

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

JANUARY 10, 2021 MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 14, 2022

On January 10, 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 President David Atkinson at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Shaun Thompson, Nick Sprague (by phone), Shantel Schafer, Mike Crofton (by phone), President Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustees Kydreel Green, Paul Erisman, Attorney Considine

VISITORS

Shaun Gallagher with Gallagher Engineering addressed the board concerning the approval of resolution for motor fuel tax funds for street improvements which would involve patching throughout the town the largest areas of issue and seal coat over all the streets. The money the village receives from Rebuild Illinois funds need to be used in 5 years (\$67,287.90). The patching project would most likely be done in May and the seal coating in June, July or August.

Trustee Schafer asked if the funds are replenished. Shaun explained motor fuel tax is replenished monthly, estimated around \$40,000 annually so it would be replenished in 5-6 years. Trustee Schafer asked if it would be a good time to do the repairs since the cost of materials is up. President Atkinson advised it is a good time to do it because we have roads in great need of repair and the repairs would be more costly if they become worse and material costs could continue to rise.

Trustee Crofton asked if the bid will include mail box pull offs to the driveways. Shaun stated yes, it will include all paved areas the village maintains and has put seal coat on in the past.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Resolution for Motor Fuel Tax funds in the amount of \$250,000. Passed: 4/0

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the contract with Gallagher Engineering not to exceed \$4,900. Passed: 4/0

MINUTES

Trustee Schafer requested the December meeting minutes be amended to reflect the village has been taking care of the mowing of the old middle school property and have been unsuccessful making contact with the owner, and that she feels she has been met with resistance from the board when trying to obtain information. She feels a board member shouldn't have to put in a FOIA request to get copies of documents.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Trustee Schafer inquired about the amount reflected for library social security and medicare. Clerk Sprague advised the village pays for it and the library reimburses the village and she believes the library is looking into handling their own payroll, Marilyn Spangler confirmed.

Trustee Schafer asked about phone charges from Frontier, Verizon and Motorola. Clerk Sprague advised Frontier is landlines, Verizon is cell phones and Motorola is the squad car radio.

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Thompson to pay bills. Passed: 4/0

POLICE REPORT (Chief Harney)

Complaints/Calls for Service – 13

Traffic Stops – 2

Traffic Warnings – 2

Other Arrest – 1 Warrant obtained from investigation

Ordinance Warnings – 2

House Check – 2

Assist other Agency – 2

Investigation – 3

Trustee Schafer asked if the burglaries taking place in Lee County, if this is something he is working on as well. Chief Harney stated the only one he is on is the storage buildings here in town, no homes.

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (N. Sprague Chairman)

None

WATER & SEWER (M. Crofton Chairman)

Clerk Sprague informed the board John Nicholson called in regards to the well house fire, he spoke with Jared Yater that suggested if we are looking for grants, the best place to start is the EPA and Jared would be glad to help us if we were trying to pursue a grant. President Atkinson advised he believes that is the direction our engineers are going. Dan stated Matt Hansen couldn't make it tonight but he is working on it.

Trustee Crofton informed the board we have about \$30,000 in getting the well house up and running again. Waiting on automatic switch so Dan doesn't have to keep going up there a couple times a night. Also waiting on the heater.

Trustee Crofton advised Dan has gone way out of his way to help us and he and Roger would like to see a bonus of some kind to compensate him. President Atkinson told Dan he is very proud of him. He said he echoes what Mike says and he appreciates him very much. Trustee Schafer stated she agrees. Trustee Thompson stated if it is ran out of

payroll to make sure Dan's cut is \$1,000 after deductions. Trustee Sprague asked if we are doing the same for Roger. Mike stated Roger just wants to see us take care of Dan. Trustee Crofton we bought bulk fitting and things from Pfoutz as they are going out of business.

Trustee Schafer asked how much we are getting from insurance for the well house rebuild. President Atkinson stated he believes it is \$147,000. Trustee Schafer asked why we are so under insured. President Atkinson stated that is a good question for the insurance company. Trustee Schafer asked if we are checking to make sure the other building is insured properly. President Atkinson said we are.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(S. Schafer Chairman)

Trustee Schafer asked if Dan Yates got a building permit for the work he did on the garage/apartment. President Atkinson stated a permit wouldn't be required. Trustee Schafer asked why the board wasn't informed about the Arpa Recovery Fund \$63,000 the village received. Clerk Sprague stated it was listed in with the deposit sheet the board members receive monthly. Trustee Schafer asked if we are doing anything specific with the money. President Atkinson stated he believes it is to help with sales tax, etc. we may have missed out on because of the virus.

PROPERTIES

(P. Erisman Chairman)

None

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson stated the last time he talked to the insurance company they were still working on the reports for the fire. Trustee Schafer asked who our agent is. Trustee Thompson stated there are several different companies that we have to deal with through Illinois Municipal League Risk Management, CCMSI.

TOURISM

(K. Green Chairman)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the park board Wednesday January 12. Car show will be on May 7th.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Schafer and carried by unanimous vote at 7:46 p.m. respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk