

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

AUGUST 8, 2022 MINUTES APPROVE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

On August 8, 2022 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 Kydreel Green, Nick Sprague, Paul Erisman, Shantel Schafer (by phone), Michael Crofton (by phone), President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Shaun Thompson, Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the meeting minutes of July 11, 2022. Passed: 5/0

VISITORS

Dan Hoffman advised the board summer help Braiden Runkle will be going back to school soon and is interested in doing the coop program that Dan himself was able to do. President Atkinson stated he has heard nothing but good things about Braiden. He stated we could use the help for the 2 hours a day, and to keep up the good work.

Lester ..., the property manager of the apartments at 105 Elm St. He approached the board to get clarity on any exemptions that Rooney's may have regarding noise ordinances. President Atkinson advised we are all learning, the majority of the community enjoys it, understand where the concern is coming from. Trustee Erisman asked if they are getting permits for the events. President Atkinson advised a permit is not required.

Scott Spangler stated activities downtown are not a new thing. Historically there have been outdoor events in this town since way back.

Trustee Schafer stated there is a nuisance ordinance violation. Chief Harney has been doing a great job enforcing ordinances the last month or so.

Lester stated he wants to know what the rules are, what applies, when to call, when not to. President Atkinson stated the village, Rooney's and Lester need to work together to come up with a resolution and invited all parties to be involved in the process.

*Note: Trustee Shaun Thompson arrived at 7:41pm.

President Atkinson stated the current ordinance is too vague. Trustee Sprague stated it is not able to be resolved tonight as ordinances take time to be approved.

President Atkinson stated in the interim if Rooney's could have the volume come down a bit and have the music over by 11:00pm. Amy Lauer from Rooney's stated they are more than happy to comply.

Tim O'Neil asked if there has been any progress with the old middle school. President Atkinson stated they are not responding to pressure pushes; they are no longer answering

any calls from Franklin Grove. Tim asked if there are daily/weekly or monthly fines accumulating. President Atkinson stated when we do issue ordinance violations, they require court appearance from the village attorney.

John Nicholson gave the board a list of 7 new ordinance violation offenders. He stated he has been trying through a board member to get a bid from Lee County for policing on the agenda for the past couple months and President Atkinson is refusing to put it on the agenda. Trustee Schafer stated it is not right to not include what people are asking to have on the agenda as it is up to the board to be given the opportunity to vote on.

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the park committee got disc golf course installed at Atlasta Park. Harvest Fest, Chaplain, Big Rig Show, Rooney's, everyone had a wonderful turn out. Heather Grove will chair next years event. Marilyn thanked the employees for getting the concession trailer to the park. Tim O'Neil gave kudos to the Spanglers for all their work at Chaplain, kudos to Big Rig Show was amazing. Lester ... thanked Rooney's for the Chester memorial bench, great job, it was very thoughtful.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Schafer to pay bills and late bill. Passed: 6/0

POLICE REPORT (Chief Harney)

Complaints/Calls for Service – 15
Traffic Stops – 5
Traffic Warnings – 6
Ordinance Warnings – 30
Motorist Assist – 1
House Check – 1

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by M. Crofton to approve the Enterprise Zone Ordinance. Passed: 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (N. Sprague Chairman)

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by M. Crofton to allow Street and Alley Chairman to make the decision if road closures are approved. Passed: 5/1 with Trustee Schafer being the nay vote

Trustee Sprague informed the board Helm Civil should be in town around August 26th to seal coat the streets.

Trustee Schafer inquired about getting yield or stop signs put up. President Atkinson stated to give the sign locations to Trustee Sprague.

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(S. Schafer Chairman)

Trustee Schafer asked when the armed forces flags will be installed at Flat Iron Park. The village employees stated they would be installed before winter.

Trustee Schafer stated if Grace Academy does acquire the old middle school, \$10,000 pledge has been made in the event they do acquire the property.

Trustee Schafer informed the board all the lilies have been planted with the exception of 10. She stated there were lots of volunteers that helped and Jennifer and Lilly Atkinson have been very helpful and have been watering every week. She asked if the 10 remaining could be planted at Atlasta Park and it was agreed to have them planted either under the sign or in the old horse watering fountain. Jennifer Atkinson agreed to take care of planting the remaining 10 lilies at Atlasta Park.

Trustee Schafer stated she believes the water and sewer fund should not be kept with general funds.

PROPERTIES
(P. Erisman Chairman)

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM
(K. Green Chairman)

Trustee Green advised the board the generator has been installed and should be up and running by the end of next week.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Schafer, seconded by K. Green and carried by unanimous vote at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk