

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2021 MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 8, 2021

On February 8, 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 Trustee Scott Spangler at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Shaun Thompson, Karmen Sage, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, Shantel Schafer and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Mike Crofton, Attorney Considine and President Atkinson

MINUTES

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2021. Passed: 4/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Andy Shaw with the Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone addressed the board to inform of an unnamed steel manufacturing company that is interested in in the old Nipon Sharyo property. They will bring around 150 new jobs to the area. The Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone is looking for approval to amend the ordinance to revise the abatement clauses into a three-tier program which would allow larger investment companies a 10-year, 50% tax abatement with certain criteria to be met.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to approve Ordinance 772-21 to amend Ordinance 770-20 and Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone incentives. Passed: 4/0

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by K. Sage to pay bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 4/0

POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)

Miles on the police car – 428
Complaints/Calls for Service – 12
Traffic Stops – 5
Traffic Warnings – 7
Ordinance Warnings – 3
Assist other Agency – 1

Trustee Schafer stated the snow seems to have helped slow down the speeders but is afraid they will resume when the snow is gone. Trustee Spangler stated people are still blowing stop signs all the time. Trustee Schafer asked what determines if a person receives a warning vs a ticket. Chief Harney stated he uses his discretion, he doesn't

believe a person should receive a \$100+ ticket for not having their headlights on when it's raining, people stopped for speeding it depends how much over the limit they are going.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

None

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

Roger Warrenfeltz provided board members and village employees a list of items that were to be completed several years ago that have not yet been taken care of. The list is actively being worked on now and the progress will be reviewed at the board meeting next month.

Trustee Schafer stated someone mentioned we are no longer supplying residents with the water reports. Clerk Sprague stated a direct link to the annual Consumer Confidence Reports is put on the water bills with a note that a paper copy can be obtained by contacting village hall.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(S. Schafer Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES
(K. Sage Chairman)

None

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the new banners arrived. He brought them to the meeting and everyone was pleased with how great they look. Trustee Spangler stated they should last several years, they seem to be better quality than the last banners. The car show will be May 8th.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Thompson, seconded by K. Sage and carried by unanimous vote at 7:54 p.m. respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk