

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

FEBRUARY 12, 2018 MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 12, 2018

On February 12, 2018 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, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

**Absent:** Trustees Bob Bass, Gary Mason, Attorney Considine

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2018. Passed: 4/0

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by W. Schaneberg to approve the Special Meeting of January 15, 2018. Passed: 4/0

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

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

None

**POLICE REPORT**

Miles on the police car – 509  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 10  
Traffic Stops – 4  
Traffic Warnings – 4  
Ordinance Warnings – 2  
House Checks – 3  
Assist other Agency - 1

President Atkinson advised Officer Harney to get pricing for new light bars for the squad car and give them to Trustee Bass.

**LEGAL ISSUES  
(Attorney Considine)**

None

## **GENERAL ISSUES**

President Atkinson supplied the board with electricity aggregation bids for water and sewer operations.

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Thompson to lock in rates with Dynegy for 36-month term. Passed: 4/0

President Atkinson asked the board who takes care of the business names on the sign. Trustee Spangler said he believes it is the Business Association. President Atkinson said Payton Hilliker is interested in getting a sign up, he will direct him to the Business Association.

President Atkinson asked Trustee Thompson to look into Welcome to Franklin Grove signs.

President Atkinson asked what the boards wishes are as far as the Park Committee looking into becoming a Park District. The reason being the village has been presented with an opportunity to purchase the old middle school.

President Atkinson asked Scott and Marilyn Spangler to look into what it takes to become a Park District.

President Atkinson will set up a meeting with the school board and village board to ask questions and see if this is something we are interested in.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague informed the board the Street and Alleys committee met on February 5<sup>th</sup>. They discussed cleaning out the storm drains and road repairs they would like to target for this year.

Marilyn Spangler mentioned the curb seems to be sinking at their Lahman St. property. She would like to have both driveways taken down so it is a gentle easement in.

### **WATER & SEWER**

(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg stated John Stenzel with Test, Inc gave him a list of things that need to be updated. He also had quotes for service and repairs of generators, sand filter repairs and updating controls.

President Atkinson advised Trustee Schaneberg a great deal of money has been spent on water and sewer so there is not enough money in the budget to make these repairs at this time, and the employees are not to be making any purchase without prior approval.

Trustee Schaneberg stated there is a homeowner that is inquiring if he could put a caboose in his back yard and wanting to make sure it would be okay. President Atkinson said he is not opposed to it but would like more information like how big it is and to make sure that it is safe.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(G. Mason Chairman)

None

## **PROPERTIES**

(B. Bass Chairman)

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the door knob at the Atlasta Park Community Building needs to be replaced. It doesn't lock unless you have a key.

Trustee Sprague gave an update for Trustee Bass in his absence. Crestview will be replacing the broken siding at the Atlasta Park Community Building when it warms up so no further damage is done by trying to do the repairs in the cold weather.

Clerk Sprague informed the board FG Fundraisers purchased playground equipment for Atlasta Park. They are thinking of placing the two smaller pieces by the existing baby swings, maybe one piece will replace the piece that was removed a couple years ago. The rest of the big equipment, they are proposing to be located in the empty space to the west of the existing equipment and shelter. Clerk Sprague said she would bring the same proposal to the park committee meeting on Wednesday.

## **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

## **TOURISM**

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler passed out the Lee County Fun Guide to all board members. Franklin Grove is again represented very well in the Fun Guide.

Trustee Spangler stated the Car show will be on May 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a new category this year for golf carts.

Trustee Spangler proposed a rental occupancy permit ordinance be put in place. He provided the board members with an example to look over.

Trustee Spangler advised the board there is a hazardous tree down the alley from the library hanging over village property. The homeowner stated he doesn't have the money to remove the tree at this time. Trustee Spangler suggested we barricade the danger zone and consider cutting the tree since it hangs over the village alley. Trustee Sprague said we can't just go cut down someone else's tree without going through the proper channels. He suggested a certified letter be sent to the homeowner. Trustee Spangler said he doesn't want anyone to get hurt.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING**  
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

**OTHER**

Marilyn Spangler informed the board she recently looked at a property on west South St that is for sale. She stated she doesn't know how much control the village would have but there were multiple issues with the house. The first being there is an old cistern that is open and only covered by a piece of particle board. There was also a hose on the front of the house that was still running. When she went down to the basement, there was water running through the fuse box.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by N. Sprague and carried by unanimous vote at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk