

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

MARCH 13, 2023 MINUTES APPROVE APRIL 10, 2023

On March 13, 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, Nick Sprague, Paul Erisman, Amanda Lanning, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson (by phone) and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustees Kydreel Green, Heather Grove

MINUTES

Motion made by N Sprague, seconded by P. Erisman to approve the meeting minutes of February 13, 2023. Passed: 4/0

VISITORS

Women's Club representatives Marlene Hilliker, Nola Colwell, Delores Dill and Marilyn Spangler informed the board the floor at the Women's Shelter building flooring is need of repairs. They presented the board with estimates and asking the board for financial help. Trustee Thompson asked if there was a preference and they indicated they didn't have a preference at this time. Trustee Thompson stated the TSR is very durable. Trustee Erisman stated he met with him as well and it would be \$4,000 less if they didn't do the color epoxy and left it the color of the primer.

Trustee Thompson asked what kind of help they are looking for from the village. The Women's Club said they would like to get 50%-75% help. Nola indicated the bid was good for a year and it's about up.

John Nicholson asked about the progress of the Currier property. Attorney Considine stated she has been in touch with both sons and they indicated they were going to attempt to take care of it on their own without an attorney. They were supposed to have been here at the end of June. John stated he would like to see several properties on that street cleaned up as it is the main route to the Franklin Creek Headwaters. Attorney Considine will give both of the phone numbers to Zoning President John Nicholson.

President Atkinson stated he would like to see the village acquire both the Currier and the property directly to the south. He stated someone should get in contact with Jesse Hardy's daughter Tonya.

John Nicholson asked if Chief Harney has had any contact with the gentleman on the highway that is running the business out of his residence.

John Nicholson stated Bob Logan Jr. was told a year ago to clean up his property. At the same time, the property south by the track was also told to clean his property up and he did but Bob Logan Jr. on the other hand hasn't even started.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by A. Lanning to pay bills. Passed: 4/0

Clerk Sprague asked the board we need to pick a date for village clean-up, prom is April 29th so any other weekend would be better. Trustee Lanning informed the Earth Day is April 22nd. The board agreed this would be the perfect day for village clean-up.

Clerk Sprague informed the board the budget sheets were given to the board members and asked that they be filled out and returned by April 3rd for the first reading of the budget at the April meeting.

POLICE REPORT

(Chief Harney)

Complaints/Calls for Service – 7

Traffic Stops – 7

Traffic Arrests – 1

Traffic Warnings – 9

Ordinance Warnings – 1

Motorist Assist – 2

House Check – 3

Assist other Agency – 2

Investigation – 1

Trustee Thompson stated to be on the look out for an olive green 2006-07 Chevy Malibu ripping through town.

LEGAL ISSUES

(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

John Nicholson addressed the board with zoning code amendments that were shown in red. A copy of the recommended changes were sent to Attorney Considine. John stated something needs to be added for saplings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague informed the board Civil not coming to sweep the streets, the bid was for one sweeping only. He is talking to a couple people for pricing.

Trustee Sprague stated there needs to be better communication as he wasn't informed the truck wasn't getting fixed and he was caught in a snow storm without a truck.

Trustee Erisman stated the truck should not have been ran out of oil. Trustee Sprague stated he was told Trustee Erisman told him to run it. Trustee Erisman said he didn't say that.

Trustee Lanning stated village employee Matt needs to report only to Trustee Sprague as he is Streets and Alleys employee, not Water and Sewer.

WATER & SEWER
(A. Lanning Chairman)

Trustee Lanning stated Well 3 repair estimates \$20,000. Getting quotes for new and used jettors and she will have them for the next meeting.

Trustee Sprague asked about water license. Trustee Lanning stated they have contracts with Willett and Hofmann to provide training for employee Marcello.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(H. Grove Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES
(P. Erisman Chairman)

None

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM
(K. Green Chairman)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Marilyn Spangler stated there was a faucet that needed to be replaced but it wasn't replaced with a handicap accessible faucet and it needs to be. Easter egg hunt is April 8 at 11, bad weather will be at the Elementary school gym.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Sprague, seconded by A. Lanning and carried by unanimous vote at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk