

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

JUNE 16, 2025 MINUTES APPROVED JULY 7, 2025

On June 16, 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Scott Spangler, John Nicolson, Susan Murphy, Kristy Murphy, Heather Grove, President Eric Grendahl, Clerk Jessica Ford..

Absent: Attorney Considine and Trustee Mark Delhotal

MINUTES

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by J. Nicholson to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Meetings of May 12, 2025. Passed: 5/0

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR'S

S Spangler contacted Lee Co sheriff's office. Seeing a lot of moving violations that are being missed. Would like to discuss this with Leut. Frye.

President Grendahl has contacted Leut. Frye. Discussion on issues with patrol and upcoming Harvest Fest. Lee Co. is meeting the 20+hr/wk commitment.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

None

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Murphy to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

POLICE REPORT

Lee Co. is meeting the 20+hr/wk commitment.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney D. Considine)

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(M. Delhotal, Chairman)

President Grendahl is looking at parkway trees for trimming and replanting. Looking into an arborist. Would like to continue replant program.

J. Nicholson has storm drain sunk down in alley by his building that needs repaired.

WATER & SEWER
(K. Murphy, Chairman)

K. Murphy stated that the full-time water employee left for personal reasons. New employee hired with a start date of July 1, 2025. Roger and President Grendahl are helping in the interim.

President Grendahl stated that there are issues with time clock at the office. Looking into a time clock with fingerprint and employee ID number.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(J. Nicolson, Chairman)

None.

PROPERTIES
(S. Spangler, Chairman)

S. Spangler stated the apparent issues with weeds and maintenance at Atlasta Park and other Village properties was due to a lack in education. Has been addressed and the properties are being well maintained. Would like a light to be added with vandal protection in the Lion's Club shelter as well as a sign for Eagle Hill Park.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Murphy, Chairman)

S. Murphy would like to work through budget issues to focus on things that need done for efficiency and getting them taken care of the right way.

TOURISM
(H. Grove, Chairman)

Trustee H. Grove stated that Harvest Festival plans are underway, and the flyer should be out very soon. Will have Rev. War reenactors (75-110) with a battle on Sunday. Drum and fife band leading the parade.

S. Spangler assigned to take care of the Eagle Hill Park sign and bench by Park and Rec. Committee.

NOTE: Trustee Mark Delhotal arrived at 7:33pm

GENERAL ISSUES

President Grendahl:

Would like consideration on water rate increase. Have not had an increase since 2010. Ashton's rates are approx. double Franklin Grove rates for less amount used.

Would like to consider options for building permit/code enforcement. Currently using Tris Brumbly. Ashton is using a firm. Would like to look at their fee schedule.

Has gone over budget and had discussions regarding possible changes. Please review provided budget. May need to have a Special Meeting to approve before July 7 meeting.

Considered changing the Park and Recreation Committee persons. Board was addressed by current members and those interested in joining. Agreement was had to allow interested parties to join meetings and participate in planning. Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Motion was made by J. Nicholson, seconded by M. Delhotal to table the change in committee chairs. Passed: 5/0

Modified Intergovernmental Agreement with the Township was presented.

Motion made by M. Delhotal, seconded by S. Murphy to approve Intergovernmental Agreement. Passed: 5/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by H. Grove, seconded by M. Delhotal and carried by unanimous vote at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ford
Village Clerk