

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

JANUARY 9, 2023 MINUTES APPROVE FEBRUARY 13, 2023

On January 9, 2023 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, Paul Erisman, Heather Grove, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustees Kydreel Green, Amanda Lanning, Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2022. Passed: 4/0

VISITORS

Bill Newkirk with Newkirk & Associates presented the board with the village audit and did an excellent job presenting it in a comprehensive way for the members. The two points of concern are recommendation to create separate checking account for Motor Fuel Funds per statute and he also recommended the village has an official investment policy. He suggested the attorney may even have something to offer us for the bank to have on file.

John Nicholson informed the board the zoning board met and will be meeting again January 10th. John stated the Community Solar Farm project outside of town would like a letter to endorse or not endorse to send to the county zoning board.

John stated the property on Rt 38 is zoned residential and they are running a business as their main source of income. President Atkinson stated he would talk to Tris about a possible variance.

John stated there has been no progress with the Logan property and asked who can talk to him. President Atkinson advised he would talk to Bob. Scott Spangler stated something needs to be done as it has been several months now.

Marilyn Spangler advised the board the park board will be meeting January 11th.

GENERAL ISSUES

None

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by H. Grove to pay bills. Passed: 4/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to pay late bill of \$188.94 to reimburse Chief Harney for insurance. Passed 4/0

POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)

Complaints/Calls for Service – 8
Traffic Stops – 4
Traffic Warnings – 4
House Check – 1
Assist other Agency – 2

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague advised the board there is a broken storm drain on Rt 38 by Rev that needs replaced. President Atkinson advised to contact the state to confirm that it is our problem, if so get it replaced.

Trustee Sprague advised that village employee Matt is temporarily handling water and sewer as well until we get a new employee hired. He asked for some kind of compensation for Matt for having to work 7 days a week.

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by P. Erisman to gift him a \$75/week gift card. Passed: 4/0

WATER & SEWER
(A. Lanning Chairman)

President Atkinson informed the board there have been 25 applicants on Indeed so far for the water and sewer position.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(H. Grove Chairman)

Trustee Grove presented the board with a couple of chair options for the board members that are height adjustable to be more comfortable with the table height.

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by H. Grove to purchase 9 chairs at \$147.99 each.

President Atkinson stated John Lauer would like to have a few outdoor events over the summer, once a month. He stated Trustee Grove will be the contact for this.

Trustee Grove informed the board Old Mil Rd is extremely dark and she would like to see a street light. She was advised to see if there is a street light, and if it is burnt out to contact ComEd.

PROPERTIES
(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman advised the board new seals were put in around the doors at the treatment plant and he will get a price on another heater.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson stated he spoke with someone with Edward Jones about IMRF to.
Marilyn stated she would let the library know

TOURISM

(K. Green Chairman)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by P. Erisman, seconded by H. Grove and carried by unanimous vote at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk