

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

APRIL 8, 2019 MINUTES APPROVED JUNE 10, 2019

On April 8, 2019 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, Bob Bass, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, William Schaneberg, President David Atkinson, and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

**Absent:** Attorney Considine

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Luke Murphy addressed the board concerning the village tree in front of his house, stating it is mostly dead and he is concerned about someone getting hurt and he would like it taken down.

Bob Moore asked for permission to remove a bush and crab apple tree from village property at 136 S Walnut. Permission was granted.

Bob Moore asked about the nuisance ordinance for vehicles. He stated there is a commercial vehicle at Hillside/Hughes that is about 3 ft off the street without current tags, another residence on Hillside with a boat and trailer in the lawn and a park model on S. Spring. President Atkinson stated we do have nuisance ordinance and typically BJ Harney handles that. Bob stated he talked to BJ about the commercial vehicle and he stated there is nothing he can do about it. Bob stated he was concerned as a safety issue with the commercial vehicle because you can't see when you are coming around that corner and also a health issue because of all the stray cats running around the yard.

Helen Gellert stated there is a tree down next to the Kreider home that fell last fall. Trustee Sprague and President Atkinson informed her it is not on village property and it is someone's responsibility, either Kreider or the homeowner south. Helen also asked about dogs, there are some stray dogs and there was even one on a leash that tried to come at Bill.

Marilyn Spangler advised the board the park committee will be meeting 4/11/19 at 7:00 at Atlasta Park. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Atlasta Park, in the case of inclement weather it will be held at the old AFC school.

Marilyn informed the board the car show will be May 11<sup>th</sup> and asked for road barricades, street swept.

President Atkinson reminded everyone the town wide clean up day will be this Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Luke Murphy asked if the leaf vac will be coming back out. Ron Miller stated if they are brought to the curb they will come by with the tractor to pick them up but it's too wet for the leaf vac.

Heather Settles asked if someone could look at the tree at her parents house on Elm St. as a branch fell on someone's car when they were picking up kids from school. She believes the tree is hollow. Trustee Sprague will have someone take a look at it.

### **MINUTES**

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by W. Schaneberg to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2019. Passed: 5/0

### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by B. Bass, seconded by S. Spangler to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

Clerk Sprague gave a friendly reminder Economic Interest Statements are due to Lee County by May 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid paying late penalties.

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the meeting schedule for fiscal year 2019-2020.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Miles on the police car – 612  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 10  
Traffic Stops – 4  
Traffic Arrest – 2  
Traffic Warnings – 4  
Assist other Agency – 2

### **LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)**

None

### **GENERAL ISSUES**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

President Atkinson asked Trustee Schaneberg if he got the measurements for Bob Moore's sidewalk on Middle St. he would like to put in. No measurements yet. President Atkinson advised the house is on a corner lot and will be more than what Trustee Sprague can approve. The lot size is 156'x62', which would be 872 sq ft for the sidewalk. We reimburse \$2.75/sq ft which would be \$2,398. The maximum that can be approved per site is \$1,500 per calendar year. The ordinance would need to be updated to make an exception for corner lots. It will be discussed at next month's meeting.

#### **WATER & SEWER (R. Miller, Public Works Superintendent)**

None

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(B. Bass Chairman)

None

## **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson advised the board the dumpsters will be delivered Friday for Saturday's clean up day.

## **PROPERTIES**

(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg presented the board with sealed bids that were received for the old chipper, street sweeper and box drag:

Adam \$1,155 for all

Ron Miller \$100 box drag

BJ Harney \$500 chipper, \$25 box drag

Porter Brothers \$1,500 street sweeper

Brandon Schaneberg \$50 box drag, \$100 chipper

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by B. Bass to accept the winning bids as follows:  
Ron Miller \$100 box drag, BJ Harney \$500 chipper, Porter Bro \$1,500 street sweeper

## **TOURISM**

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board he got pricing for new banners to replace the ones that are wore out. He advised the Lincoln Highway banners are a standard quality banner and they paid \$39 a piece back in 2014 and they lasted 4 years.

13 oz short them use 3 or 4 months during the summer we would get 3 or 4 years, \$50 ea for 16 or more, \$60 ea for less than 16,

Poly canvas mid long term can stay up for 4 years, \$82 ea for 16, \$92 ea for less than 16

There is a \$60 set up fee, we have 13 poles.

Helen Gellert asked if the banners are made in the US or do they come from China.

Trustee Spangler said the company is in Minneapolis, he believes they make them there but he isn't positive. It only takes 15-21 days to get them so he doesn't believe they come from China.

Trustee Spangler said the Harvest Fest flyers will be finalized this month. The 4-H backed out so the honoree will be Delbert Schafer.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING**

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

**OTHER**

Marilyn Spangler advised the board the City of Rochelle replaced their street lights, the old ones are for sale for \$100 each and we would like 4 of them for the sidewalk at the park.

Trustee Sprague asked Ron to have the water on at the park for the Easter Egg Hunt so the restrooms can be used.

**Motion** made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by B. Bass to go into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss Personnel Issues in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Spangler to come out of Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. Passed: 6/0

No action was taken during Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk