

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

JANUARY 13, 2020 MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 10, 2020

On January 13, 2020 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, Shantel Schafer, Michael Crofton, President David Atkinson, and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

**Absent:** Trustees Karmen Sage, Scott Spangler and Attorney Considine

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by M. Crofton to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2019. Passed: 4/0

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Rich Bartlett informed the board there are some unlicensed vehicles in the village, he reported them to Officer Harney and nothing is being done. He asked if it is common practice to tell who made a complaint. The consensus was everyone assumed as long as it isn't a written complaint, they would be anonymous. Officer Harney stated he didn't say who made the complaint, they guessed

Rich also stated there is an ex-board member that stated the capital improvement money that has been collected from the water bills has all been spent. President Atkinson stated that is absolutely not correct and handed Rich a Village Financial Report proving this claim is false.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

**Note:** Trustee Karmen Sage arrived at 7:12p.m.

Clerk Sprague informed the board the pastor of the United Methodist Church has inquired where areas of improvement can be made for the village. The areas discussed were there isn't much for revenue making business in the village, other than the basketball hoops at the park, there isn't much to offer kids, sidewalks could be improved for rollerblading.

## **POLICE REPORT**

(Chief BJ Harney)

Miles on the police car – 641  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 7  
Traffic Stops – 5  
Traffic Arrests – 3  
Traffic Warnings – 5  
Ordinance Warnings – 2  
Motorist Assist – 1  
Assist other Agency – 1

BJ informed the board the speed sign has been received and is in service. It is currently on Hughes/Reynolds. The data log will show where and when to focus on what areas. It will be moved around every couple weeks.

## **LEGAL ISSUES**

(Attorney Considine)

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Ron Miller informed the board new lights have been put on the 1-ton plow truck. Trustee Crofton asked how many miles are on the truck and Ron stated he believed 39,000. Trustee Schafer asked if the street lights have been fixed. Trustee Sprague stated they seem to be playing tricks, working then not working. The globes have been straightened. Seems as if the ballasts are getting old and we may want to consider looking at LED's. Trustee Sprague will talk to John Hilliker about the possibility of switching over to LED's.

Clerk Sprague stated a gentlemen from IDOT called to ask us to take down our golf cart and engine braking prohibited signs as we did not get permission from IDOT to put them up and the engine braking signs are not the correct size. Ron Miller has been in contact with them and will get it resolved.

### **WATER & SEWER**

(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton stated he would like to see some of the money used to replace aging water lines, President Atkinson stated he would like the committee to discuss the absolutes for the sewer lining repairs, Mike stated he would like to see water first then sewer. President Atkinson suggested there are sewer lines that need immediate attention. The committee will get together to see what they feel should be addressed first.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(S. Shafer Chairman)

Nothing

**PROPERTIES**  
(K. Sage Chairman)

**Motion** made by K. Sage, seconded by S. Thompson to spend up to \$650 on pet waste stations for Atlasta and Flat Iron parks.

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**  
(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

**TOURISM**  
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

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

None

Ron Miller informed the board he would like them to look at where they want the burn pile moved to. He feels it is too close to the field. President Atkinson stated it is close to a field in the current location as well. Ron asked for everyone to take a look before they start moving it to make sure that is where everyone wants it.

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Thompson to go into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Schafer to come out of Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. Passed: 5/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Spangler, seconded by M. Crofton and carried by unanimous vote at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk