

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

MAY 9, 2022 MINUTES APPROVED JUNE 13, 2022

On May 9, 2022 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 Pro-Tem Shaun Thompson at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Shaun Thompson, Nick Sprague, Paul Erisman, Shantel Schafer, Mike Crofton, Attorney Considine and Clerk Stephanie Sprague (President Atkinson by phone)

Absent: Trustee Kydreel Green

MINUTES

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by M. Crofton to approve the meeting minutes of April 11, 2022. Passed: 5/0

VISITORS

John Nicholson addressed the village board concerning the condition of the old high school. Trustee Schafer stated she has been in contact with a private Christian school that is interested in purchasing the property but there was some confusion on the amount. A representative for the current owner originally stated a selling price of \$15,000, then said it was \$50,000 and they don't seem to be wavering.

John stated there are 33 broken windows and it is a safety hazard. Tim O'Neil stated it has been stabilized in the last two weeks. They feel the maximum amount of pressure needs to be applied to get some action taken.

Rich Bartlett stated the long grass is causing mice, ticks and snakes will be next.

John stated Doncaster's warehouse building is looking good, fence location is questionable but it is looking good, no improvement has been done at Logan's property, Schwarz property was cleaned a little, then nothing.

Trustee Erisman stated Brockwell's property needs to be addressed as well.

Attorney Considine advised there is typically a 50% return on nuisance letters which may be enough to work on getting some action on some of these properties, although it most likely won't work for Wetch (old high school) as he has issues on a federal level so most likely not going to respond to the village.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by P. Erisman to pay bills. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer to approve the Final Reading of the Budget. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Schafer to pay late bill to Lexipol. Passed: 5/0

**POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)**

Complaints/Calls for Service – 12
Traffic Stops – 3
Traffic Arrests – 2
Traffic Warnings – 1
Ordinance Warnings – 1
Motorist Assist – 1
House Checks – 1
Assist other Agency – 1
Investigation – 1

Chief Harney stated squad car repairs will be \$6,000 for new engine.

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by M. Crofton to start with timing chain and belt and in the event that doesn't remedy the problem to approve for \$6,000 to be authorized by Trustee Erisman. Passed: 5/0

**LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)**

None

GENERAL ISSUES

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Schafer to approve the Raffles and Poker Runs ordinance. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by P. Erisman to approve the Meeting Schedule. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer to approve the Fee Schedule. Passed: 5/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Trustee Sprague advised the board the patching work will be done in the next few weeks. Everything that is not painted white is for the village employees to repair. Delbert Schafer asked about the Lutheran Church parking area. Trustee Sprague will take a look at it.

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

None

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

None

PROPERTIES
(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman stated new door installed at well house and new street lights have been installed. The red truck needs to go in to see about ticking noise.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson advised we received \$60,000 from insurance and will receive an additional \$13,000 and it will be closed out.

TOURISM
(K. Green Chairman)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the Park Board will be meeting Wednesday May 11. They will be advertising for Summer Park Program employee. She stated the building could use to be pressure washed. She said the Car Show was wonderful, had a really good turnout.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer to go into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 5/0

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer to come out of Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by P. Erisman to increase the village employees hourly wage by CPI 8.5% (Chief Harney \$25 to \$27.13, Dan Hoffman \$19 to \$20.62, Ed Hoffman \$18 to \$19.53 and Madlyn Parks \$15 to \$16.28). Passed: 5/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Schafer, seconded by N. Sprague and carried by unanimous vote at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk