

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

JULY 14, 2019 MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 12, 2019

On July 14, 2019 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 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Trustees Shaun Thompson, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, Michael Crofton, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

**Absent:** Attorney Considine

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2019. Passed: 4/0

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Dennis and Charlene Loesher addressed the board concerning the ditch where the road work on Rt. 38 just took place. They stated the ditch looks very nice but they are concerned with drainage, both east and south of where the work was done. Phoenix was going to do the same work to the mentioned properties but was waiting on village approval. Clerk Sprague indicated as soon as the work was done, there was immediately standing water to the south and it was still currently there. Mr. Loesher stated that was the concern with the property to the east as well. President Atkinson spoke with Shane with Phoenix Corp and let him know of the issues. They informed President Atkinson they would address the property to the south with standing water right away and the property to the east in the near future.

Shantel Schafer addressed the board concerning the speed of cars on Hughes, both east and west bound traffic at 50 plus mph. President Atkinson agreed with her concerns and directed her to Officer Harney. Clerk Sprague suggested looking into a "Your Speed Is" sign. Shantel was also observing the meeting to see if she would be interested in filling one of the vacant trustee positions. President Atkinson asked her if she would check on the price of the speed signs.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by M. Crofton to approve the Minutes of the Executive Meetings of June 10, 2019. Passed: 4/0

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by M. Crofton to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 4/0

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Final Reading of the 2019/20 Appropriation Ordinance 765-19. Passed: 4/0

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Certification of Revenue. Passed: 4/0

Clerk Sprague informed the board there was a mistake made when the equipment bids were read by former Trustee William Schaneberg. He read Adam Viall's bid as being for all the equipment that was out for bid, but the actual bid was only for the chipper. President Atkinson stated it was an unfortunate mistake but it is too late as the winning bids were already awarded.

Clerk Sprague informed the board she received a letter from someone upset that water is no longer supplied at the cemetery. Trustee Spangler suggested the letter be forwarded to Larry Herwig.

Clerk Sprague informed the board she still has the check dated 5/14 for the City of Rochelle for the sidewalk lights for the park, no body has come to get the check to go pick up the lights. Trustee Crofton said he would check on that tomorrow.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Miles on the police car – 619  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 13  
Traffic Stops – 6  
Traffic Arrests – 2  
Traffic Warnings – 5  
Ordinance Warnings – 3  
Motorist Assist – 1  
House Check – 1

### **LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)**

None

### **GENERAL ISSUES**

President Atkinson informed the board he asked Karmen Sage if she would be interested in joining the village board and Clerk Sprague asked Shantel Schafer if she would be interested in joining. President Atkinson asked Karmen and Shantel if they are both interested and they both stated they were. President Atkinson stated they have both been appointed and will be sworn in at the end of this meeting.

President Atkinson informed the board the water and sewer service at the middle school athletic field, he received a call from Mr. Zick stating the school board's desire is to turn that section that still belongs to the school over to the village when they are done with it, they are still using it, it will be the football field, ball fields and concession building, but the problem is the water and sewer for the concession building is currently fed from the middle school, which they sold. Mr. Zick suggested the school can have a plumber come in to hook the water and sewer up to the concession building and rather than a gift, the

village would be responsible to pay for the plumbing, or the village can take care of it on our end. Trustee Crofton advised from what he understands there are two breaks in the sprinkler system for the football field. He said he spoke to Ron and he said they could put a meter at the concession building so they can deduct the usage from the school building water meter. Clerk Sprague stated she spoke to the gentleman that purchased the property and he is considering having the water shut off to the school building for now because he isn't doing anything with it right away, so if that water is shut off, it would shut off the water to the concession building.

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to install water and sewer service at the athletic fields. Passed: 4/0

President Atkinson stated the engineers that are engineering for the new fire station are inquiring about the alley and the street by the old station if we have any plans to do anything with them. President Atkinson stated it makes the most sense to piggy back something while they are in here paving. Trustee Spangler suggested if fire station alley is first, the alley behind the library should be second on the list.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Officer Harney stated half of the tree is hanging over the street at the corner of State and Maple. Trustee Sprague stated he will call Eric Grover.

### **WATER & SEWER**

(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton informed the board an employee left the new truck running while reading meters even though he was told not to. President Atkinson asked if the water line work at the park will be done for Harvest Fest. Trustee Crofton advised he did not think that it would be. Marilyn Spangler said she was told by Ron that they would begin working on it next week.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

None

## **PROPERTIES**

None

## **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

**TOURISM**  
(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the Harvest Fest committee will be dissolved if no volunteers take it over. The committee will be meeting Tuesday night, they will be voting on new officers and asked that the work be spread. He said the organizations will still put on their activities, there just won't be any advertising. The committee has built up a good nest egg and there needs to be a committee to coordinate and answer questions.

Trustee Spangler advised alcohol is not prohibited at the Women's Club shelter.

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

None

**OTHER**

Marilyn Spangler informed the board Summer Park Program is being ran by Christy Settles this year, they are meeting 9am-noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. They have had a decent turn out. She informed the board there is a broken window at the shelter and Ron Miller is aware of it.

Marilyn informed the board the park committee's Rubber Duck Race will be held on Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm, next park board meeting will be August 14<sup>th</sup>. There is currently only one spicket for outside water.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Village Clerk Stephanie Sprague administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Village Trustee Karmen Sage.

Village Clerk Stephanie Sprague administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Village Trustee Shantel Schafer.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Spangler and carried by unanimous vote at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk