

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

JULY 10, 2017 MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 14, 2017

On July 10, 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, Tony Schaneberg, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, William Schaneberg, Gary Mason, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

MINUTES

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2017. Passed: 6/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Beverly Fick addressed the board with concerns of the look of the town regarding the yards of empty houses not being mowed, yards that are used as parking lots and junk in yards. Officer Harney will begin the process

Beverly also inquired where we are at with hiring village employees. President Atkinson said he reached out to Edwardsville water and sewer training facility and did not receive any feedback from anyone interested. Beverly asked if board members are covered by insurance when running village equipment. President Atkinson and Trustee Thompson reassured her board members are covered under the insurance. President Atkinson stated it isn't an ideal situation but we are doing the best we can until a full time employee is hired, and all board member work is done on a volunteer basis.

Bill Gellert addressed the board to commend the quick response when he called regarding a sink hole in his yard. Thanks to the quick response from Officer Harney, Trustee W. Schaneberg and employee Mike Settles, within an hour the hole was filled.

Helen Gellert asked if Clerk Sprague could write more detailed minutes. She stated since we don't have a town newspaper, the meeting minutes are the only means of communication on what is going on in the town. Clerk Sprague said as long as time permits, she will try to keep more detailed minutes.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT
BILLS & LATE BILLS**

Motion made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Spangler to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 6/0

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 537
Complaints/Calls for Service – 8
Traffic Stop – 4
Traffic Arrest – 2
Traffic Warning – 3
Other Arrest – 4 warrants
House Check – 2
Assist with Agency – 1
Investigation – 1 closed with warrant obtained

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by T. Schaneberg to adopt a video gaming ordinance. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by G. Mason to accept the intergovernmental agreement between Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School District #275 and Village of Franklin Grove to permit the use of a portion of the AFC Middle School property by the village for construction and use of two sand volleyball courts. Passed: 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (T. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee T. Schaneberg advised the board of the following engineers estimates for street repairs:
State Street, south of Lahman - \$67,690 which would include chip seal with a gutter curb on the east and patching on the west
Lahman Street, from Luthern Church alley to the stop sign at Walnut Street \$27,000
Micro surface Elm Street \$147,000

WATER & SEWER (W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee W. Schaneberg advised the fire hydrant has been repaired. We are still waiting on grinder pumps.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(G. Mason Chairman)

Trustee Mason advised he is still working with Lynn and Eric Hetzler on real estate properties. He also said he would like to sit down with Officer Harney to discuss implementing a neighborhood watch.

PROPERTIES

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague advised the work is complete on the big dump truck, we have it back and it looks great. Trustee W. Schaneberg inquired if the salt spreader was repaired. He said when the new one was put on, it leaked just as bad as the old one. President Atkinson said this should have been addressed back then, we need to check and see if it is still under warranty.

Trustee Sprague advised there are a lot of people interested in the trees, and several will be taking advantage of the deal to plant on their own property as well.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson advised Trustee W. Schaneberg he needs the list of parts that were used to repair the fire hydrant as all the parts that were purchased were not used so we need to determine which parts were used so he can submit the claim.

Trustee Thomson said he was waiting on a call back from IMRF. Trustee Spangler suggested looking into 401K rather than IMRF. Beverly Fick recommended Edward Jones.

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler thanked Trustee W. Schaneberg for his work on the streets, nice job.

Trustee Spangler advised the Harvest Fest is coming up and in the past the village has paid for a portapotty.

Motion made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by N. Sprague to pay for a portapotty during Harvest Fest. Passed: 6/0

Trustee Spangler advised the Harvest Fest Committee is doing very well and there are new activities going on this year, such as Extreme Paintball, Lee County Council on Aging will be supplying a shuttle for Saturday, Hoedown Showdown down at the park for the kids, Rubber Duck Race, Civil War Reenactment, and Friday night fish fry.

Trustee Spangler proposed to the board an idea of planting prairie grass around the sewer pond. Trustee T. Schaneberg expressed concerns about snakes in the prairie grass.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Marilyn Spangler thanked the board for moving the willow tree at Atlasta Park from the tennis courts over to closer to the creek, and for getting the flag hung for the Fourth of July.

Marilyn Spangler advised Summer Park Program employees were hired. Stephanie Sprague and Heather Settles accepted the position again this year.

President Atkinson advised the cemetery board will be hosting a meeting July 20th.

Bill Gellert inquired about replacing tattered flags. Trustee Mason volunteered to take care of replacing tattered flags. Robert Logan suggested giving the tattered flags to the Boy Scouts to be disposed of properly.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Spangler, seconded by T. Schaneberg and carried by unanimous vote at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Sprague
Village Clerk