

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN GROVE
LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DECEMBER 14, 2015 MINUTES APPROVED JANUARY 11, 2016

On December 14, 2015 the Regular meeting of the Village of Franklin Grove, held at the Village Hall, 105 E. South Street, Franklin Grove, Lee County, Illinois, was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by President David Atkinson at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Shaun Thompson, Tony Schaneberg, Scott Spangler, William Schaneberg, Michael Crofton, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Lori Smith.

MINUTES

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by M. Crofton to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2015. Passed: 5/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See attached.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

See attached.

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Thompson to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by S. Spangler to approve the Response Letter to the Auditor addressing their comments regarding the recent audit. Passed: 5/0

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

Attorney Considine advised that the Village was awarded a judgement against Mr. Suski in the amount of \$36,500.00. A court date has been set for January 7, 2016 at which time a Citation to discover assets will be filed.

GENERAL

Motion was made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by Michael Crofton to appoint William Schaneberg as Water and Sewer Chairman, Shaun Thompson as Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Act Chairman and Michael Crofton as Properties Chairman due to the resignation of Trustee Roger Warrenfeltz after the last board meeting. Passed: 5/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(T. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg advised the engineer was requesting approval of final payment for Civil Constructors for street work. It was determined that no final approval will be given since work has not been completed.

WATER & SEWER

(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg advised that we need another pump and the cost would be approximately \$10,000 and two grinder pumps costing approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 each. It was discussed that a lift was also needed.

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by T. Schaneberg to approve up to \$500.00 for material to build a frame for a wench and the wench. Passed: 5/0

There was a discussion about changing Ron Miller's hours back to 7:00 to 3:30. President Atkinson suggested it remain the same for now and we can revisit it another time.

Mike Crofton asked where the liability lies if someone gets hurt doing work for the Village and isn't an employee. Attorney Considine advised that the Village needs to check with their insurance carrier.

There was discussion with regard to hiring either full-time as opposed to part-time help for Streets and Alleys, but no decision was made at this time.

Trustee Schaneberg advised that the following list of people is to be called for snow removal assistance with Ron in charge of contacting them:

- Ron Miller
- Mike Settles
- Don Fore
- T. Schaneberg
- W. Schaneberg
- D. Atkinson

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee W. Schaneberg advised that the Village needs to consider putting in a larger parking lot at the Women's Shelter.

Trustee Crofton was advised that the Women's Shelter needs a new roof and he will check on prices.

Motion made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by W. Schaneberg to approve the appointment of Stephanie Sprague as Park & Recreation Fund Treasurer. Passed: 5/0

PROPERTIES

(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton advised the spreader is on and working well. He will be checking into the cost of having the box on the truck repaired.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler advised the Christmas Walk was a success.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by T. Schaneberg to approve \$3,000 for work on the Early Warning Siren and radios. Passed: 5/0

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Gary Mason hung the banners up around town on his own time. The Village will send a "Thank You".

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by T. Schaneberg and carried by unanimous vote at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk