

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

APRIL 9, 2018 MINUTES APPROVED MAY 14, 2018

On April 9, 2018 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 Trustee Scott Spangler at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Shaun Thompson, Bob Bass, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, William Schaneberg, Gary Mason, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

Absent: Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by G. Mason, seconded by B. Bass to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2018. Passed: 4/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Penny Thomas addressed the board on behalf of FG Fundraisers to be added to next months agenda to see if the village would be willing to help with the cost of the installation of the playground equipment they purchased for Atlasta Park.

John Spohn addressed the board concerning the tiling/curbing on south State Street. His ditch fills with gravel and chips. Trustee Sprague said he will come take a look at it.

***Note:** Trustee Schaneberg arrived at 7:06pm.

Katie Wolf addressed the board concerning the gun range in town. They asked if the building is up to code for an indoor range. Trustee Spangler stated they are using range bullets. Officer Harney stated he has used the facility and it is sound. Curt Rendall stated he was attending for the same purpose concerning the gun range and based on the research he has done, there is no jurisdiction for the county so he would like to see it addressed in the village regulations. He would like to make sure there is proper insurance for the gun range. He mentioned noise deadening material would be appropriate to use.

President Atkinson asked Curt Rendall if he would be interested in joining the zoning board. Curt said he would be interested.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT
BILLS & LATE BILLS**

Motion made by B. Bass, seconded by W. Schaneberg to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by S. Spangler to approve the meeting schedule for 2018-2019 (see below). Passed 6/0

**REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN GROVE
FISCAL YEAR 05/01/18 – 04/30/19**

MAY 14, 2018
JUNE 11, 2018
JULY 9, 2018
AUGUST 13, 2018
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
OCTOBER 8, 2018
NOVEMBER 12, 2018
DECEMBER 10, 2018
JANUARY 14, 2019
FEBRUARY 11, 2019
MARCH 11, 2019
APRIL 8, 2019

Clerk Sprague reminded everyone to file their Statement of Economic Interest if they haven't done so already.

Clerk Sprague informed the board she received a call from the Lee County All Hazards Mitigation Plan committee seeking an individual to represent Franklin Grove if anyone knows of anyone that would be interested in attending the 4 meetings they will hold.

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 477
Complaints/Calls for Service – 9
Traffic Stops – 5
Traffic Arrest - 4
Traffic Warnings – 5
Ordinance Warnings – 4
Accidents – 1
Assist other Agency – 1

Officer Harney informed the board if he were to hold off for a bit on ordering the light bar for his squad car, Lee County will be replacing some of theirs that we could probably get one from them fairly cheap. Trustee Thompson stated he would prefer Officer Harney order a new one rather than buying a used one from Lee County.

**LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)**

None

GENERAL ISSUES

Trustee Sprague asked if the contract for the falling down house on State Street has been signed. President Atkinson stated he needed to get the updated contract listing the business rather than the personal name.

President Atkinson stated the Streets & Alleys and Water & Sewer committees need to meet on a regular basis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Thompson asked about the repairs that need to be made on Spring St. Trustee Sprague said it will be repaired when the hot plant opens up.

WATER & SEWER

(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

President Atkinson asked Willy to see if John Stenzel could train Larry June on doing some of the samples. Trustee Schaneberg stated some of our testing equipment will need to be updated.

Trustee Sprague said he asked for his water to be tested because he is having problems with black rings on his sink and toilet. He asked to see the results and was told we don't have the results. President Atkinson suggested he call John Stenzel.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(G. Mason Chairman)

Trustee Mason advised he had nothing to report and informed the board of his resignation as he is moving out of town.

PROPERTIES

(B. Bass Chairman)

None

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson informed the board the dumpsters are lined up for the Spring Clean-up April 21. President Atkinson said the FFA are lined up. President Atkinson advised everyone to get their budgets turned into Shaun to review in the next couple weeks.

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the car show is doing good with early entries, they have some good door prizes, there is a new category for golf carts and have vendors with golf cars on display, still need judges. President Atkinson will wash the street. Trustee Spangler stated they will be shutting the street down early as some people showed up early last year.

Trustee Spangler stated regarding the grasslands south of the park, he received an email from Dana Considine stating they have a title commitment regarding the transfer of the property. He will check on permission to get the grass burned off and thought it would be good to have the fire department on hand. President Atkinson will ask the fire department. Trustee Spangler recommended we get the land surveyed. President Atkinson stated he felt it would be a waste of money as he doesn't foresee a problem with Chaplain Creek, if there ever becomes a discrepancy we could check into having it surveyed.

Trustee Spangler informed there is a new prairie park area west of State Street and there is a residence that needs cleaned up that butts up to the lane that takes you to the parking area. He stated nowhere in our zoning do we have a junk yard and the zoning officer or Officer Harney need to follow through with ordinance violations for 137 N. State St, 236 N. State St., 203 W. South St. and 136 S. State St. President Atkinson suggested we not get involved with the 203 W. South St property as there is a sale pending and they have been in contact with the zoning officer to make updates.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the Easter Egg hunt had over 5,000 eggs, had a very good turnout. Due to inclement weather it was held at the former FCHS. While at the school for the Easter Egg hunt, some of the fellow alumni and citizens that showed up were disgruntled with the condition of the building. There was internal vandalism but overall the building itself seems to still be in good shape. She provided the following utility bills she was able to get:

Water: November \$3,338 (field watering, showers, hot tub and possible water line break),
Feb \$158.60

Electric: Oct \$477.94, Nov \$882.72, Dec \$617.07, Jan \$622.63

Not able to get the gas bill broken down yet as they were all combined together.

A walk through of the building was scheduled for Sunday April 15th. President Atkinson will post the agenda and Marilyn will get the key.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Sprague, seconded by W. Schaneberg and carried by unanimous vote at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk