

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

JULY 11, 2022 MINUTES APPROVE AUGUST 8, 2022

On July 11, 2022 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, Kydreel Green, Nick Sprague, Paul Erisman, Shantel Schafer, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Michael Crofton

MINUTES

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the meeting minutes of June 13, 2022. Passed: 5/0

VISITORS

John Nicholson addressed the board stating he tried to get something added to the agenda through a trustee and it is not on the agenda and it is not in the job description for the clerk or the president and it is typically a clerk duty. John also stated the agenda should be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting. The action item he was wanting on the agenda was to look into county services to patrol the village. Trustee Schafer supplied the information to the board members. John stated there are more than 16 properties in direct violations of code. He stated back in March 2001 there was an economic development survey for Blackhawk Hills that showed the major concern in Franklin Grove was to clean the place up.

Rich Bartlett thanked the village for getting the old school mowed frequently, it is now looking good.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Thompson to pay bills. Passed: 5/0

Clerk Sprague informed the board the county is looking to expand the access for UTV's county wide and would like us to update our ordinance to state they would recognize other registrations. The permits would be purchased in the village/city in which they reside, they would then be able to register at other villages/cities at no charge.

POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)

Complaints/Calls for Service – 9
Traffic Stops – 4
Traffic Arrest - 3
Traffic Warnings – 4
Other Arrest – 1
House Check – 2
Assist other Agency – 2

Trustee Schafer asked about squad car repair updates. Chief Harney stated they are still waiting on parts and don't expect them before July 27th.

Scott Spangler stated people are still running stop signs.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

Scott Spangler stated the street action has been wonderful, they are doing a really good job. Rich Bartlett agreed.

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

Dan Hoffman provided the board with a quote from Evoqua for repairs on the intermediate clarifier as it has been throwing the chain often and there is a lot of slack. Dan worked with Matt Hansen with Willett Hofmann and they underlined the items they felt were required.

Motion made by K. Green, seconded by P. Erisman to approve \$17,000 for clarifier repairs from Capital Improvement funds. Passed: 5/0

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(S. Schafer Chairman)

Trustee Schafer informed the board the Wetch contacts (owners of the old middle school) have been uncooperative and unresponsive. She stated they gave permission to Tim O'Neil to secure the building. She informed the board Grace is on board if they are able to get the building and we should begin assessing ordinance violations. Rich Bartlett asked Attorney Considine if there is any way to find out if there is insurance on the building. Attorney Considine advised there is no way to know.

Trustee Schafer advised the lilies are almost all planted and most of the people were grateful for them.

Trustee Schafer asked about the status of the armed forces flags being put up at Flat Iron Park. Marilyn Spangler will meet with the employees for flag placement location.

Trustee Schafer asked if the job descriptions of the president and/or clerk should be updated to reflect who is responsible for creating the meeting agenda. Attorney Considine advised state law indicates it is the president unless the village writes their own ordinance stating it is the duty of someone else.

PROPERTIES

(P. Erisman Chairman)

Ed Hoffman informed the board the dumpster is quite often being filled by residents so they will be putting a lock on it.

Trustee Erisman stated the price for the required parts for the mower have gone up and presented quotes for a new mower. The employees would like a 72" deck with rear discharge.

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by S. Schafer for purchasing a new mower not to exceed \$15,000. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Thompson for purchasing a snow plow from Bonnell not to exceed \$12,000. Passed: 5/0

Trustee Schafer asked if we could get the basketball hoops at the park repaired or replaced.

Dan Hoffman advised the outdoor bathrooms at the park have been fixed by Richter Plumbing.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson stated mowing needs attention and there are weeds growing in the burbs specifically on Maple and Lahmen streets. President Atkinson asked the employees to purchase round up and take care of the weeds.

President Atkinson asked Trustee Sprague to ask the state about No Engine Breaking signs.

TOURISM

(K. Green Chairman)

Trustee Green advised the board he received two quotes for backup generator for Village Hall and emergency siren: Generac from Hilliker Electric \$30,000, Koehler \$24,219 from United Electric.

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by P. Erisman to purchase the Koehler generator with ARPA funds not to exceed \$30,000. Passed: 5/0

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the park committee will be having a movie night at the park on Friday August 5th and would like the concession trailer brought to the park by Wednesday the 3rd. The park committee's next meeting will be held July 13th at the park at 7:00pm.

Marilyn asked about the crick bed being cleared out. The employees stated they did clean one side of the creek and will do the other side.

Trustee Sprague advised the concession trailer needs moved from its current location because the run-off is causing wash our between the trailer and the water treatment plant. Marilyn advised she will bring it up at the park committee meeting to determine a new location for the concession trailer.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Schafer, seconded by K. Green and carried by unanimous vote at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk