

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

FEBRUARY 13, 2017 MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 13, 2017

On February 13, 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 7:15 p.m., immediately following the Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Shaun Thompson, Tony Schaneberg, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, William Schaneberg, Michael Crofton, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Lori Smith.

MINUTES

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2017. Passed: 6/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See attached.

Robert Logan addressed the board and advised that he would be asking for some things under the Freedom of Information Act. After some discussion with regards to some of his concerns, Robert Logan submitted his requests to Shaun Thompson, the Freedom of Information Officer.

Marilyn Spangler, speaking on behalf of the Women's Club, advised the following:

- Women's Club Shelter's exterior door to the south needs painted
- Meet the Candidates Night will be held March 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Committee Meeting Room at the Library

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by T. Schaneberg to pay bills, late bills to DMB Sales for \$332.00 and Viking Chemical for \$958.06 and make necessary transfers.
Passed: 6/0

Clerk Smith advised that there was an error made on the last checks issued to the Village Committee Chairman and would like to correct this when the next payment is made in April of 2017.

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to allow the Village Clerk to make the necessary corrections to the Committee Chairman pay. Passed: 6/0

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

Attorney Considine advised that there was an Ordinance Violation to a resident and believes she has paid \$400.00 of that fine to the Court House this past week and that money should be coming to the Village.

In regards to the Suski litigation, due to an unexpected medical issue, there was a delay on meeting our deadline. Everything has been done know and waiting on the Appellate Court.

GENERAL ISSUES

Gary Mason, Zoning Board President, advised that there were not enough members at the last Zoning Board Meeting to vote on the rezoning of Robert Schwarz's property, so they basically just did some information gathering. He advised that he received a petition signed by 28 people who did not want the property rezoned. He was informed by a board member that instead of rezoning the Committee could consider issuing a variance and then they could set up guidelines and have more control over the project as it goes along. No action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (T. Schaneberg Chairman)

Motion made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Spangler to provide a dumpster at the Park for \$40.00/month. Passed: 6/0

Trustee Schaneberg advised that the cost of the "Jake Brake" signs from the County would be \$60.00 each and we would need six. Trustee Schaneberg advised that no signs can go up until a copy of the approved Ordinance is provided to the State.

WATER & SEWER (W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg advised that, in regards to the adjustment of the Franklin Grove Middle School, nothing will be adjusted until it has been fixed.

Trustee Schaneberg provided the board with a list of work that is currently being done at the Water and Sewer Plant.

Clerk Smith asked for a consensus of the board to see if they want to continue with the Well House Grant. If so, the Engineer will continue to file the Quarterly Reports on behalf of the Village. President Atkinson advised that “yes” we want to continue.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague suggested that we start addressing some of the run down properties in town. If there are Ordinances to address these issues we need to start enforcing them. Attorney Considine recommended that any contact with the owners be done in writing and photographs taken so there is documentation and will provide evidence in the future.

Trustee Spangler asked about more trees being purchased. Trustee Sprague will look at his budget and see where he is at. It is possible that we allow community members to purchase trees also.

PROPERTIES

(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton advised he would like to revisit purchasing the 1979 International Truck from Bonnell's with 72,000 miles for \$5,500. No action was taken.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson advised he would like the information regarding the pump if we will be turning it into the insurance; he thanked Officer Harney for addressing the vehicles he mentioned at the last meeting; would like to see the Christmas Lights unplugged and banners changed.

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler advised that the Fun Guide had several articles about Franklin Grove and would like the board to consider forming a committee to work with the School Board to see what can be done with the old Middle School building so it isn't sitting vacant.

Marilyn Spangler advised that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Atlasta Park on April 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; the Car Show will be May 13, 2017 and listed all the Special Events that need to be provided to the Insurance Company.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by M. Crofton and carried by unanimous vote at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk