WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

1. MAYOR ARVIEW CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING, THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK.

2. MAYOR ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. THE MAYOR STATED WE DO HAVE ONE MINOR CHANGE, WE DO NOT NEED TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT. I JUST WANTED TO MENTION IT HERE, THAT ITEM TWO SHOULD BE 2026 NOT 2025. OTHER THEN THAT, THERE IS NOT ANYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED ON THE AGENDA I SEE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 27, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS AGAIN, NOT SOMETHING THAT NEEDS AN AMENDMENT. THE MAYOR STATED I'M JUST GOING TO REARRANGE SOME ITEMS HERE. WE DO HAVE ITEM NUMBER TWENTY THAT WE WERE GOING TO POSSIBLY NEED TO DISCUSS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, BUT WE DON'T ACTUALLY NEED TO DISCUSS THIS. AND THIS IS ACTUALLY SOMETHING THAT WE DID A COUPLE OF MEETINGS AGO. HOWEVER, FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING, WE DO NEED TO INSTRUCT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO THE EFFECT OF WHAT WE HAD VOTED ON AT THAT PREVIOUS MEETING. I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND ASK FOR A VOTE ON THAT RIGHT NOW SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DO IT AFTER EXECUTIVE. DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT THE APPROPRIATE ORDINANCE? THIS WOULD BE THE ORDINANCE CREATING THE CONTRACT THAT WE HAD DISCUSSED. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED IT WILL AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF ONE OF THE CITY OFFICERS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL

COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO OPEN BIDS AND POTENTIALLY APPROVE AN ORDINANCE SELLING THE WEST FRANKFORT OLD LAKE. THE MAYOR STATED I WILL LET YOU TAKE IT OVER, JONATHAN. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED, I DRAFTED AND MY OFFICE PREPARED THE NOTICE THAT WAS PUBLISHED FOR THE OLD LAKE. WE HAVE THREE SEALED BIDS HERE. I DO HAVE ONE HOUSEKEEPING MATTER FOR THE COUNCIL. I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL TODAY FROM A FORMER WEST FRANKFORT CITIZEN I BELIEVE, RAE MOSIER IN FLORIDA. SHE AND HER HUSBAND OWN A LAW FIRM DOWN THERE. THEY ASKED ME IF THE COUNCIL WOULD ALLOW THEM TO BID REMOTELY. I SAID IT WAS UP TO THE COUNCIL, THE NOTICE DID SAY YOU CAN WAIVE IRREGULARITIES AND INFORMALITIES IN THE BIDDING PROCESS. THEY DID WIRE ME THE EARNEST MONEY THAT WE ASKED EVERYBODY TO SEND. IT IS IN MY FIRMS TRUST ACCOUNT THAT WE USE FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS. THEY SUBMITTED A BID TO MY EMAIL ADDRESS ABOUT 30 MINUTES AGO. SINCE WE PLANNED ON ALLOWING COMPETITIVE BIDDING. AND THE COUNCIL HAS AN OBLIGATION TO TRY AND RECOVER AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE. I WOULD SUGGEST WE ALLOW THE ONE REMOTE BIDDER TO PARTICIPATE. BUT THAT IS THE COUNCIL'S DECISION. THE MAYOR STATED DO WE NEED TO VOTE ON THAT? MR. CANTRELL STATED I WOULD PREFER WE HAVE A MOTION AND A VOTE TO ALLOW ONE REMOTE BIDDER IF THE COUNCIL CHOOSES. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE TO ALLOW THE REMOTE BIDDER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

   (THE CITY ATTORNEY CALLED THE MOISER'S/VALENTINE AND PUT THEM ON SPEAKER PHONE.)

   HI, THIS IS JONATHAN CANTRELL. THIS IS BRIAN. AND BRIAN, YOU'RE RAE MOSIER'S HUSBAND, RIGHT? MR. VALENTINE STATED CORRECT. MR. CANTRELL STATED YOU'RE ON SPEAKERPHONE, BRIAN. I'M OPENING THE FIRST THREE SEALED BIDS, AND WE'LL GO FROM THERE.

   THE FIRST SEALED BID - THERE'S A CASHIER'S CHECK FOR THE EARNEST MONEY. THE BID IS FROM RAYMOND CLAYTON AND PEGGY

CLAYTON. THE BID IS $780,000.00. AS FOR THE PROPERTY, IT STAYS RECREATION FOR THE COMMUNITY.

THE SECOND SEALED BID- THE BID ALSO CONTAINS THE EARNEST MONEY. IT IS FROM POWERVAULT, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $200,000.00. DANIEL RIEGEL SIGNS ON BEHALF OF THE LLC.

THE THIRD SEALED BID- PLACED BY HUGH THOMAS BURNS, JR. THE BID CONTAINS THE EARNEST MONEY. THE BID AMOUNT IS $550,000.00

THE FORTH BID FROM THE MOSIERS/VALENTINE WHO ARE ON THE PHONE HAD BID, WAS IT $350,000 OR $385,000?

AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD ASK IF ANY OF THE THREE OTHER BIDDERS, OTHER THAN THE CLAYTONS, WHO ARE CURRENTLY THE LEAD BIDDER, WILLING TO EXCEED THE BID OF $780,000.00?

I'M GOING TO ANNOUNCE FOR EVERYBODY THAT THE WINNING BIDDER WILL SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE CITY TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION WITHIN ABOUT A WEEK OR SO. THEN IN THAT CONTRACT, WE WILL PROBABLY ALLOW SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 30 AND 60 DAYS TO CLOSE THE TRANSACTION.

MR. VALENTINE ASKED ARE THERE INCREMENTS WHERE WE CAN RAISE THE BID? MR CANTRELL STATED I WOULD SUGGEST $10,000.00 MINIMUM.

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MR. CANTRELL STATED WE HAVE A BID FOR $790,000.00 FROM RAY MOSIER AND BRIAN VALENTINE.

MR. CANTRELL STATED THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF ACCEPTING THE SECOND HIGHEST BID IF THE WINNING BIDDER'S NOT ABLE TO CLOSE. IN OTHER WORDS, IT WOULD BE A BACKUP PLAN.

RAYMOND CLAYTON RAISED BID TO $800,000.00

MR. VALENTINE RAISED BID TO $810,000.00.

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MS. MOSIER STATED WE ARE OUT, JUST GIVE ME A CALL IF THAT FIRST DEAL FALLS THROUGH.

MR. CANTRELL STATED, YES, THAT WILL BE THE PLAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MS. CLAYTON. LET ME MAKE SURE I HAVE ALL OF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION HERE. I'LL BE IN TOUCH. IF YOU WANT TO HANG OUT UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING, I'LL GIVE YOU A BUSINESS CARD SO THAT YOU HAVE MY CONTACT INFORMATION. WE'LL HAVE TO DO A WRITTEN CONTRACT PRETTY SOON.
THE COUNCIL NEEDS A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HIGH BID, AND I WOULD SUGGEST A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SECOND HIGHEST BID AS A CONTINGENCY IF THE FIRST SALE FALLS THROUGH. BECAUSE THERE WERE ONLY $10,000.00 LOWER. YOU CAN EVEN ACCEPT THE THIRD HIGHEST BID AS AN ALTERNATIVE, THAT WAS $550,000.00. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE HIGH BID AND AS A CONTINGENCY TO EXCEPT THE SECOND HIGHEST BID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SETTING A STIPEND FOR THE ADA COORDINATOR. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAD VOTED TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION A WHILE BACK AND HAD IN THE ORDINANCE TO SET A PAY AS THE COUNCIL WOULD AGREE, BUT WE NEVER DID ACTUALLY SET AN AMOUNT FOR THAT. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, WE HAVE COME UP WITH THE AMOUNT OF $3,600.00 A YEAR FOR THAT DUTY. IF THE COUNCIL IS IN FAVOR OF THAT, WE JUST NEED A MOTION TO APPROVE SETTING THE STIPEND FOR THE ADA COORDINATOR TO $3,600.00 PER YEAR. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ATLAS IN THE AMOUNT OF $16,990.00 FOR INTERIM BILLING FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 20, 2024 FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL

VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO HIRE SKUTA CONSTRUCTION TO REPAIR A SEWER LINE ON SOUTH 37 AND PAY AN INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,710.00 FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,981.54 FOR SECURITY MONITORING AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM NOVACOM IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,650.16 FOR THE FINAL PAYMENT ON MOBILE RADIOS PURCHASED FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BAINE ROOFING COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,048.00 FOR THE ROOF REPAIRS MADE FOR THE FIRE/POLICE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED CAN I MAKE A STATEMENT? THIS WAS NOT RUN THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS. BECAUSE I'M THE BUILDINGS PERSON, AND I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT. SO IT NEEDS TO GO THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS, AT LEAST TURN IT IN SO WE CAN SIGN IT, WHICH I KNOW IT NEEDED FIXED, AND THAT'S FINE. BUT I NEED TO BE AWARE OF IT, AND I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT UNTIL I SAW THE BILL. SO, I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT KNOWN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM JOHNSON'S AUTO AND TRUCK REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,452.80 FOR BRAKE

REPAIRS MADE ON ENGINE 6 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WAS THAT ONE RUN THROUGH EITHER? THERE'S NO OTHER SIGNATURES ON IT, SO THAT ALSO NEEDS TO BE RUN THROUGH THE PROPER AUTHORITY. THE MAYOR STATED AND I ALSO WANT TO MENTION ON THIS, IT JUST SAYS BRAKE CHAMBER'S QUANTITY 2 AMOUNT $1,226.40, FOR EACH. FOR LABOR, IT SAYS QUANTITY 4, BUT THE AMOUNT IS ZERO. I FEEL LIKE THEY JUST LUMPED EVERYTHING ALL IN THAT TOP ITEM INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY BREAKING IT DOWN SO WE KNEW WHAT WE WERE PAYING FOR PARTS AND LABOR. THAT'S KIND OF AN ISSUE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS THE CONSENT AGENDA:
    a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS.

    COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

14. **BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS** ~ NO PERMITS

15. **OFFICER'S REPORT** ~

    FIRE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026. 168-AMBULANCE CALLS, 1-RUBBISH/ILLEGAL FIRES, 4-BRUSH/FIELD FIRES, 4-FIRE ALARMS, 1-VEHICLE FIRES, 8 - FIRE EMERGENCIES; (GAS LEAKS, POWER LINES DOWN, ETC.), 3- STRUCTURE FIRES, 5-MUTUAL AID FIRE RESPONSES, 5 -AMBULANCE CALLS TURNED OVER TO MUTUAL AID. FOR A TOTAL OF 199 CALLS DURING THE MONTH. THE DEPARTMENT USED APPROXIMATELY 28,000 GALLONS OF WATER. THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTED $39,937.44 FOR JANUARY AMBULANCE CALLS.

    POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026. DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS REPORTED OFFICERS ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 748 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 13 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 5 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 35 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 2 FIGHTS IN PROGRESS, 23 ALARMS, 1 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 2 BURGLARIES, 6 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 13 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 34 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 22 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY

CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES. AND OFFICERS MADE 26 STREET CONTACTS. OFFICERS CONDUCTED 202 TRAFFIC STOPS, WHERE THEY ISSUED 30 CITIATIONS, 167 WARNINGS, AND 6 LW-27'S. THERE WERE 74 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 3 JUVENILE ARREST, RESULTING IN 107 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.

DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 961 CALLS.
OF THOSE, 470 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 140 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 748 WERE FOR POLICE, 199 WERE FOR WEST FRANKFORT FIRE. FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, WE COLLECTED $3,219.97 IN FINES AND FEES.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026:
WE'VE BEEN BATTLING THE SNOW AND FINALLY CAN SAY WE'RE DONE WITH IT. WE JUST FINISHED CLEANING UP BIG PILES OF SNOW FROM THE DOWNTOWN AREA FOR THE TRAFFIC. WE GOT OUR SNOW PLOW & BACK HOE BLADES CHANGED OUT AND PUT NEW ONES ON FROM THE WEAR AND TEAR. WE TOOK THE PLOWS OFF, CLEANED UP EQUIPMENT, GREASED AND CHECKED FUILD. SPENT THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, PATCHING POTHOLES THROUGH THE MAIN AND SECONDARY ROADS. WE MADE GOOD PROGRESS WITH THE WEATHER BEING WARMER. MOVING FORWARD THE REST OF THE WEEK, NEXT WEEK AND ON, WE'RE GOING TO BE FOCUSING ON TREE TRIMMING, DOING SOME ROCK JOBS, AND SWEEPING THE STREETS. I DO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND OUR GUYS IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT, I APPRRCIATE ALL OF YOUR GUYS HELP.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026:
WE HAD A FEW REPAIRS FOR THE MONTH, ONE MAIN ONE ON THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, THE BOARING CREW WENT THROUGH A TWO-INCH LINE. THE GUYS WORKED A FEW HOURS ON IT THAT NIGHT, IT WAS SUPER COLD. WE HAD 62 JULE LOCATES, 22 OF THOSE WERE EMERGENCY JULES, 88 METER MAINTENANCES, TOOK 128 SAMPLES FOR THE MONTH. WE HAD 30 DISCONNECTS, 27 CONNECTS, 1 RECONNECT, 88 METER CHANGE OUTS, 149 METER CHECKS, 8 TRANSFERS. WE PURCHASED 19,122,542 GALLONS OF WATER FROM REND LAKE, 14,242,400 GALLONS FOR WEST FRANKFORT CUSTOMERS, 602,000 WAS FOR ORIENT, 770,500 WAS FOR PLUMFIELD, 20,700 FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT, AND 28,000 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE COLLECTED $100,560.51 FOR WATER, $46,068.58 FOR SANITATION, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

FOR A TOTAL OF $237,030.94.

SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026: THE SEWER DEPARTMENT COMPLETED 62 JULE LOCATES AND 22 WERE EMERGENCY LOCATES. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO RESPONDED TO 5 SEWER CALL-OUTS, NONE OF WHICH WERE RELATED TO ISSUES IN THE CITY MAIN. THERE WERE 9 CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS, ALL OF WHICH WERE ADDRESSED WITH NO PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE MUNICIPAL SYSTEM. ADDITIONALLY, ONE INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED ON A PRIVATE SEWER LINE. A TOTAL OF 131 WATER SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AND TESTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE EPA REGULATIONS. ALL REQUIRED SAMPLING WAS COMPLETED, AND THERE WAS NO ISSUE TO PREVENT COMPLIANCE. TEST RESULTS INDICATE THAT SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REMAINED WITHIN ACCEPTABLE AND REGULATED LIMITS WITH OVERALL TESTING RESULTS RATED AS VERY GOOD. FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026, THE SEWER DEPARTMENT COLLECTED $78,970.18 IN REVENUE. OVERALL, THE SEWER SYSTEM CONTINUES TO OPERATE EFFICIENTLY AND REMAINS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE REGULATORY STANDARDS.

16. **MAYORS REPORT~**

I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO BRING UP. I AM GLAD THAT THE SNOW IS GOING AWAY. I REALLY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY GONE BY TODAY, BUT IT WAS THICK, SO IT'S HANGING ON, JUST BARELY. HOPEFULLY BY THIS TIME NEXT WEEK WE'LL BE IN SPRING-LIKE WEATHER, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. I'VE HAD ENOUGH WINTER.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN STAYING BUSY, DOING A GOOD JOB AS USUAL. OUR NEW GUYS ARE SLOWLY BREAKING IN.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED WE DO HAVE A DRAFT COPY OF THE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 NOW. WITHIN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, WE JUST HAVE TO GIVE THEM THE APPROVAL AND SAY, YEAH, IT'S OKAY, GO AHEAD AND ISSUE IT. WE'RE JUST ABOUT TO GET ANOTHER YEAR DONE, AND THEY'LL BE STARTING ON FISCAL YEAR 2025 IMMEDIATELY. I'M VERY HAPPY THAT WE'RE FINALLY MAKING SOME PROGRESS.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED I'M PROUD OF THE WATER AND STREET GUYS WORKING TOGETHER, GETTING ALL THE SNOW AND ICE OFF THE SIDEWALKS AND ROADS, AND THEY'VE DONE A GREAT JOB.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I'LL JUST SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLAYTONS -- I HOPE TO SEE SOMETHING EXCITING AND NEW OUT THERE. AND THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY THAT WORKED THROUGH THE SNOW AND EVERYTHING.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED I'LL FOLLOW UP ON WHAT LINDA SAID. FOR THE CLAYTONS BENEFIT WE HAVE BEEN CLEARING TILE TO THE LAKE AND I LEARNED A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY IN WEST FRANKFORT. IN THE 1920'S THEY HAD TO FILE A LAWSUIT TO CONDEMN SOME OF THAT LAND. AND I HAD A DISTANT REALITIVE THAT WAS AN ATTORNEY IN THE JURY TRIAL THAT THEY HAD IN THE 1920'S. OF COURSE THE CITY WON, AND THE SON OF THE GENTLEMAN WHO LOST THE LAWSUIT FILED ANOTHER LAWSUIT IN THE 1950S. AND THE APPELLATE COURT SAID, YOUR FATHER ALREADY TRIED TO FIGHT THIS BATTLE AND HE LOST. IT IS GOOD NEWS FOR YOU GUYS THAT THE TITLE IS CLEANED ON THAT PROPERTY.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

THE MAYOR STATED I WILL JUST REMIND EVERYBODY WE DO LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES. WE DO HAVE DISCRETION ON THAT, BUT TYPICALLY WE DO LIMIT IT TO FIVE MINUTES SO EVERYBODY HAS A CHANCE TO SPEAK. I WANT YOU TO COME UP TO THE PODIUM, STATE YOUR NAME, AND THEN HAVE YOUR SAY.

DANNY LOEH STATED I'M VICE CURATOR OF THE MILITARY MUSEUM, WHICH I'M PROUD TO SAY. I BROUGHT A COUPLE PICTURES IN WITH ME TODAY. THIS IS SERGEANT TOMCZIK. HE WAS KILLED IN 1944 BY A GERMAN GUARD THAT KILLED HIM. WE HAVE THE HELMET AT THE MUSEUM. THE GERMAN GUARD THAT SHOT HIM, HE FORCED THE CITIZEN TO BURY HIM. AND THE CITIZEN KEPT THE HELMET AND HIS TAG. THEN IN 1946, THEY WERE ABLE TO SEND A LETTER TO THE FAMILY AND EXPLAIN HOW THEIR SON HAD DIED. IT'S OUR HISTORY THAT WE'VE GOT AT THE MUSEUM. THIS HERE IS SERGEANT SCHOTE, HE WAS FROM WEST FRANKFORT. THERE YOU CAN SEE WHERE PRESIDENT TRUMAN IS AWARDING HIM THE MEDAL

OF HONOR. THAT'S JUST A FEW SMALL ITEMS THAT WE HAVE AT THE MUSEUM, WHICH I'M VERY PROUD TO BE INVOLVED WITH. YOU ALL NEED TO START COMING TO THE MUSEUM. WE HAVE SO MUCH HISTORY THERE. WE HAVE OVER 4,000 ITEMS IN THE MUSEUM. MY WIFE SAYS 4,001. ME, SHE'S GOING TO PUT ME DOWN THERE ONE OF THESE DAYS. BUT COME DOWN AND SEE US. AND I HAVE A BIG MEETING COMING UP WITH THE V.A. IN MARION. THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A VETERANS GROUP UP THERE. I'M TAKING ITEMS FROM THE MILITARY MUSEUM ON DISPLAY THERE. IT SHOULD BE A REALLY NICE TIME. THANK YOU ALL.

BRETT MCREAKEN I'M AN OFFICER HERE AT WEST FRANKFORT POLICE. IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT WE MIGHT BE HAVING A DIFFERENT CHIEF BROUGHT IN TO WEST FRANKFORT. I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL MY BROTHERS AND MY BROTHER HERE. WE DO NOT APPROVE OF THIS. WE ARE ONE OF THE MOST PROACTIVE DEPARTMENTS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, AND THE STATS SHOW IT. IT ALL STARTS WITH THIS MAN RIGHT HERE. HE PUSHES US DAILY TO BE THE BEST. AND HE PUSHES EVERY DAY TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE BEST; TO DO THE BEST WE CAN DO FOR THIS COMMUNITY. 20 YEARS, HE HAS EARNED RESPECT FROM EVERYONE HERE, FROM EVERYONE AT THIS TOWN. HE'S EARNED RESPECT FROM EVERY ONE OF US BACK THERE. WE DO NOT APPROVE OF CHANGING HANDS AND POLICE CHIEF WHEN THERE'S NO NEED. THIS MAN DOES A FINE JOB, BACKED BY ALL MY BROTHERS. I AM A NEW OFFICER IN THIS TOWN, BECAUSE THIS MAN HAS GIVEN NOTHING BUT ABSOLUTE RESPECT AND PUSHED ME THROUGH EVERYWHERE TO BE WHERE I AM TODAY. I SPEAK FOR EVERYBODY BACK THERE. WE DON'T BELIEVE IN THIS, AND WE DON'T WANT THIS CHANGE. WE HAVE THE BEST CHIEF WE HAVE, THAT WE COULD EVER DREAM AND ASK FOR. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

THE MAYOR STATED I APPRECIATE THAT. I WOULD JUST BRIEFLY SAY THAT NOTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED. THAT WAS A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION AND SHOULD NEVER HAVE EVEN BEEN PUBLICIZED AT ALL. WE MAKE DECISIONS OUT HERE AFTER WE'VE POSSIBLY DISCUSSED BACK THERE, BUT NOTHING'S DECIDED.

DAKOTA JOSTEN, I'M ALSO AN OFFICER AT WEST FRANKFORT. I'VE BEEN ON FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS, AND WHEN I STARTED, WE WERE KIND OF IN A DEFICIT. WE DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF BODIES. MORALE WAS NOT GOOD, A LOT OF OVERTIME. SINCE THE CHANGING OF THE

TORCH BETWEEN CHIEF PRUDENT AND CHIEF WILLIS, HE HAS BROUGHT NOTHING BUT UPBEAT ENERGY FOR US TO KEEP US WANTING TO DO OUR JOB. IF ANYTHING WAS AN ISSUE PRIOR, I FEEL LIKE IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED. ALSO FEEL THAT IT WASN'T VERY TRANSPARENT, WHICH IS A WORD THAT GETS THROWN AROUND A LOT IN THIS BUILDING. AS WE SAW TONIGHT, THERE'S BEEN A COUPLE THINGS THAT HAVEN'T WENT THROUGH THE RIGHT CHANNELS. THAT'S NOT VERY TRANSPARENT. I FEEL LIKE IF THERE IS GOING TO BE A CHANGE IN ANYTHING, IT NEEDS TO BE OPEN AND TALKED ABOUT WITH THE COMMUNITY. YOU ARE BRINGING IN SOMEONE THAT IS AN OUTSIDER THAT HAS NOT PUT IN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE IN HERE, THAT HAS NOT EARNED THEIR DUES IN THE DEPARTMENT. AND YOU ARE BRINGING IN SOMEONE THAT NOBODY KNOWS, THAT HAS NOT SPENT A MINUTE IN OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT. I DO NOT FORSEE THAT BEING GOOD FOR OUR DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU

JUSTIN SAILLIEZ STATED I AM OFFICER JUSTIN SAILLIEZ, I KNOW NOTHING HAS BEEN SET IN STONE. BUT I ALSO WANTED TO SPEAK ON OUR CHIEF'S BEHALF. I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH CLINT, SUPER NICE GUY. WHEN I STARTED IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, WE HAD CHIEF PRUDENT, CLINT WAS MY CAPTAIN, I STARTED WITH OFFICER JOSTEN AND HE DIRECTED US AND LEAD US TO BECOME WHO WE ARE TODAY. WHEN CHIEF PRUDENT LEFT HE HAS STEPPED IN THAT CHAIR AND HAS DONE A GREAT JOB. I JUST WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ALL OF THOSE GUYS BACK THERE, WE ARE BEHIND THIS GUY 100%.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSIONS PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (5), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (6), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11), PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE, LITIGATION. AT 6:44 P.M. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE MAYOR STATED AGAIN, WE MOVED ITEM #20 TO THE BEGINNING, SO WE WILL NOT BE VOTING ON ANYTHING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:18 P.M. WHERE NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:20 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK