

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

FEBRUARY 12, 2024 MINUTES APPROVE MARCH 11, 2024

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, John Nicholson, Amanda Lanning, Heather Grove, Paul Erisman, Clerk Stephanie Sprague, President David Atkinson (Trustee Nick Sprague by phone)

**Absent:** Attorney Considine

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by J. Nicholson, seconded by P. Erisman to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2024. Passed: 5/0

**VISITORS**

Pat Hilliker addressed the board concerning the fire dept and county having contact numbers for the bed & breakfast on Walnut St as the front door was left open and they didn't have a contact.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by H. Grove , seconded by P. Erisman to pay bills and late bills. Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by H. Grove to purchase new software equipment from Locis. Passed: 5/0

**LEGAL ISSUES**

(Attorney Considine)

None

**GENERAL ISSUES**

**Motion** made by P. Erisman, seconded by J. Nicholson to adopt 36-month Electric Aggregate with Constellation Energy. Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by J. Nicholson, seconded by H. Grove to approve Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone amendment 788-24. Passed: 5/0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STREETS & ALLEYS**

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague advised the board during the snow storm the village employees attempted to pull our plow truck out when it was stuck and the chain broke. Insurance approved the repairs of \$2,300. It will go in the shop April 8 and will take around 5 days to repair.

### **WATER & SEWER**

(A. Lanning Chairman)

Trustee Lanning advised the board a new jib crane has been ordered for the clarifying tank.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(H. Grove Chairman)

Trustee Grove informed the board there will be a vendor craft show fundraiser for the Harvest Fest at the elementary school March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. She has 36 vendors signed up so, more than last years event.

### **PROPERTIES**

(P. Erisman Chairman)

None

### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson recommended the town clean up day be April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8-11am. The board agreed to this date.

### **TOURISM**

(J. Nicholson Chairman)

Old Logan junkyard is getting cleaned up, possibly be camping available this summer.

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

None

The board has expressed interest in seeing if Ashton is on board with splitting a police deputy contract with Lee County.

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the Easter Egg Hunt will be March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at the football field, if poor weather location will be the elementary school.

The Park Committee will be meeting Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> as this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.

The Summer Park Program will be July 16 thru August 1.

The Car Show will be May 11<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a work day May 24<sup>th</sup> to install playground equipment, village employees will help.

**Motion** made by H. Grove, seconded J. Nicholson to go into Executive Session at 8:18pm to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by P. Erisman, seconded by A. Lanning to come out of Executive Session at 8:32pm. Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by H. Grove to terminate village employee Matthew Higley. Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by A. Lanning, seconded by H. Grove to offer full-time Street & Alley position to current part-time employee Braiden Runkle with a wage increase from \$16.50 to \$20.50 per hour. Passed: 5/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by H. Grove, seconded by A. Lanning and carried by unanimous vote at 8:36p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk