stated that we are expecting snow events this week so please don't park on the streets.
- Chief Piscia stated that the holiday weekend was uneventful.

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

- Mr. Ducay stated that on heavy snow events, the Village uses different drivers on various routes.
- Mr. Ducay announced that Representative Debbie Halvorson will be hosting a Federal Funding Seminar, January 11, 2010 from 9 to 11 a.m. He stated that the Village of Frankfort will attend.
- Mr. Ducay asked the board for approval to begin emergency repairs on the Industry water tower. They have engaged CB&I to do the repair at cost of about \$15,000. The board gave its approval to proceed.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

- Attorney Shawn Brady gave a brief explanation of the new law making it illegal to text and e-mail while driving.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Trustee Egan ó Reported that his family received a phone call asking them to participate in a water survey. He was told that this was a sales call.
- Trustee Walker ó Asked that the sidewalks around Breidert Green be kept shoveled.
- Trustee Heath ó Reported that absentee ballots can be obtained on the Will County website.
- Trustee Trevarthan ó Reported that he spoke to the person who owns the property on Rt. 30 and Harlem. The owner asked if Frankfort would like to annex his property.
- Trustee Morgan ó No comment.
- Trustee Stevens ó Questioned when the work will begin on the watermain replacement project?

- Clerk Robert J. Kennedy ó reported on hours for early voting at the Village Administration Building.
- Deputy Clerk Alice Schomburg ó No comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion (#3) was made by Trustee Trevarthan, seconded by Trustee Egan, to adjourn the regular Board meeting of Tuesday, January 5, 2010.  
Voice vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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