

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

JUNE 13, 2022 MINUTES APPROVED JULY 11, 2022

On June 13, 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, Nick Sprague, Paul Erisman, Michael Crofton, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Kydreel Green, Trustee Shantel Schafer and Attorney Dana Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 2022. Passed: 4/0

VISITORS

Zac Lauer with Patriot Flag Services addressed the board to show them the quality of his US Flags and asked them to consider trying them as he has had great success with them

*Note Trustee Schafer arrived at 7:07pm

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to purchase new flags and poles with a cost to not exceed \$5,000.

Village employees Dan and Ed Hoffman will supply a list of flag sizes. Trustee Schafer will get with Marilyn Spangler, Ed and Dan for armed forces flag placement.

Rich Bartlett addressed the board and asked how many juveniles were caught at the school during the last board meeting. Chief Harney responded there were 2. Rich stated there were in fact 3 juveniles and that is pretty important information. Trustee Schafer asked about the paper for permission to put of No Trespassing signs. Chief Harney is working on getting the proper permission. Rich Bartlett stated he cleaned up the brush in the yard so it can be mowed. President Atkinson told Dan to talk to Brian Atkinson to see if we pay for the gas if he will mow it. Rich Bartlett volunteered his time as well as it needs to be maintained more frequently than it has been. Scott Spangler mentioned there is a special needs school also looking for a location for a school. Marilyn Spangler stated schools have easier access to grants than we do. President Atkinson stated the school district put us in the position we are in. Our budget is a fraction of theirs and there were good, local citizens that bid on the property that had good intentions for the building but they chose to sell to the highest bidder, who turned around and sold it to the highest bidder on eBay and now we are in the same position as Eldena and Lee Center. Ed Hoffman asked if there is anything we can do to secure the building to keep people out. President Atkinson stated it is not our property.

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the Summer Park Program will be taking place in July and they are still seeking an employee. Candidates must be 21, CPR certified and good with kids. She reminded the employees the creek beds needs to be cleared for Harvest Fest.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

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

POLICE REPORT (Chief Harney)

Complaints/Calls for Service – 10

Ordinance Warnings – 8

Accidents – 1

Chief Harney stated there was a power outage on May 18. We need to keep working on back up power supply. He stated the squad car repair; shortage of parts, engine has been ordered and estimated 2-3 weeks to ship. Prophetstown has loaned us their SUV. President Atkinson stated Trustee Green did get a better bid for the back up power supply.

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (N. Sprague Chairman)

None

WATER & SEWER (M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton advised it will be two years before they start on the new well house.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (S. Schafer Chairman)

Trustee Schafer asked about the possibility of getting slow children signs on Sycamore St. She stated the lilies for the stop signs, order was placed, when she picked them up she was informed there were substitutions. When she received the invoice, it was for more than double the quote so she is working to get this resolved.

PROPERTIES
(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman stated he was able to get the truck fixed quick and it runs well.

Trustee Sprague stated he would like to see a new mower purchased as ours is still not working properly even after recent repairs and it is now a safety issue. He stated it doesn't make sense to pay someone to mow something we should be able to do ourselves and why keep putting money in it since it seems the motor is going out. It would make sense to sell it rather than keep putting more money in it and then sell it. President Atkinson stated we should make the repairs and wait until the end of the season to get a new mower. Trustee Sprague said if we are going to get a new mower, we should do it now rather than wait until the end of the season.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer to make the repairs on the mower.
Passed: 3/2 (Trustees Sprague and Thompson were nay votes)

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM
(K. Green Chairman)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer to go into Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Thompson to come out of Executive Session at 9:02 p.m. Passed: 5/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer and carried by unanimous vote at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk