

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

MARCH 8, 2021 MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 12, 2021

On March 8, 2021 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, Scott Spangler, Shantel Schafer, Mike Crofton, Attorney Considine, President Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

**Absent:** Trustees Karmen Sage and Nick Sprague

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2021. Passed: 4/0

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Kelly Reagan-Robery addressed the board as an insurance business and a concerned citizen concerning the trains having all the crossings blocked all day. President Atkinson advised he will file a complaint on behalf of the village.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Thompson to pay bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 4/0

Clerk Sprague advised the board the budget sheets were included in their packet, please have them turned in by April 5<sup>th</sup> so we can have the first reading of the budget at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Clerk Sprague stated Dale Stinnett asked Ron about the old piece of playground equipment. Marilyn Spangler suggested it be put out for bid, the board agreed. Ron will take pics to be sent out for bid.

**POLICE REPORT**  
**(Chief Harney)**

Miles on the police car – 482  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 10  
Traffic Stops – 6  
Traffic Warnings – 6  
Ordinance Warnings – 3  
Assist other Agency – 3

Trustee Spangler stated the house at Lahman/State is now a cat house. It seems the sun porch door is open and totes have been made into cat houses.

Trustee Spangler stated he sat and watched three stop signs for 20 minutes each and over 40% of the people ran the stop signs. The three intersections were Lahman/State, Lahman/Elm and Elm/Hughes. He said there were 74 cars in 40 minutes that went through the Lahman/State and Lahman/Elm intersections and 16 cars in 20 minutes that went through the Elm/Hughes intersection and 66% of that time Chief Harney was at Village Hall. He stated it was just after 2:00pm, there were children present and people continued to run the stop signs. The worst one was Lahman/Elm north/south traffic.

**LEGAL ISSUES**  
**(Attorney Considine)**

None

**GENERAL ISSUES**

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by M. Crofton to approve Enterprise Zone Ordinance 773-21 to amend Ordinance 770-20. Passed: 3/1  
Trustee Schafer was the Nay vote as she didn't feel she had enough time to read through the amended ordinance to make an educated vote. President Atkinson stated he would make the swing vote to get the ordinance passed so we didn't hold the Enterprise Zone up on the projects for Dixon and Oregon.

Annual community clean up day will be April 17<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Thompson will get the dumpsters ordered. Clerk Sprague will get fliers made up and posted and contact Rick Shoemaker for the TV's and get current price from Dixon Tire for tire disposal fees.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STREETS & ALLEYS**  
(N. Sprague Chairman)

None

**WATER & SEWER**  
(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton advised employee Dan Hoffman is doing a wonderful job. He recently got the clarifier working and 3 of the 17 tasks on the list are now complete. He stated the sand filter will be a complete tear down.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
(S. Schafer Chairman)

Trustee Schafer advised she spoke with Wipfli concerning the separation of the library. They stated the pros for the library include having full say over the entity, donors may be more apt to donate to a library rather than a government, they may apply for additional grants, they would most likely fall beneath the audit threshold, therefore an audit would not be required. There are a number of pros for the village including employee benefits and grants. Marilyn Spangler informed her the library board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm if Trustee Schafer would like to attend.

**PROPERTIES**  
(K. Sage Chairman)

None

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**  
(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

**TOURISM**  
(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the car show is working on sponsors. They are getting a positive response. The car show will be on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> and they are looking for volunteers to see raffle tickets, judges and parkers with 9am to noon being the busy time.

Trustee Spangler stated the new banners are going up.

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

None

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the park committee will be meeting Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>. They are planning something for Easter and there is a lot of planning on the table depending on volunteers and how things are with the virus. They are planning an outdoor event during Harvest Fest, even if there isn't a Harvest Fest there will be an event.

Trustee Crofton asked Attorney Considine about what is involved with condemning a house. Attorney Considine will outline the process.

**Motion** made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Thompson to go into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 4/0

**Motion** made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Thompson to come out of Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. Passed: 4/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Schafer seconded by S. Thompson and carried by unanimous vote at 8:23 p.m. respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk