

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

AUGUST 14, 2017 MINUTES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

On August 14, 2017 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, Scott Spangler, Gary Mason, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

Absent: Trustees Tony Schaneberg, William Schaneberg

MINUTES

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by G. Mason to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2017. Passed: 4/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

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

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by G. Mason to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 4/0

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 539
Complaints/Calls for Service – 8
Traffic Stop – 6
Traffic Arrest – 1
Traffic Warning – 6
Ordinance Warning - 3
House Check – 2
Assist with Agency – 1

Officer Harney reported everything was good with Harvest Fest, there wasn't as many temporary golf cart permits issued as we have had in the past. Trustee Spangler mentioned they had friends from Naperville that got a kick out of all the golf carts around town.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

Suski collection proceeding: Attorney Considine reported a citation to discover assets scheduled for August 31st. The citation is the process by which he is sworn in under oath and has to disclose all assets, properties, bank accounts, etc., so we can try to attach to something we can actually collect the judgement that we have against him. Attorney Considine will give us another update after this court date. President Atkinson advised the property did sell at auction.

GENERAL ISSUES

President Atkinson advised the board Bill Gellert agreed to accept the position as our zoning board president.

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by S. Spangler to accept Bill Gellert as our zoning board president. Passed: 4/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(T. Schaneberg Chairman)

None

WATER & SEWER
(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

President Atkinson advised the board we stopped accepting resumes for the water and sewer position last week. We do have one candidate that is licensed in both, looks like a good candidate. President Atkinson will be meeting with him, and there some others that would be good candidates as well, but they are not licensed yet.

Trustee Spangler asked if there is any way we could work a deal with someone that is interested in getting a license, maybe like a five year commitment if we help pay for the schooling. President Atkinson stated yes, that is very common. Right now we have Adam Lanning that we operate under, so that is certainly an option.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(G. Mason Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague advised the chipper is in good working order so when they are picking up brush, they should be using it.

President Atkinson mentioned the dead bolt lock to Village Hall acts up sometimes, so maybe have someone take a look at it.

Trustee Sprague advised Timber Tree Service will remove logs from down at the park.

Trustee Thompson mentioned the tree at 123 W. Maple that was damaged during the storm needs more attention.

Trustee Spangler mentioned there may be a grant for storm clean up, and offered to help fill it out if we find anything.

Marilyn Spangler asked if the trees at the park are on the list to be removed. President Atkinson suggested if they are in an open area, maybe we could just notch and drop them ourselves.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson advised he hasn't heard from the insurance company regarding the hydrant.

Trustee Sprague asked Trustee Thompson to look into whether our insurance company would cover a turkey shoot at Atlasta Park. Marilyn Spangler mentioned making sure it is not a gun-free zone.

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler advised the board Harvest Fest went very well. The committee will have their wrap-up meeting Tuesday August 15th at the library.

The parade was great, the committee did a fantastic job. FG Fundraisers Fish Fry was well attended and the fish was amazing, Sunday pork sandwich sales were good, but not as well as last year, the Beer Garden did good, attended by about 200 people. They were very happy with the Harvest Fest Hoedown Showdown, kids and adults were all having fun, lots of people were talking about it and sure hope it's something we can do again next year. The girls basketball team did good with their sales, antique equipment were happy with their turn out, great turn out for the Big Rig Show. Seems like all in all, everyone did well. The only thing that didn't go as planned was the Lee Ogle Transportation didn't show up and not sure why yet.

Sunday was pretty dead so maybe need to come up with something more for Sunday, perhaps Civil War re-enactment, Fur Rendezvous or similar activity.

Trustee Spangler advised the board it's time for the Lee County Tourism Fun Guide advertising, to renew our full page ad will be \$815. The 2018 theme is Festivals and Events. There are 15,000 printed and distributed to campgrounds in the area, different

tourist places in the area and surrounding counties. The event with the most hits on their eguide leecountyfun.com is our Haunted Zombie Ride.

Motion made by G. Mason, seconded by N. Sprague to renew our full page ad in the Fun Guide. Passed: 4/0

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Marilyn Spangler asked about the attendance of the Friday night Movie Night. President Atkinson said it wasn't as well attended as it had been in the past and they may look into doing something different in the future, possibly on main street.

Marilyn Spangler inquired about the signed intergovernmental agreement with the school to take to the school board for their next meeting. President Atkinson signed the agreement to send with Marilyn.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson and carried by unanimous vote at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Sprague
Village Clerk