

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

AUGUST 2, 2021 MINUTES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

On August 2, 2021 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, Paul Erisman, Shantel Schafer, Mike Crofton, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

**Absent:** Attorney Considine

President Atkinson informed the board Trustee Karmen Sage has resigned from the Village Board.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by M. Crofton to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2021. Passed: 5/0

**VISITORS**

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the Summer Park Program was successful. They averaged 20 kids per day and all went well. She asked if the concession stand could be brought to the park before Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup> as there will be a movie night on Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>. She asked for the creek bank to be cleared out for the Rubber Duck Race, the area has been painted off. President Atkinson suggested reaching out to the Fire Dept. if a tanker is needed to help the ducks float down the creek.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills. Passed: 5/0

Clerk Sprague advised garbage rates for contract negotiations were included in the monthly packets.

**POLICE REPORT**  
(Chief Harney)

Miles on the police car – 650  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 18  
Traffic Stops – 3  
Traffic Arrest – 1  
Traffic Warnings – 2  
Criminal Arrest – 1  
House Check – 1  
Investigation – 2

Trustee Schafer asked if Chief Harney has heard anything from the owner of the house across the street from the Brethren Church, he had not. President Atkinson suggested he reach out to him.

Trustee Schafer asked about the foundation/house on N. State. They are currently dealing with issues at their apartment building on N. Spring St. and a meter will be hooked up to the house behind the foundation on N. State.

Trustee Schafer stated she gave Dan Yates information on the house at State and Lahmen and he is checking with his attorney about the taxes.

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

None

**GENERAL ISSUES**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Trustee Schafer asked what is going with the street at the corner of Sycamore and South St. Trustee Sprague stated they are putting in the new water line for the athletic field.

**WATER & SEWER**  
**(M. Crofton Chairman)**

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by N. Sprague to sign a contract with Willett Hofmann for water/sewer operator for \$1,100 per month which will include 9 hours of service. Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Thompson to make clarifier repairs in the amount of \$11,000. Passed: 5/0

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**(S. Schafer Chairman)**

Trustee Schafer informed the board the Harvest Fest is all set to go. The bounce house will not be picked up until Sunday and asked if it would be okay for the street to be closed an extra day. President Atkinson stated that would be fine.

**PROPERTIES**  
**(P. Erisman Chairman)**

Trustee Erisman informed the board there were holes filled at the Atlasta Park Community Building, gutters replaced on the east side. President Atkinson asked Trustee Erisman to ask the Fire Dept how much they are asked for the 6 wheeled SUV Polaris Ranger. The village mower is in the shop and we have been using Trustee Erisman's mower. Trustee Erisman stated the chain on the overhead door needs adjusted.

Trustee Erisman supplied the board with three skid loader bids. President Atkinson asked Trustee Erisman what his recommendation would be out of the three. Trustee Erisman stated the Bobcat is questionable, but the Kabota and Case are comparable.

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

**TOURISM**

(K. Sage Chairman)

None

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING**

None

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Thompson and carried by unanimous vote at 7:45 p.m. respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk