

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

JUNE 12, 2023 MINUTES APPROVE JULY 10, 2023

On June 12, 2023 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, John Nicholson, Nick Sprague, Amanda Lanning, Heather Grove, Paul Erisman, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by H. Grove to approve the meeting minutes of May 8, 2023. Passed: 6/0

VISITORS

None

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by J. Nicholson to pay bills. Passed: 6/0

Clerk Sprague asked the board if they would like to participate in the shirt sponsorship for the AFC High School sports program as we did last year. The board stated they would like to be a sponsor again this year.

**POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)**

Complaints/Calls for Service – 11
Traffic Stops – 4
Traffic Arrest - 2
Traffic Warnings – 3
Criminal Arrest – 1
Ordinance Violations – 16
House Check – 2
Assist other Agency (Lee County) – 5

Trustee Nicholson inquired what the 16 ordinance violations were issued for. Chief Harney stated they were for weeds and grass. John stated he has a list of 19 properties that need attention – some are from the old list and some are new. Last week he asked BJ about the worst of the two properties, Currier's and Logan Jr.'s to see if he followed up by issuing warnings. John said BJ said he issued a warning to one but not the other. BJ stated he said he issued warnings to both. John said there was no indication there was a

warning left. There was a Nicor shut off notice still at Currier's and if they took the ordinance violation you would think they would have taken the Nicor notice as well.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by A. Lanning to approve the First Reading of Appropriation Ordinance 786-23. Passed: 6/0

Discussion was had over zoning code amendment changes removing "mean height". John would like to sit down to discuss with President Atkinson and will take back to the zoning board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Nicholson informed the board the Lincoln Highway building will be offering sponsorship bricks for the south side of the building and inquired if they would qualify for the sidewalk reimbursement. President Atkinson stated he believes they would.

WATER & SEWER
(A. Lanning Chairman)

Trustee Lanning informed the board of clarifier rehabilitation proposal came in at \$76,500. President Atkinson advised we should ask the Sanitation District for financial assistance with this repair.

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by S. Thompson to approve clarifier repairs for \$76,500. Passed: 6/0

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(H. Grove Chairman)

Trustee Grove informed the board the park committee is seeking village assistance in paying for fencing south of the shelter building to go around equipment geared for smaller children to make it safer. They are asking the village to pay for the fence and the park committee will pay for the labor. The park committee is meeting Wednesday and she will bring in estimated costs next month.

PROPERTIES
(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman stated the shelter is 99% cleaned out and ready for the floor repairs. Paul stated there was a solar light on the sidewalk was knocked over and able to be fixed. One light is out and needs to be replaced. There is also a bad wire at the basketball court.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM

(J. Nicholson Chairman)

Trustee Nicholson informed the board the Zoning board met today and unanimously voted to oppose the petition to construct a solar farm at the northeastern corner of Whitney Road and McGirr Road. The board agrees with the opposition and opted to sign a proclamation stating as such.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Marilyn Spangler asked if the grass that was unnecessarily sprayed with weed killer could be reseeded in the fall or next spring.

John Nicholson asked the board if they would approve of splitting the cost of a portable power distribution unit with Rooney's. Village portion would be around \$500. It was the decision of the board to implement a letter of agreement.

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded J. Nicholson to go into Executive Session at 8:53pm to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 6/0

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by J. Nicholson to come out of Executive Session at 9:56pm. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by A. Lanning to increase the village employees' hourly wages: Matt Higley \$22 to 23.50, Braiden Runkle \$13 to \$16.50 effective the next payroll and Robert Harney \$27.13 to \$28.50 retroactive to May 1, 2023.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by P. Erisman, seconded by A. Lanning and carried by unanimous vote at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk