

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

APRIL 10, 2023 MINUTES APPROVE MAY 8, 2023

On April 10, 2023 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, Nick Sprague, Paul Erisman, Amanda Lanning, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson (by phone) and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustees Kydreel Green, Heather Grove

MINUTES

Motion made by N Sprague, seconded by H. Grove to approve the meeting minutes of March 13, 2023. Passed: 5/0

VISITORS

Women's Club representatives Marlene Hilliker, Nola Colwell, Delores Dill and Marilyn Spangler came to the board to see about a decision for financial assistance with the shelter flooring. The decision was made to go with the poured floor costing \$11,518 including the flex to add a little color to the floor.

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by P. Erisman to cover 80% of the cost of the new floor. Passed: 5/0

John Nicholson asked about the progress of the Currier property. Attorney Considine stated she has been in touch with both sons and they indicated they were going to attempt to take care of it on their own without an attorney. They were supposed to have been here at the end of June. John stated he would like to see several properties on that street cleaned up as it is the main route to the Franklin Creek Headwaters. Attorney Considine will give both of the phone numbers to Zoning President John Nicholson.

President Atkinson stated he would like to see the village acquire both the Currier and the property directly to the south. He stated someone should get in contact with Jesse Hardy's daughter Tonya.

John Nicholson asked if Chief Harney has had any contact with the gentleman on the highway that is running the business out of his residence.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by A. Lanning to pay bills. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the First Reading of Budget for 2023-2024. Passed: 5/0

President Atkinson advised the new corporate resolution is to have Paul Erisman and Heather Grove as authorized signatures and Shaun Thompson removed as of May 8, 2023.

**POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)**

Complaints/Calls for Service – 14
Traffic Stops – 10
Traffic Arrests – 3
Traffic Warnings – 12
Ordinance Warnings – 2
Accidents – 1
House Check – 3
Assist other Agency – 1
Investigation – 1

**LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)**

None

GENERAL ISSUES

John Nicholson addressed the board with zoning code amendments that were shown in red. John reminded the board there needs to be an ordinance to address saplings as our current ordinance only addresses grass and weeds. He stated the village would benefit from taking a look at the current fees as they could be adjusted. John stated Bob Logan has been cleaning up his property. John was able to get in contact with Bruce Carrier's son and he indicated Rick Bartlett has permission to get the property cleaned up. John talked to Jessie Hardy and he is under the impression tearing down the house brought the property to compliance. Scott Spangler stated he believes there is an ordinance that the fire chief is able to deem a structure as hazardous to get the ball rolling on a few of these properties. Trustee Erisman stated Crofton's property on Hillside Drive is one of the worst in town. Trustee Sprague stated it needs to be determined who is to be enforcing the zoning ordinances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)**

Trustee Sprague stated he has two quotes for the street sweeping, Tim Devries and Mary's Sweeping are both \$250/hour and neither will get rid of the sweepings but Mary's said they could have it done by the car show.

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by H. Grove to approve the bid of \$250/hour to get the streets swept. Passed: 5/0

**WATER & SEWER
(A. Lanning Chairman)**

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the purchase of a jetter pending reimbursement from the Sanitary District. Passed: 5/0

Trustee Sprague advised someone should talk to Marcelo about being on call as he hasn't been answering the phone on the weekends.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(H. Grove Chairman)

Trustee Grove stated she would like to get an estimate for override switch for electricity on the street lights as they are currently solar and only work when it is dark. President Atkinson recommended a couple she get a couple bids.

PROPERTIES

(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman stated the tile repairs down at the park seem to be working great. Scott Spangler stated the banners that are currently up are not the correct banners and he has been told they can't find the totes with the rest of the banners and wanted permission to help the employees locate the banner totes. Permission was granted.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson the dumpsters have been ordered for Spring Clean Up April 22. He stated the message board looks great and wanted to make sure hydrant flushing is still to be done. Trustee Lanning stated they are waiting on parts for well 3 and once complete the hydrants will be flushed.

TOURISM

(K. Green Chairman)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Marilyn Spangler stated she wanted to publicly thank the park board members that were able to handle the Easter Egg Hunt this year as it sounds like it was a great success and they weren't able to attend this year due to another commitment. She stated Trustee Grove is the chairman for the walking path to be installed at the park. Trustee Sprague stated there is plenty of rock on the other side of the creek that can be used as the base. Marilyn stated they would be burning the tall grass at Chaplain and asked if the village triangle piece should be burnt at the same time. President Atkinson said that would be great. The park board will be meeting Wednesday April 12th at 7:00pm at the shelter.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by P. Erisman, seconded by N. Sprague and carried by unanimous vote at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk