

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

MARCH 9, 2020 MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 6, 2020

On March 9, 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 Trustee Scott Spangler at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Shaun Thompson, Karmen Sage, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, Shantel Schafer, Michael Crofton, and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Attorney Considine and Village President David Atkinson

MINUTES

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2020. Passed: 5/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Marilyn Spangler informed the board their tenant on Walnut Street is asking about getting gravel at the parkway in front of the house. Ron stated he will be getting gravel when the roads are posted. Trustee Sprague said he could still get it from Renner even with the roads being posted. Marilyn also stated she has heard of several people having problems with skunks. The board informed her there is nothing the village can do about it. Trustee Schafer said she has a contact that she called last year when they had one and that is was rather costly.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by K. Sage to pay bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

POLICE REPORT
(Chief BJ Harney)

Miles on the police car – 573
Complaints/Calls for Service – 7
Traffic Stops – 2
Traffic Warnings – 2
Other Arrest – 2
Ordinance Warnings – 1
Accidents – 1
Motorist Assist - 1
Investigation – 2, retail theft, fraud

Trustee Schafer stated it seems to be the same number of stops and warnings, why are warnings issued rather than tickets. Chief Harney replied these two warnings were for no

front license plates and he felt warnings were fairer than issuing tickets for this specific offense. Trustee Schafer stated the previous month minutes indicate the radar sign seems to be working and asked if it takes multiple readings. Chief Harney stated yes, it takes multiple readings, typically the first is around 40+ mph and the last reading is typically 25-30 mph. Trustee Schafer asked if people are stopped for speeding if tickets or warnings are issued. Chief Harney said it depends on how much above the limit they are going determines if a warning or ticket is issued. Trustee Schafer stated the previous months minutes indicated there were 3 wheelers and 4 wheelers that were caught up to, who caught up to them? President Atkinson and Trustee Sprague originally caught up to them and Chief Harney followed up with them.

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

Trustee Spangler informed the board Larry June received his Class C Water Operator Certificate.

The Community Clean Up Day will be April 18th as that was the only day the FFA would be available. ***EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THE TIME BEING**

Clerk Sprague asked if kids would be able to earn Silver Cord hours if they came up and helped. Yes, they would be able to earn Silver Cord hours if they assist. Ron Miller stated they will be painting fire hydrants in the future and that would be another opportunity for silver cord hours. Clerk Sprague commented Mt. Morris has really cute fire hydrants. Trustee Schafer stated she would contact Fire Chief Hilliker to see what the requirements are for fire hydrant color coder.

Enterprise Zone:

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to pay \$3,000 to have Enterprise Zone incorporated in the village. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by K. Sage to update the Board Advisory Committee by replacing Beverly Power with Marilyn Spangler as the Library Advisory and replacing Trina Dillon with Jennifer Warrenfeltz as the AFC School Advisory. Passed: 5/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Thompson informed the board Maple Street is busted up, might want to blacktop it. Trustee Spangler added the intersection at Risdon's (corner of Walnut and Lahman) is also bad. Trustee Sprague stated he previously had a bid for work that included that intersection and President Atkinson turned it down and stated our guys could do it. Trustee Spangler asked Ron if he felt it was something they could do. Ron stated he doesn't feel they would be able to do it properly. Trustee Sprague stated he would get a new bid.

WATER & SEWER (M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton stated he would like to go into executive session at the end of the meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(S. Shafer Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES

(K. Sage Chairman)

Clerk Sprague asked if the board would be okay with the water bills going out in envelopes next quarter so the Park Committee could send an interest survey along with them. She estimated it would be around \$40 more than the post card postage. Trustee Schafer asked if we would do the same if other committees asked us to do something like that. Clerk Sprague responded the park committee is a village entity.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by K. Sage to include the water surveys with the water bills in envelopes. Passed: 5/0

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

The car show will be on May 9th and they have had a really good response so far.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

Marilyn Spangler advised the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 11th at 11:00 at Atlasta Park and they are looking for an alternate location if needed for inclement weather. ***EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THE TIME BEING**

Ron Miller stated the tractor needs new tires. The board advised the cost would be split between Water & Sewer and Streets & Alleys.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to go into Executive Session at 7:45p.m Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by M. Crofton to come out of Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. Passed: 5/0

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 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk