

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

AUGUST 12, 2024 MINUTES APPROVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

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 John Nicholson, Nick Sprague (by phone), Amanda Lanning, Heather Grove, Paul Erisman, Clerk Stephanie Sprague, Attorney Considine

**Absent:** Attorney Considine

**VISITORS**

Michael Clark and Lori Cortez informed the board of the SVCC Impact Program and asked the board to consider making a donation.

Matt Hansen with Willett Hofmann went over the IEPA Water System on-site inspection deficiencies and plans for corrections. He also discussed new sewer plant options.

Pat Hilliker thanked Amanda Lanning for working on the ISO requirements.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by H. Grove, seconded by A. Lanning to approve the meeting minutes of July 10, 2024 and Special Meeting of July 24, 2024. Passed: 6/0

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by A. Lanning, seconded by H. Grove to pay bills and late bills. Passed: 6/0

**LEGAL ISSUES**  
(Attorney Considine)

**GENERAL ISSUES**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Trustee Sprague advised Martin will be starting on the walking path at the park next week.

**WATER & SEWER**  
(A. Lanning Chairman)

Trustee Lanning advised she will have bids for outsourcing water and sewer operators from Dixon and Rochelle for next months' meeting.

Trustee Nicholson advised someone needs to look at the pipe by Grove Park.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(J. Nicholson Chairman)

Trustee Nicholson

## PROPERTIES

(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman read bids from Crouse, Pitzer and Myer for N State St demo.

**Motion** made by J. Nicholson, seconded by H. Grove to accept bid of \$6,020 from Crouse. Passed: 6/0

Trustee Erisman advised Drew's Plumbing in disconnecting the water and sewer.

## FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

## TOURISM

(H. Grove Chairman)

Trustee Grove advised 2024 Harvest Fest is in the books and it went really well. There was a drone and lots of pics. The movie night went well as did the Chuck-a-Duck. Horses and more floats were added to the parade.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

**Motion** made by J. Nicholson, seconded H. Grove to go into Executive Session at 8:53pm to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 6/0

**Motion** made by J. Nicholson, seconded by A. Lanning to come out of Executive Session at 8:58pm. Passed: 6/0

Part-time employee Caleb Gougis has accepted full-time position.

**Motion** made by J. Nicholson, seconded by A. Lanning to increase Caleb's wages to \$20/hr.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by H. Grove, seconded by A. Lanning and carried by unanimous vote at 8:59p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk