

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

JULY 14, 2025 MINUTES APPROVED JUNE 16, 2025

On July 14, 2025 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 Eric Grendahl at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Scott Spangler, John Nicolson, Susan Murphy, Kristy Murphy, Heather Grove, Trustee Mark Delhotal, President Eric Grendahl, Clerk Jessica Ford, and Attorney Considine.

Absent: None

MINUTES

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by S. Spangler to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Meetings of June 16, 2025. Passed: 6/0

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR'S

Marilyn Spangler has park updates. Park Summer Program started last week. Low attendance to start. Expecting higher attendance going forward.

Park projects discussed at last park meeting:

- 1) Old tennis court- turn into parking lot. Stated that previous board approved this. President Grendahl will look into what previous board approved. Seal coat est: \$3,385. Drive to lot 70x24 for gravel and tree removal est: \$3,500. Steps up to existing building: no est yet.
- 2) Basketball court by parking lot. Est: \$16,000.
- 3) Splash pad 30x30 by old restrooms. Apprx est: \$7,200 for concrete only. More est for additional work to come.

S. Spangler talked to Drew's for timer on lot lights. Also looking at Lion's Club Shelter.

NOTE: M. Delhotal left at 7:10p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

None

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by J. Nicholson to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 6/0

POLICE REPORT

None.

LEGAL ISSUES

(Attorney D. Considine)

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(M. Delhotal, Chairman)

Discussion on employee changes. ComEd to come out and do tree trimming Aug-Sept. Looks to be Whitney to Lahman to the west and Hillside Dr. Schedule and map given.

M. Delhotal stated several trees, about 31, are to be removed/trimmed. Looking at a couple of bids. Pacer's Tree pricing is by day to give a better price.

WATER & SEWER

(K. Murphy, Chairman)

K. Murphy stated that Ed has been working to get everything in working order. A lot of clean up and repairs done. EPA to visit 7/15/2025. We are in compliance. Not in compliance with influent and effluent meters. Also, a new tractor will be on the agenda soon.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(J. Nicolson, Chairman)

J. Nicholson would like to allot a street scape fund from gambling tax income. Mentioned a new mural on Legion Hall, outdoor planters (Roxy S. willing to plant next year for approx. \$200.), Digital sign for community info (about \$13,000 for fire dept sign).

H. Grove believes ComEd gives grants for digital sign.

NOTE: M. Delhotal returned at 7:48pm.

PROPERTIES

(S. Spangler, Chairman)

S. Spangler stated the ATV is up and running, but still needs new tires (4 is about \$650). Zero turn mower is under warranty. Adjustments were wrong. Had it readjusted by Amboy Johnson Tractor. Equipt to grade alleys had broken teeth. New were ordered this week at \$55 each.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Murphy, Chairman)

S. Murphy is working to combine CD's. Negotiating higher receipts.

TOURISM

(H. Grove, Chairman)

Trustee H. Grove stated that Harvest Festival coming soon. Flyers should be out this week as well as street signs. There will be new events this year at the festival.

GENERAL ISSUES

Budget: Motion to approve 25-26 budget made by M. Delhotal, seconded by K. Murphy.
Passed: 6/0

President Grendahl: DC Computers will do wireless internet for 2 locations for \$78 per month and up to 10 phone lines for \$19.95 per month. Would like to lower monthly costs and the amount of bills being paid monthly.

Motion to approve DC Computers changes made by M. Delhotal, seconded by K. Murphy. Passed: 6/0

S. Murphy would like zoning ordinance violations. Some properties are looking pretty bad. Discussion had about sending out preliminary letters with follow up letters from Attorney Considine.

S. Spangler would like to allot the income from gaming tax to various options:

Business façade, business promotion, welcome structure on Rt.38, 250 year anniversary for country (fireworks, 60/40 drawing, etc.-last celebration was 50 years ago in F.G.), new Christmas tree lights, banners, etc.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by M. Delhotal, seconded by H. Grove and carried by unanimous vote at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ford
Village Clerk