

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

MARCH 12, 2018 MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 9, 2018

On March 12, 2018 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, Bob Bass, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, William Schaneberg, Gary Mason, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by B. Bass to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2018. Passed: 5/0

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mike O'Malley and Cody Brewington from Northern Illinois Disposal came to the meeting to introduce themselves and meet the board face to face. President Atkinson let them know the service has been good. He advised all residence are paying customers so anyone that puts trash out should be picked up and added to their route/count.

Helen Gellert asked if Northern Illinois Disposal could post a calendar of pick up days. Cody said the information is available on their website but he could possibly put a list together.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT  
BILLS & LATE BILLS**

**Motion** made by G. Mason, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

**POLICE REPORT**

Miles on the police car – 506  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 6  
Traffic Stops – 4  
Traffic Arrest - 1  
Traffic Warnings – 5  
Ordinance Warnings – 4

**LEGAL ISSUES  
(Attorney Considine)**

Attorney Considine advised they have not had any luck serving Mr. Suski papers. They have tried every month and have been unable to do so. She said they recorded a

memorandum of judgement so if he were to sell any property that he owns, Attorney Considine will receive a phone call from the title company notifying her they need a pay off amount of what he owes the village. In the meantime, the processors will continue to try to serve him papers for the citation of the judgment.

## **GENERAL ISSUES**

President Atkinson supplied the board with an updated committee assignment list adding Trustee Thompson to the solid waste committee. Attorney Considine advised she just recently wrote a garbage contract that she will forward to us to review when the time comes for us to renew our contract.

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Spangler to approve the new committee assignment list. Passed: 5/0

President Atkinson advised the board he would like to add a classification to the liquor code for sale of alcohol by someone that is an existing liquor license holder to be able to sell alcohol for profit, for example at an event at the Bed and Breakfast. Attorney Considine will draft an amended ordinance.

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to proceed with a draft of adding a new classification to the liquor code. Passed: 5/0

**\*Note: Trustee W. Schaneberg arrived at 7:22p.m.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

(N. Sprague Chairman)

President Atkinson advised the board burning starts March 15<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Sprague said he would have the leaf vac start picking up shortly after.

Trustee Thompson informed the board we received the money from the insurance company to replace the sign that was knocked down on Maple St. if we could get that replaced.

### **WATER & SEWER**

(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg stated they worked on the generator, it runs but doesn't put out power. President Atkinson advised before we spend any money on it to have Keith Roop or someone who has ran it before to look at it and go from there.

President Atkinson asked where we are with the well by Village Hall. Trustee Schaneberg said they haven't gotten to it yet. President Atkinson said he would like to get it working or a new well and bring the generator up here so if there is some kind of serious power failure or something, at least we will have Village Hall, a well and a siren.

Trustee Spangler inquired about someone that had generators for municipalities. President Atkinson said there is a program through the DNR that offers ex-military

equipment first to fire departments, police then offered to municipalities. He asked Officer Harney to get the info from Pat Hilliker.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(G. Mason Chairman)

Trustee Mason advised the board Lirim Mimini approached him about a fundraiser the Republican party does each year. In years past they have always had it in Dixon and they are looking for new venues to have it in the surrounding communities. They are looking for an indoor place that can host 200-500 people, be able to serve alcohol and food. It's in April or May, so it would be too late for this year, but something to think about for the future.

## **PROPERTIES**

(B. Bass Chairman)

Trustee Bass mentioned he received a phone call from a Prescott car dealer and was wondering if we were entertaining the idea of getting a new work truck. President Atkinson said not at this time.

Clerk Sprague advised Trustee Bass that last month during his absence, she let the board know about the playground equipment FG Fundraisers purchased, and President Atkinson was on board with them placing the playground equipment where they wanted to as long as the Park Board is okay with it. Clerk Sprague presented the Park Board with their plans and they were on board with it. The only recommendation they had was to possibly place the two smaller pieces of equipment closer to the shelter.

President Atkinson advised when Officer Harney has a light bar picked out, to go ahead and get it ordered for him.

Marilyn Spangler asked about the siding at the shelter down at the park. Trustee Bass said it should be repaired when the weather warms up. Marilyn mentioned the flag was off one hook but notices it has since been fixed.

## **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson presented the board with some information on electronic signs. Attorney Considine mentioned electricity costs of the electronic signs could be quite large. Trustee Thompson said he would continue to look at other signs.

## **TOURISM**

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board Harvest Festival is tying up loose ends for the advertising. This year the cover will celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> year of Illinois and they received a matching funds grant for printing.

Trustee Spangler said the car show already has received quite a few entries. He said so far, the car show has raised about \$12,000 and the lowest bid they received for the new handicapped restrooms is \$20,000.

Trustee Spangler said Abe Lincoln at the library was amazing. He said it was pretty good attendance considering the bad weather and it was a very good program.

Trustee Spangler asked if everyone had an opportunity to look over the rental occupancy permit, if there are any changes that need to be made. Trustee Mason asked who would be enforcing the requirements. President Atkinson said it would be the zoning officer.

President Atkinson said he does not want to see the village in the middle of a landlord/tenant relationship but he could see where we would want to come in beforehand to make sure the house is habitable. He foresees the biggest issues being enforcement and notice of different tenants and he recommends Trustee Spangler shrink it down to make it a quick walk through to make sure the house is habitable and make the fee minimal.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING** (S. Spangler Chairman)

None

### **OTHER**

Marilyn Spangler provided President Atkinson with Illinois Park Codes for park districts. Marilyn suggested we ask the school board for an itemized list of utilities rather than going by word of mouth what is costs for utilities. She advised the board if the wishes were to proceed with a park district, a master plan would need to be created which would include the boundaries for taxing for inclusion into the district, the legal steps are on pages 11-13 of the packet she provided, she suggested a walk through of the building be scheduled.

Marilyn informed the board the Easter Egg Hunt will be on 3/31/18 at 11:00 at Atlasta Park.

Marilyn asked the village insurance be asked what type of ground coverage would be necessary for the playground equipment FG Fundraisers will be installing at Atlasta Park. The next park board meeting is 3/14/18 at 7:00 at Atlasta Park community shelter.

President Atkinson informed the board prom is April 28<sup>th</sup>, we need to pick a date for the annual spring clean-up.

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by G. Mason to have our annual spring clean-up on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8-noon. Passed: 6/0

President Atkinson will get ahold of the FFA, Trustee Thompson will contact Northern Illinois Disposal to get an extra dumpster from 8am-1pm.

Trustee Schaneberg said Ed Floto approached him concerning repairing his sidewalk. Trustee Schaneberg said he and Ed Floto are the only ones on that side of the street that have a sidewalk, and asked if they would be able to remove it rather than repairing it because they would have to build it up 1-1/2' to put it in to code. Attorney Considine asked if they could ask for a variance from the village to replace it where it is currently rather than having to build it up. President Atkinson said he would rather see sidewalks replaced rather than removing them and asked Trustee Sprague to look into it.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Spangler, seconded by W. Schaneberg and carried by unanimous vote at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk