

VILLAGE OF  
**FRANKFORT**  
EST. 1855

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Clavio called the Community Services Committee meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at the Village Administration Building, 432 W. Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Community Services Committee members present were Mayor Jim Holland, Village Clerk Brian Feehery, Trustees Adam Borrelli, John Clavio, Margaret Farina, Jessica Petrow, Keith Ogle, and Gene Savaria; Bill Hardy and Nichole Schaeffer. Staff members in attendance were Village Administrator Rob Piscia, Asst. Administrator Jeff Cook, Police Chief John Burica, Utilities Director Zach Brown, and Administrative Assistant Theresa Cork. Committee members Dottie Bauer, Mary Ann Bergdolld, and Jerry Gleason were absent. Also present was Don Schwartz, Jeffrey Polak, Harry D'Ercole, Jr., Lynette Mertens, John Cosgrove, Ed Nemec, Valerie Thelen, and Ed Thelen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (August 12, 2020)

Trustee Savaria made a motion (#1), seconded by Member Hardy, to approve the Community Services Committee minutes of August 12, 2020, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

OUTDOOR DINING TENT REQUEST – KANSAS STREET

Administrator Piscia reported the Village received a request to allow restaurants to tent the street areas on Kansas Street due to the enhanced mitigation efforts that were recently imposed on restaurants in Region 7, Will and Kankakee Counties, by Governor Pritzker.

Committee members discussed the request, including wind and fire requirements and increasing liability insurance requirements from \$1 million to \$3 million. Administrator Piscia noted temporary tents utilized by permitted restaurants, must not have more than two sides of the tent closed to be considered outdoor dining.

Following discussion, by a show of hands, members were in favor of allowing restaurants to tent the areas on Kansas Street subject to issuance of the additional liability insurance, verification of tent specifications for flame spread rating and wind loading, and no staking of tents.

### OUTDOOR DINING END DATE

The Committee discussed extending temporary outdoor seating permits for Frankfort restaurant establishments. Members considered various end dates and it was the consensus of the committee to extend temporary outdoor seating permits to November 2, 2020 for the Village of Frankfort.

Some audience members voiced concerns about the impact of restrictions on small business owners/restaurateurs, particularly with respect to no indoor dining, the impact of weather on outdoor dining opportunities, additional costs necessary to provide outdoor dining, and the loss of customer parking due to temporary outdoor dining areas. Discussion continued noting reasons for and against the closure of Kansas Street for outdoor dining.

### OTHER BUSINESS

- *Virtual OPRT 5K Run/Walk*

Administrator Piscia distributed a flyer for the Village's annual Old Plank Road Trail (OPRT) 5K Run/Walk event. He reported the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual OPRT is going virtual this year. Participants can run or walk 3.1 miles between October 3-10, 2020.

- *Trick-or-Treating*

Mayor Holland requested committee members to provide their opinions to him relating to trick-or-treating in Frankfort amid the current COVID-19 restrictions.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Trustee Farina made a motion (#3), seconded by Member Hardy, to adjourn the Community Services Committee meeting of September 9, 2020, at 6:40 P.M. The motion was unanimously approved.