

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

APRIL 14, 2025 MINUTES APPROVE MAY 12, 2025

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, John Nicholson, Amanda Lanning, Heather Grove, Paul Erisman, President David Atkinson, Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Attorney Dana Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by P. Erisman to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2025. Passed: 6/0

VISITORS

Scott Spangler gave the board members VIP tickets to World War II Living History Event at Chaplin Creek on May 3rd.

Marilyn Spangler let the board know Easter Egg Hunt is April 19th at Atlasta Park weather permitting. The car show will be on May 10th.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by J. Nicholson, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills and late bills (Lonnie Warrenfeltz \$2,636.09, Lincoln Way Café up to \$15,000) for April. Passed: 6/0

Budget sheets were distributed to board members to return the first week of May for the first budget reading in May.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

Village clean-up will be April 26.

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by J. Nicholson to pay Clerk Sprague \$20/hour to train the new elected clerk. Passed: 4/0

Fire hydrant on Elm St. to be replaced for \$12,000. Trying to get it done while the kids are on spring break.

*Note: Trustee Sprague arrived at 7:40pm.

STREET & ALLEY
(N. Sprague Chairman)

None

WATER & SEWER
(A. Lanning Chairman)

Trustee Lanning stated the new fire hydrant was installed, road has been repaired.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(J. Nicholson Chairman)

Trustee Nicholson had a letter of support for the HI Lincoln Store to receive a grant for cosmetic improvements for the board members to sign.

PROPERTIES
(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman informed the board the Eagle Hill Park grass seed has been laid. Marilyn let Paul know there is a street light out at the entrance of Atlasta Park. Parking blocks still need to be placed.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson will call Midwest Disposal for April 26th Spring clean-up. Volunteers from Living Water Community Church will be helping with the pick-up.

TOURISM
(H. Grove Chairman)

Trustee Grove stated the parade during the festival will be earlier this year to have it before the street closure.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by S. Thompson to go into Executive Session at 7:33pm to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 6/0

Motion made by J. Nicholson, seconded by P. Erisman to come out of Executive Session at 7:49pm. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by A. Lanning, seconded by H. Grove to increase Caleb Gougis pay to \$25/hour. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by J. Nicholson, seconded by N. Sprague to increase Brennen Jeanblanc pay to \$23/hour. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by J. Nicholson, seconded by A. Lanning to increase all part time employees to \$18/hour. Passed: 6/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Sprague, seconded by A. Lanning and carried by unanimous vote at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk