

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

DECEMBER 11, 2017 MINUTES APPROVED JANUARY 8, 2018

On December 11, 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, William Schaneberg, Gary Mason, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

Absent: Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by W. Schaneberg to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2017. Passed: 5/0

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

Clerk Sprague asked the board who and what gifts should be purchased from the village. President Atkinson stated usually a meet and cheese tray is purchased for our attorney and the bank.

Note: Trustee Schaneberg left momentarily at 7:03pm.

Clerk Sprague advised the board she looked into Nicor Home Solutions which offers water and sewer line protection. Outside water line protection \$6.95/mo, outside sewer line protection \$9.95/mo, or outside sewer and outside water line protection \$14.95/mo, \$0 deductibles and \$0 trip charges. President Atkinson suggested this information be sent out along with the cross connection surveys.

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

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

President Atkinson stated he would like to appoint Bob Bass to fill the vacated spot as trustee.

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to accept Bob Bass as the appointed trustee. Passed: 4/0

Clerk Sprague swore in Bob Bass as Village Trustee.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Note: Trustee Schaneberg returned at 7:10pm.

Mike Mudge with Rock River Energy Services addressed the board concerning energy suppliers.

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 371
Complaints/Calls for Service – 7
Traffic Stops – 4
Traffic Warnings – 4
Ordinance Warnings - 2
House Checks – 2

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

President Atkinson advised the board Trustee Bass will be on the properties committee and Trustee Sprague will remain on streets and alleys.

President Atkinson informed the board committee meeting schedules need updated.

President Atkinson suggested getting employees gift certificates from the Lincoln Way Café.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (N. Sprague Chairman)

None

WATER & SEWER (W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg updated the board on pump repairs; they have been scheduled, parts are two weeks out and they will get started on repairs.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (G. Mason Chairman)

Trustee Mason informed the board he is still promoting properties in surrounding areas.

PROPERTIES (B. Bass Chairman)

None

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson informed the board we received a check from the homeowner's insurance company for the remainder of the cost of the fire hydrant damage.

Trustee Thompson complimented how nice the lighted garland around the light poles and Christmas tree lights look.

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board he attended the meeting for the old bridge with the Lincoln Highway State Association. They will be using their resources to find groups that help historic bridges. It will eventually become a tourism spot where people will come for photos, picnics, etc. with possibly some bike/hiking path to hook up with other natural surrounding areas. They will be looking to see what state and national grants might be available.

Trustee Spangler informed the board the wheels are in motion for the village to get the property south of park and he suggested we get the property surveyed once the property has been turned over to the village.

Trustee Spangler said the Christmas Walk was a great success, everyone seemed to be happy, the streets and trees looked nice.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Marilyn Spangler informed the board everyone needs to keep an eye on the flags.

Trustee Sprague asked if the agreement for the nuisance property on North State St. has been signed. President Atkinson advised it has not yet been signed.

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by G. Mason to go into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss Employment/Appointment Matters citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
Passed 6/0

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to come out of Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. Passed: 6/0

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by G. Mason to give Mike Settles a one-time \$800 bonus. Passed: 5/1 (Trustee Spangler opposed)

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Thompson and carried by unanimous vote at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk