

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

MAY 14, 2018 MINUTES APPROVED JUNE 11, 2018

On May 14, 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 Trustee Scott Spangler at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Shaun Thompson, Bob Bass, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, William Schaneberg, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

Absent: Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by B. Bass, seconded by W. Schaneberg to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2018. Passed: 5/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Kris Bass and Penny Thomas addressed the board on behalf of FG Fundraisers to see if the village would be willing to help with the cost of the installation of the playground equipment they purchased for Atlasta Park. The lowest of the bids they received for the lumber and pea gravel is \$7,000.

President Atkinson stated he believes it is in everyone's best interest to get the equipment installed sooner rather than later.

Scott Spangler stated he would rather see FG Fundraisers see what they make off of this years events and work towards raising the money themselves.

President Atkinson said all organizations that are working to make improvements to the park are doing an awesome job and they don't have to do it by themselves. The village can help in his opinion.

President Atkinson will get with Shaun Thompson to look at the funds to see what is in the realm of possibility and the board will take a vote on it.

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

Motion made by B. Bass, seconded by W. Schaneberg to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by W. Schaneberg to approve the First Reading of the 2018/19 Budget. Passed: 5/0

Clerk Sprague read a thank you card from the AFC FFA.

President Atkinson stated it was a well-received clean-up day, one of the biggest ones we have had. Two dumpsters worth of stuff collected.

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 309

Complaints/Calls for Service – 10

Traffic Stops – 2

Traffic Warnings – 2

Other Arrest – 1, Ordinance violation

Ordinance Warnings – 3

Motorist Assist - 2

House Check - 1

Officer Harney informed the board of the ordinance warnings given last month, 3 complied, 1 still in progress. The new light bar for squad car has been ordered from a local business.

Marilyn Spangler asked if we could provide Lee County Police Department with our UTV ordinance as she was stopped and asked if they were permitted in the village. Clerk Sprague will provide Lee County with a copy of the ordinance. Trustee Spangler suggested we get signs put up. Trustee Sprague advised we do have the signs, they need to be put in. He will remind the guys to get the signs up.

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

President Atkinson said Attorney Considine asked him to see if Trustee Spangler has heard anything from the conservation office regarding the property south of Atlasta Park. Trustee Spangler advised he has not heard from them and will give them a call.

President Atkinson advised the liquor classification for vendors is finished, Attorney Considine will send to us and it will be voted on next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Thompson inquired about tree trimming/removal for this year. He let Trustee Sprague know there were a couple trees that need looked at.

WATER & SEWER (W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg informed the board the water and sewer committee had a meeting on Thursday. They discussed purchasing the equipment so the sewer testing due to the overflow situation can be done ourselves. Roger Warrenfeltz and John Stenzel would be training Larry to do the testing. Trustee Schaneberg stated the wiring at the plant needs updated.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to purchase the testing equipment so the testing can be done in-house. Passed: 5/0

Trustee Schaneberg stated we need to have 100% return on the cross-connection survey. We are currently at 50%. Clerk Sprague is working on a spreadsheet of who has returned so we know who we need to follow up with. He mentioned Roger Warrenfeltz and Keith Roop believe the high school roof drains are connected to the sewer. Smoking/dyeing the man-holes was discussed to see who was all tied in directly.

John Stenzel is going to come with a list for the committee to prioritize to start making improvements.

Trustee Schaneberg stated the committee wanted to know if we are going to have the generator serviced to get it up and running. President Atkinson stated he would ultimately like to see it here so in an emergency we would have the generator for this well, the siren and Village Hall. Trustee Schaneberg stated John Stenzel would like to see it operable for the lift station. Trustee Spangler inquired about one of the military surplus generators. Officer Harney stated the DNR program he checked into was only for fire departments. President Atkinson will check with Jeff Bryant to see what we can do to get BJ on the list for the military surplus.

Trustee Schaneberg stated we could go to bare bones cell phones and they can forward their number to their own personal cell phones so they only have to carry one phone. Trustee Schaneberg stated John Stenzel told Larry how this can be done.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

None

PROPERTIES

(B. Bass Chairman)

Trustee Bass informed the board Crestview Construction picked up the piece to replace the damaged corner of the shelter and they will be installing it soon.

Marilyn Spangler informed Trustee Bass the water in the men's room of the shelter needs repaired.. She also stated we need to keep an eye on the bank of the creek bank with the amount of rain that we've had, there are tree roots exposed, possibly some concrete to line the banks with.

Trustee Bass showed the board pictures of privacy tables that fold up to see if there was interest in replacing the existing tables.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the car show was expecting 100 cars this year, they had 94 last year but the weather was a big disappointment and they only ended up with 20 entries.

Trustee Spangler stated the Harvest Fest flyers are done.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Marilyn Spangler inquired if there is a limit on how much the village can donate to a project before it has to go to open bid. President Atkinson said that is something he will have to check into.

Marilyn Spangler proposed if the children's playground equipment is placed by the shelter at Atlasta Park, the village fund the fence to go around the equipment.

GENERAL ISSUES

President Atkinson addressed the board concerning updating Committee Assignments (see attached). The major changes being made are Trustee William Schaneberg will be the properties chairman and Trustee Bob Bass will be the water and sewer chairman.

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Thompson to accept the new Committee Assignments. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Spangler to keep the Fee Schedule the same as last year. Passed: 5/0

President Atkinson informed the board Tris Brumbly asked about a Village Code Adjustment Committee to clean up our codes section by section. The committee would consist of Tris Brumbly (building regulations), Officer Harney (laws) and Scott Spangler.

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by W. Schaneberg to go into Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss Personnel Matters. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by W. Schaneberg to come out of Executive Session at 9:19 p.m. Passed: 5/0

No action taken during Executive Session.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to approve an increase in pay of a \$.74 an hour for B.J. Harney, an increase of \$2 an hour for Larry June as his probation period is now over and he is a full time employee, an increase of \$2 an hour for Mike Settles and our summer part time employee Stephen Brook will be paid \$12 an hour to be effective May 16, 2018. Passed: 5/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Sprague, seconded by B. Bass and carried by unanimous vote at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk