

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

DECEMBER 21, 2021 MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 14, 2022

On December 21, 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, Kydreel Green, Paul Erisman, Nick Sprague (by phone), Shantel Schafer, Mike Crofton, President Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague (by phone)

**Absent:** Attorney Considine

**VISITORS**

President Atkinson read the solid waste bid proposals for 350 customers, two times per week as follows:

Midwest Disposal - \$15/customer per month with 1 free large item per week, \$8/additional item being able to be handled by one person.

Republic Services – 3-year contract 95-gallon tote supplied to each customer, smaller totes available upon request, additional carts available for \$3.50/month  
Option 1 two times per week: Year 1 \$26/customer per month with 1 free bulk item, year 2 \$27, year 3 \$28  
Option 2 one time per week: Year 1 \$13.25/customer per month, year 2 \$13.78, year 3 \$14.33

Northern Illinois Disposal – 3-year contract \$16.50/customer per month with 2 bulk items, \$10 for additional bulk items with 5% increase per year. Totes are available for \$36 annually plus a one-time delivery fee of \$50.

Moring Disposal – 3-year contract year 1 \$17, year 2 \$17.50, year 3 \$18, \$10/bulk item

Matt Hansen, our contracted water and sewer operator from Willett Hofmann addressed the board concerning the well house that we recently lost in a fire to discuss options on how to proceed.

Fire Chief Pat Hilliker addressed the board to discuss the importance of getting it repaired/replaced ASAP as we have a school and nursing home to service as well as being able to fight fires. President Atkinson stated he has no intentions of waiting and realizes the importance of moving forward as quickly as possible. Pat Hilliker stated everyone needs to thank Roger Warrenfeltz and shake his hand for the help he provided during this emergency.

## **MINUTES**

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded S. Schafer to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2021. Passed: 6/0

### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by P Erisman, seconded by S. Thompson to pay bills. Passed: 6/0

### **POLICE REPORT (Chief Harney)**

Complaints/Calls for Service – 9

Traffic Stops – 8

Traffic Arrests – 3

Traffic Warnings – 10

Ordinance Warnings – 2

Motorist Assist – 2

Assist other Agency – 1

Trustee Schafer inquired why there are more warnings than citations. Chief Harney stated if someone pulls out of Casey's and their automatic lights don't come on he feels a warning is justified. Trustee Schafer asked if speeding would warrant a citation or a warning. Chief Harney stated each incident is handled on an individual basis.

### **GENERAL ISSUES**

**Motion** made by S. Schafer, seconded by K. Green to accept the bid proposal from Northern Illinois Disposal. Passed: 6/0

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

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**Motion** made by P. Erisman, seconded by M. Crofton to approve a MFT resolution to expend Motor Fuel Tax funds. Passed: 6/0

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

None

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

Trustee Schafer inquired what is going on with the old Middle School. The village has been mowing the property, we haven't been successful in making contact with the owner.

Trustee Schafer asked what the most effective way to make sure something is included on the agenda. President Atkinson stated a text or to notify the clerk and she will leave a note in his inbox. Trustee Schafer asked the liquor licenses be added to the next agenda.

Trustee Schafer stated she feels she has been met with resistance from the board when trying to obtain information. She feels a board member shouldn't have to put in a FOIA request to get copies of documents.

### **PROPERTIES**

(P. Erisman Chairman)

President Atkinson stated we will hold off on the skid loader until we figure out what is going on with the Well House.

Trustee Erisman presented the board with a bid for changing out the street lights with LEDs. President Atkinson approved to move forward and the board agreed.

### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

### **TOURISM**

(K. Green Chairman)

None

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING**

None

Marilyn Spangler stated despite the rainy weather the Christmas Walk went very well.

Marilyn wanted the board to be aware there have been some break-ins and robberies in town including the storage units. Lee County has been involved and notified BJ. Ashton and Amboy have been hit as well.

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 8:57 p.m. respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk