

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

JANUARY 9, 2017 MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 13, 2017

On January 9, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Shaun Thompson, Nick Sprague, Michael Crofton, President David Atkinson and Clerk Lori Smith.

Absent: Trustees Tony Schaneberg, William Schaneberg, Scott Spangler and Attorney Dana Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2016. 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

Clerk Smith advised that the ad for the employee vacancies has been put in the Ashton Gazette and posted on the Website. Clerk Smith advised that due to the cost for the ad in the Sauk Valley Newspaper, she was working with them to lower the cost and then it will be ran in that paper also.

Clerk Smith advised that the Travel, Meal and Lodging Expenses Ordinance No. 752-16 that was passed at the December meeting didn't specify an amount for Section 3, which specifies the maximum amount allowable for reimbursement, and the Board needed to make that determination.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to approve a maximum allowable reimbursement for Section 3 of Ordinance No. 752-16 to be \$250.00 per day. Passed: 4/0

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Thompson to approve amending Village Code to add "Engine Brake Noise Ordinance". Passed: 4/0

Note: Trustee Tony Schaneberg and William Schaneberg arrived at 7:20 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See attached.

Chad Murphy requested the board look at the burning ordinance to see if they could make some changes. He advised that people are burning and allowing it to smolder for hours which is an concern to those with breathing problems. President Atkinson advised that the code addressed it, but we may need to look more at better enforcement.

Robert Schwarz advised he would like to request a zoning change on his property at 308 N. Elm Street to a District 2 Two Family Residential District.

Gary Mason, Zoning Board President, advised that with the information they had, the recommendation by the Zoning Board was that the Village rezone Mr. Schwarz property from a District 1 Single Family Residential District to a District 2 Two Family Residential District.

Gary Mason was advised that a Public Hearing would have to be held by the Zoning Board and after the Public Hearing he bring the recommendation to the board.

Note: Trustee Scott Spangler arrived at 7:28 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(T. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg looked into the signs for "Excessive Engine Breaking Noise Prohibited". He was going to be checking to see if the State or County would provide any or all of these signs.

WATER & SEWER
(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg advised that Illinois Rural Water will be looking at the school water line.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Motion was made by S. Spangler, seconded by T. Schaneberg to hold a Public Hearing on February 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall to discuss allowing UTV's on a designated route within the Village of Franklin Grove. Passed: 6/0

PROPERTIES

(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton advised that the he would be looking into the cost of purchasing a Truck for the Water and Sewer Department.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler advised that Franklin Grove made the front page of the Chicago Tribune with an article about the Buffalo.

M. Spangler advised that the Christmas Walk went well and addressed a concern with regards to the dumpster being removed from the Women's Shelter. Trustee William Schaneberg advised the dumpster was moved because the highline is sagging and the truck couldn't get in. Once the highline is fixed the dumpster will be put back.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by T. Schaneberg to pay late bill to Illinois Rural Water for \$350.00 for the televising of a water main. Passed: 6/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by M. Crofton, seconded by W. Schaneberg and carried by unanimous vote at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk