

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

JUNE 8, 2020 MINUTES APPROVED JULY 13, 2020

On June 8, 2020 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, Karmen Sage, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, Shantel Schafer, Michael Crofton, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2020. Passed: 6/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Bob Moore asked the board for a sidewalk assistance application for 136 S. Walnut. Application was given to Bob.

Marilyn informed the board the park committee has decided to cancel the Summer Park Program for this year. She stated FG Fundraisers has installed playground equipment and it would be nice if the existing equipment was painted. She received a couple bids for the electric for the sidewalk lights and asked they be put on the agenda for the next meeting. She asked about the burn pile being moved across the street and was told it is still in the plans but they have been busy with street repairs. Marilyn asked if there were plans to smooth out the dirt that was brought in across the creek. Ron stated yes, we would need to disc it up and smooth it out. Marilyn reminded the Ron the rebar still needs to be removed from the concrete by the entrance.

The next park committee meeting will be Thursday 6/11/20.

Clerk Sprague mentioned the shelter is rented out June 27th and 28th, is it okay to proceed with the rental? President Atkinson felt it was okay to proceed.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 6/0

Clerk Sprague informed the board a letter was received from Attorney Considine informing Mr. Suski passed away in December 2017.

POLICE REPORT

APRIL:

Miles on the police car – 664
Complaints/Calls for Service – 10
Traffic Stops – 3
Traffic Arrests – 2
Traffic Warnings – 1
Other Arrest – 1-2 felony charges
Ordinance Warning – 2
Assist other Agency – 2
Investigation – 1

MAY:

Miles on the police car – 542
Complaints/Calls for Service – 10
Traffic Stops – 3
Traffic Arrests – 1
Traffic Warnings – 2
Ordinance Warnings – 4
Motorist Assist – 1
Assist other Agency – 1
Investigation – 1

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

Motion made by K. Sage, seconded by S. Spangler to approve the meeting schedule
Passed: 6/0

Committee assignments to be updated to reflect John Hilliker is chairman of Harvest Festival, BJ Harney is police chief, not interim and ESDA Director to BJ Harney.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by K. Sage to approve the Fee Schedule.
Passed: 6/0

Trustee Spangler stated the mowing at the house on the corner of State and Lahman, the weeds behind the fence are taller than the fence. He asked about the weeds at the row of mailboxes on Hughes Street. Trustee Schafer stated she would see about getting them taken care of.

Discussion was had about looking into the library being their own district rather than a village entity.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the first budget reading. Passed: 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (N. Sprague Chairman)

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Spangler to proceed with street repairs to be done by Martin at intersection of Walnut/Lahman and intersection of Lahman/Elm for \$9,180 and to black top the alley behind village hall for \$11,680.

President Atkinson asked Trustee Sprague to get with Geoff at Willett Hofmann for a resolution to use Motor Fuel Tax funds for these repairs.

Trustee Sprague informed the board the only tree bid was received from Eric Grover.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Spangler to accept the tree bid from Eric Grover for \$7,900.

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(S. Shafer Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES
(K. Sage Chairman)

None

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson asked if new tires have been put on the tractor. Ron Miller stated yes, they have the new tires on.

Trustee Thompson asked if the town clean up was canceled or if we will be rescheduling. President Atkinson stated we will attempt to reschedule this fall.

Trustee Thompson asked when we decide to mow someone's grass. He was told if there is a particular lawn that he believes is too tall, to make a complaint.

Trustee Thompson asked if we could have a police officer on duty for a few evenings to crack down on the 4-wheelers.

TOURISM
(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board he would like to make some changes to the village website to add tourism, sell \$50 ads which would be split 50/50 with the web service provider.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

Clerk Sprague asked Ron Miller if the cemetery approach was still going to be repaired. Ron stated it was going to be repaired.

Trustee Thompson asked if there were plans to patch Maple St. Ron Miller stated it will be patched.

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Schafer to go into Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 6/0

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by K. Sage to come out of Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer to give Larry June a pay increase of 3% plus \$1/hour with the understanding his pay will go to \$20 per hour when he is fully reinstated with his CDL. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by K. Sage to give a 3% pay increase to B.J. Harney, Ron Miller and Madlyn Parks. Passed: 6/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Sprague, seconded by K. Sage and carried by unanimous vote at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk