

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

JULY 12, 2021 MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 2, 2021

On July 12, 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, Paul Erisman, Shantel Schafer, Mike Crofton, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

**Absent:** Trustee Karmen Sage

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by M. Crofton to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2021. Passed: 5/0

**VISITORS**

Marilyn Spangler informed the board Heather Settles was hired to do the Summer Park Program. It will be held Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays July 13-29 from 9-noon. The salary will remain the same as last year.

Marilyn stated the Rubber Duck Race will be held Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> so the creek banks at the park will need cleaned up. Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> will be the movie night.

Marilyn requested the concession stand be returned to the fenced in area at the water treatment plant as the board approved it to be placed there. President Atkinson asked that it be moved back.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills. Passed: 5/0

Clerk Sprague advised she received an email from a concerned citizen about the parking at Rooney's effecting the grocery store parking. President Atkinson stated we could mention it to Rooney's and maybe they would be neighborly and purchase a few Franklin Grove Fresh Market parking only during store hours for the store to put on a few parking stalls.

**POLICE REPORT**  
**(Chief Harney)**

Miles on the police car – 632

Complaints/Calls for Service – 11

Traffic Stops – 3

Traffic Warnings – 3

Criminal Arrest – 1

Ordinance Arrest – 1

Ordinance Warnings – 3

Motorist Assist – 2

House Check – 1

Attorney Considine advised a citation was issued for Jeremy Wetch for mowing of the old Middle School property. They have not been able to find him at any of the 4 known addresses. Summons has been issued to go to Florida. She advised to wait to record lien until mowing is done for the year.

Trustee Schafer asked about other neglected properties; across from the Brethren Church, dangerous foundation on N. State and the house at the corner of State and Lahmen.

Attorney Considine advised to give the owners an opportunity to do the right thing by giving them a notice. If ignored issue violations

It was suggested Chief Harney try to get ahold of the owner of the house across from the Brethren Church. President Atkinson stated the owner of the foundation on N. State is now well. Dan Hoffman will talk to the daughter.

Attorney Considine suggested seeing if the taxes are being paid for the house on State and Lahmen.

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

None

### **GENERAL ISSUES**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **STREETS & ALLEYS** (N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague shared the Phase 1 Street Proposal from Gallagher Engineering with the board.

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer to accept the Phase 1 Street Proposal from Gallagher Engineering. Passed: 5/0

#### **WATER & SEWER** (M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton advised the lift station repairs are estimated at \$11,000.

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to make the lift station repairs in the amount of \$11,000. Passed: 5/0

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** (S. Schafer Chairman)

Trustee Schafer informed the board the Declaration of Independence reading went well, the recently purchased armed forces flags were displayed.

Trustee Schafer gave a run down of all the activities and events that will be taking place during the Summer/Harvest Festival; dunk tank, food trucks, 16' blow up water slide, face paintings, bounce house, obstacle course type thing with water guns and balloons,

petting zoo, 50/50, pong game, bozo buckets, hula hoop contest, bags, ring toss, Velcro darts, tug of war, big wheel/bike race, beer garden with 2 bands. Shantel stated the family friendly events will be from 3-7pm, beer garden 7-11:30pm. She would need someone to pick up dunk tank from Steward Fire Dept Friday and return Sunday. President Atkinson stated normally money was collected for advertising in the flyer. Since there isn't a flyer this year, maybe the village could make a contribution for the event.

Heather Settles suggested asking the library to make a contribution.

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by P. Erisman to made a contribution of \$1,500 to the Summer/Harvest Festival. Passed: 5/0

### **PROPERTIES**

(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman informed the board replacement doors for Atlasta Park women's shelter have been installed. The doors look great. He stated the emergency door at the south end of the building wouldn't open so they will be looking at that. Flowers are being planted in front of village hall. He stated they will be fixing the mower as long as they can. The loader tractor looks good. Paul will be getting skid loader bids.

Trustee Sprague asked Paul if he received the information on the 1996 Elgin street sweeper for sale in Sycamore for \$5,995. Paul stated he will go look at it.

### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

### **TOURISM**

(K. Sage Chairman)

None

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING**

None

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer to go into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to come out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Passed: 5/0

Special meeting to be held Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by P. Erisman seconded by S. Schafer and carried by unanimous vote at 8:41 p.m. respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk