

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

FEBRUARY 11, 2019 MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 11, 2019

On February 11, 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, Bob Bass, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, William Schaneberg, President David Atkinson, and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Attorney Considine

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

MINUTES

Motion made by B. Bass, seconded by W. Schaneberg to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019. Passed: 5/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Fire Chief Pat Hilliker addressed the board to advise there will be a bond referendum on the ballot at the April 2 election to build a new fire station. The current building was built in 1951 and requires many repairs/updates and does not properly house the equipment, or allow them to wash the equipment inside, some of the equipment isn't housed at the station because there isn't room. The fire station will be hosting an open house March 16th from noon-3pm or anyone could come to the station on any Wednesday evening and someone will be there to answer any questions. He stated they received over 300 calls last year.

As a side note, Pat informed the board in a recent survey conducted it was found that 88% of 911 calls come in from a cell phone. He advised everyone to know where you are because the problem with cell phones is, they are not able to pinpoint your exact location.

Marilyn Spangler advised the board in 1935 the village assumed responsibility of the library. There was an intergovernmental agreement with the village in 2001. There was supposed to have been another one that was signed in 2006 but neither the village or the library has record of that.

Marilyn informed the board the next Park Board meeting will be on February 20, 2019 at 7:00 at the Atlasta Park Community Building. The park board will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt in April.

Marilyn asked if we have heard anything from the school board. President Atkinson advised he has not heard anything but did express interest to Mr. Zick that the village would love to have everything outside the blacktop. Marilyn advised he express that interest again to the school board.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

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

Clerk Sprague advised the board she was contacted by Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to see about a proclamation to name the week of March 10th Girl Scout Week in Franklin Grove. Everyone showed their support of this proclamation to be done at the March 11th meeting.

Clerk Sprague advised the board Franklin Grove has not had a representative present at the Lee County All Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee meetings. Andrea Bostwick of the committee indicated the village's continued inclusion in the mitigation plan is in jeopardy if we do not have someone attend. John Nicholson agreed to be our representative if we appointed him. President Atkinson advised to appoint John Nicholson to be our representative.

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 638
Complaints/Calls for Service – 12
Traffic Stops – 3
Traffic Warnings – 3
Ordinance Warnings – 2
Assist other Agency – 4

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague asked if we have had any luck with getting the agreement signed for the house on N. State St. President Atkinson advised he just needs to change the name on the agreement to reflect the business name. Once the agreement is signed, he has 30 days to take it down, so President Atkinson is waiting for the weather to get better before getting the agreement signed to have the 30 days to begin.

WATER & SEWER

Ron Miller advised the board the new meter came in but he advised Clerk Sprague not to pay the bill yet because they are having problems with one setting on the meter.
New pump arrived but not installed
Ron advised there will be 5 people effected by the box culvert replacement on Rt 38.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(B. Bass Chairman)

None

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES

(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg asked about getting bids for our old street sweeper, chipper and box scraper. Clerk Sprague advised she will get an ad in the newspaper and the website and Facebook page stating we are accepting bids for the equipment. Trustee Schaneberg advised he will get the scrap prices.

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the Harvest Festival committee is selling ads, the 4H will be adding to youth activities down at the park, the football and girls basketball will be having a food booth.

Trustee Spangler advised the new ad in the Fun Guide looks good. The Car Show will be held on Mother's Day weekend and they are getting a good response for that already.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Trustee Schaneberg asked if anything was going on with the Welcome to Franklin Grove sign. President Atkinson advised Trustee Thompson got bids on electronic signs. Dave talked to John Morley and he advised he did Amboy's sign, which is similar to Sublette's and they are expensive as well and can get up to \$10,000. Trustee Spangler feels we can come up with something a lot cheaper ourselves.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Spangler, seconded by W. Schaneberg and carried by unanimous vote at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk