



***Payables and Payroll in the amount of \$393,318.65 as presented and Commissioner Ponton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.***

Aye: (5) Barz, Ruvoli, Gentry, Ponton, McCarey  
 Nay: (0)  
 Abstain: (0)  
 Absent: (0)

***Motion approved***

7. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE – Belinda Olszewski wanted an update on the 5 Oaks Park. Gina said that FPD is in litigation with the 5 Oaks HOA and could not discuss it. She assured those present that there has been no settlement to date. Mr. Zukula stated that there are many residents that want the park property to stay a park. They do not want the HOA to have any say in what happens to the property. He also said that several of the residents of 5 Oaks would be willing to pay for any of the monies that are due to the HOA or for previous taxes. Gina assured all that FPD is working with the County to abate the taxes and is confident that they will be abated, and the HOA fees is what the litigation is about. Mr. Zukula reiterated that they stand by their offer if FPD loses in court. He said that the HOA is not letting the residents know what is going on and what discussions with FPD have been. Mrs. Zukula said there is no trust of the HOA and any deals they make. Commissioner Barz said that the Board's responsibility is to the residents, not the HOA Board. Mr. Olszewski asked if the issue was money or other problems between the HOA and FPD. Commissioner Gentry said it is a matter of principle, not the amount of the taxes. Mrs. Olszewski said she is watching the docket so supporters could attend the hearing to support FPD. Gina assured those present that a vote on anything concerning the HOA could not happen until the January Board meeting. President McCarey stated that the full Board is in agreement with what those present were wanting. Gina explained that when FPD met with the HOA it was to only listen to what they said and wanted. The lawsuit from the HOA is to foreclose on the parcel. FPD has no plans to sell the park property. The amount of the legal fees due to this problem is approximately \$10,000 that FPD has paid. Mrs. Olszewski asked Gina to pass on information to her regarding Operation Playground. She will organize a group to help raise money or volunteer to help. The Board thanked the residents and wished them a Merry Christmas.

*(the residents left at 6:55 p.m.)*

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- President McCarey said he spoke with the Attorney and the matter will be discussed in Executive session.
  - He said thank you to everyone and it has been a big adjustment for him as President of the Board. He is please with how involved the members of the Board are.
  - He said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.
- A. Approve Ordinance 23-12 for the Review of the Closed Meeting Minutes & Recordings. The Board a copy of the minutes in question. The staff recommended holding prior closed meeting minutes and authorizing the destruction of audio of closed meetings that were held prior to June of 2022. Audio older than 18 months will be destroyed and the minutes will not be released.

***Commissioner Barz made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12 regarding review of closed meeting minutes and destruction of audio and video recordings. Commissioner McCarey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.***

Aye: (5) Ruvoli, Barz, Gentry, Ponton, McCarey  
 Nay: (0)  
 Abstain: (0)  
 Absent: (0)

***Motion approved***

- FARPA Funds – Staff received confirmation that the firm managing the Will County FARPA Federal Covid funds had received the reimbursement documentation. This is the funding for the new HVAC unit for the gym.

#### 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Special Recreation – Gina sent a link of the LWSRA Board packet in the commissioners' information packets.
- B. Building and Grounds Report
- Clean up and trimming continues in the parks. Staff is servicing the summer equipment and getting the winter equipment ready.
  - Staalson is almost done with the gym repairs.
  - There have been some plumbing issues in the Founders Center that were dealt with.
  - Down spouts were repaired.
  - The gym is being cleaned out.
  - The bleachers are being repaired.
  - There are several issues with the roof leaking and staff is having the flat roof sealed before the winter settles in.
- C. Recreation Report – Stacey Proper
- The Winter Spring brochure is at the printer. It is on the web site and will be mailed to the residents in late December. Registration begins January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Staff is getting packets ready for day camp.
  - Santa events pictures are on the website.
  - Basketball practice has started and games begin January 20.
  - Preschool is winding up their holiday events and will be off December 22 through January 5. The next registration will begin the first week of February.
  - Commissioner Ruvoli thanked the staff and said the puzzle event was well run and a lot of fun.
    - a. Community Outreach – Julie is updating and finalizing the sponsorship packets for 2024. She already has some sponsorships confirmed. The many thank you to the sponsors are on the web site.
    - b. Callie suggested to give the Seniors Christmas Cards at nursing homes. They asked for help and received 400 cards from adults and children. There was a great response and next year it will be in the brochure.
- D. Public Relations – Debs report was included in the Board's packets. Gina noted that in addition to her other duties, Deb now does the flyers and brochures.
- E. Planning Report – Gina said staff is seeking designs for Fort Frankfort. Paper work for pre-payment for the project is started to get some of the funds prior to the work being done. Senator Hastings suggested a press conference to announce the project. A direct mailer to send to the homes is being prepared. The hope is that Operation Playground would fund the mailing.  
Windy Hill equipment is 99% on site ready to install next year. This is funded by an OSLAD Grant.

#### 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

#### 12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barz said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. The staff has done a great job this year. He thanked them for everything and said to have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Commissioner Ponton said thank you for everything. Even through struggles staff always comes through as a team. He thanked President McCarey for stepping up to the duties of president and said he appreciates that Mike keeps the village informed. He also said thanks to his fellow Board members.

Commissioner Ruvoli said thank you to Gina for spear heading the way for Operation Playground to donate money for the Bark Park and other projects. He thanked the staff for all their efforts with the brochure, the buildings and parks. Making the community aware of things. He thanked everyone for a very good year and is looking forward to next year. He said have a happy 2024.

Commissioner Gentry thanked everyone for the condolences, and he thanked everyone for the good work they did. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

13. ADJOURNMENT — President McCarey asked for a motion to adjourn the Frankfort Park District Board of Commissioners Regular monthly meeting of December 12, at 7:19 p.m. **Commissioner Gentry so moved, and Commissioner Barz seconded the motion. Hearing no objections all present voted Aye. Motion passed by a voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Strand  
Board Minutes Secretary