

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

AUGUST 12, 2019 MINUTES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

On August 12, 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 Karmen Sage, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, Shantel Schafer, Michael Crofton, Attorney Dana Considine, and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Shaun Thompson and President David Atkinson

MINUTES

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by K. Sage to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2019. Passed: 4/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Sprague introduced newly appointed board members Shantel Schafer and Karmen Sage to Attorney Considine.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 4/0

Clerk Sprague informed the board an invitation was received for the Blackhawk Waterways Tourism event and asked if Scott Spangler would be interested in going to represent Franklin Grove. Scott stated he also received the invitation and would be going.

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 696
Complaints/Calls for Service – 16
Traffic Stops – 3
Traffic Arrests – 1
Traffic Warnings – 2
Ordinance Warnings – 1
Assist Other Agency – 2

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

Attorney Considine asked if there had been progress on the house at 236 N. State Street. The board informed her the house has been torn down and it was done in the time it was required to be done. Trustee Spangler said he hasn't heard anything as far as a rebuild is concerned, the foundation has to be inspected for approval before any rebuilding can be done.

GENERAL ISSUES

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

The ditch was dug out, grass seed blanket was put down. Trustee Sprague asked who did the work. Trustee Crofton stated Pitzer did the work. Trustee Sprague asked who did the work down at the park. Trustee Crofton stated Sauk Valley Plumbing did the work at the park. Trustee Sprague stated he thought our guys were supposed to do it. Trustee Crofton stated they were supposed to and he doesn't know who approved for someone else to do the work. He said he was originally told it would be done before Harvest Fest, then he found out it wasn't done before Harvest Fest but they just went ahead and turned the water on. Trustee Spangler said he was aware they were going to turn it on because they needed to have water for the events that were taking place at the park.

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton informed the board he's had two plumbers at the school and they want to bore it, he has not received estimates yet. He stated there should be something in writing from the school stating the village is getting the property before the village pays to have the water line put in. Attorney Considine stated it could be handled several ways; letters of intent, memorandums of understanding, contract for contingencies. Attorney Considine suggested it be specifically listed on the agenda for the next meeting terms for the agreement.

Trustee Schafer asked if there were plans for a new basketball court since the courts at the old middle school were tore down. No plans for new courts at this time.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Sage said the property north of her has flags now, but no work has been started yet.

PROPERTIES

Trustee Schafer stated she had a couple quotes for the “Your Speed Is” signs. She stated the Sterling Police Dept has a sign we could borrow for a couple weeks to see if it seems to help. Officer Harney would have to sign it out and a 2” ball hitch is required to pull it. New signs cost \$3,600 for a flashing not portable sign, \$2,895 for a solar portable sign. Attorney Considine stated John Thomas Incorporated rents them. Shantel will give BJ the contact info for the Sterling Police Dept sign for us to borrow.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board it is that time of year for the Fun Guide ad, they have represented us well.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by K. Sage to pay \$895 for the Fun Guide ad.
Passed: 4/0

Trustee Spangler informed the board Harvest Fest went well, beer garden went well, Antique Equipment average crowd, Chaplain Historical Society had a bigger crowd as they added craft vendors, garage sales went well, Big Rig show turned out good.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Marilyn Spangler informed the board we are still waiting on Ron to pick up the lights for the park from Rochelle. The Zombie Ride will be October 4th and 5th, so we need to let Shaun know for the insurance. Next Park Board meeting August 14th.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to go into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 4/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by M. Crofton to come out of Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. Passed: 4/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Sprague, seconded by K. Sage and carried by unanimous vote at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk