

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

APRIL 11, 2022 MINUTES APPROVED MAY 9, 2022

On April 11, 2022 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 by President David Atkinson at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Shaun Thompson, Kydreel Green, Nick Sprague, Paul Erisman, Shantel Schafer, Mike Crofton, President Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by P. Erisman to approve the meeting minutes of March 14, 2022. Passed: 6/0

VISITORS

Chris Pilling approached the board on behalf of SVCC Impact Program which is a program that students are able to earn all tuition and fees at SVCC by enrolling in the program, completing 25 hours of volunteer work each year of high school, apply for at least one scholarship and complete FAFSA. They are asking the village to consider donating 12% of the ARPA funds the village received to the program.

Scott Spangler asked how organizations can be eligible to receive the volunteers. Chris stated organizations can apply to be approved organizations by going to svcc.edu/impact.

John Nicholson following up on the properties he brought to the boards attention in February that need cleaned up:

- 1) 106 N. Spring St. – owners have done a good job, they put a fence up and took a lot of the stuff inside and it looks a lot better
- 2) 137 N. State St. – didn't see any progress being made, President Atkinson stated he spoke to owner and he will start on it and said the upcoming clean up day will be a big help
- 3) 119 S. State St. – currently working on property and they are making progress
- 4) Old school – spoke to the property manager, they are aware of the shape it's in and are hoping to get something resolved.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Thompson to pay bills. Passed: 6/0

Clerk Sprague reminded the board Economic Interest Statements need to be filed with Lee County by May 1st.

Clerk Sprague stated Tim Hannan, owner of the grocery store called to inquire if store only parking signs could be put out front of the store as the ones put up on the side of the store don't seem to be working. The board feels this is a neighbor issue to be resolved and Trustee Green will talk to John Lauer of Rooney's about the issue.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by P. Erisman to approve the First Reading of the Budget. Passed: 6/0

POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)

Complaints/Calls for Service – 16
Traffic Stops – 4
Traffic Arrests – 2
Traffic Warnings – 4
Ordinance Arrests – 1
Ordinance Warnings – 1
House Checks – 1
Assist other Agency – 2

Trustee Crofton stated there have been kids riding dirt bikes on the streets. President Atkinson said he has talked to the parents and they have been told to keep them off the streets.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

President Atkinson advised there is a piece of property on Brown St. that would like to be annexed in to the village and it is currently holding up the sale of the property. The board is confident it is a good move to annex the property in the village.

Scott Spangler advised the village currently does not have a raffle ordinance and any raffle requires a license. A copy of the proposed ordinance was supplied to board members and it will be sent to Attorney Considine to proceed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague advised the board we sent out for bids at the right time as the engineer advised bids after ours have come in higher.

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton informed the board plans for the new well houses are in the works.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(S. Schafer Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES

(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman stated the Living History will be Saturday August 6th. They are offering tractor rides from the nursing home to the site. Scott Spangler reminded everyone part of Elm St. will be closed for the beer garden so they may need to detour around town. Trustee Erisman informed the board the mower deck has been repaired and the oil has been changed.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson reminded everyone the town clean up day is April 30th.

TOURISM

(K. Green Chairman)

Trustee Green informed the board there was miscommunication on the pricing for the generator for Village Hall and emergency siren. The actual cost of the generator would be \$30,719. They would require \$15,000 up front and it would be a year before we got it. It was determined to put this on hold and do a little shopping.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the Easter Egg Hunt would be Saturday April 16th at 11:00 am. It will be held at the football field unless bad weather in which case it will be at the elementary school gym.

Marilyn stated the care show will be May 7th and asked if we could get the street sweeper over here prior to the car show. She will get the guys a map for barricade placement Marilyn stated the wind did some damage to the privacy fence at the park, the guys already made repairs. She stated there are two windows with screens that are out. Scott Spangler stated if anyone sees him measuring and marking things out at the park, he is just mapping out placement for the new bathrooms.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Schafer, seconded by P. Erisman and carried by unanimous vote at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk