

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

DECEMBER 9, 2019 MINUTES APPROVED JANUARY 13, 2020

On December 9, 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 Shaun Thompson, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, Shantel Schafer, Michael Crofton, Attorney Dana Considine, President David Atkinson, and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Karmen Sage

MINUTES

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Spangler to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2019. Passed: 5/0

GENERAL ISSUES

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Thompson to go into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 5/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Spangler to come out of Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. Passed: 5/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the park committee will not be having meetings in December or January unless something that requires immediate attention comes up. Marilyn informed the board she and Ron Miller discussed the progress of moving the burn pile and the solar light on the Atlasta Park flag pole.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to pay late bills and make necessary transfers to reimburse Stephanie Sprague for the \$71.34 Casey's purchase for the Christmas meeting. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to purchase employee Christmas gifts; \$75 Lincoln Way Café gift certificates for BJ, Ron, Larry and Madlyn and \$50 Casey's gift certificate for Dan. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Spangler to purchase meet and cheese trays for the bank and attorney. Passed: 5/0

POLICE REPORT
(Chief BJ Harney)

Miles on the police car – 548
Complaints/Calls for Service – 4
Traffic Stops – 2
Traffic Arrests – 1
Traffic Warnings – 4
Ordinance Warnings – 4

BJ informed the board the speed sign has not been received yet.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

None

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(S. Shafer Chairman)

Shantel asked what the procedure is for tattered flags to be replaced. The board informed Ron does a good job of keeping an eye on the flags but if she notices a flag that needs to be replaced to notify Ron.

Shantel asked if there is anything specific she should be working on. Clerk Sprague suggested she look into the community development program Northern offers similar to what Oregon and Rochelle are doing.

PROPERTIES
(K. Sage Chairman)

Trustee Sage was not present but provided information on the pet waste stations the park would like to have installed. They would like 4 signs that provide the waste bags and receptacles; 3 for Atlasta Park and 1 for Flat Iron Park. President Atkinson will add to the agenda for next month to vote on.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM
(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the Franklin Grove Christmas Walk will be on December 13th from 5-7:30pm. Santa will be at the Lincoln Building and they have done nice work, it is cleaned up and has been repainted and it looks really nice.

Trustee Spangler informed the board there is a new Harvest Fest Committee. John Hilliker is chairing the committee and there are 3 others that are young, fresh and full of ideas and they have finances to work with.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

Ron Miller informed the board the Atlasta Park flag light will be raised and they may consider adding a dusk to dawn light. He stated if the burn pile is moved they may need a road behind the sewer plant.

Ron asked what the board wishes to do with the old street sweeper and old white Dodge. The board gave him their blessing to do what he feels best to get them out of there. He indicated they would put the unused jetter hoses on a website.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Spangler, seconded by M. Crofton and carried by unanimous vote at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk