

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

MAY 12, 2025 MINUTES APPROVED JUNE 16, 2025

On May 12, 2025 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, John Nicholson, Nick Sprague, Amanda Lanning, Heather Grove, Paul Erisman, Attorney Dana Considine, and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

Absent: President David Atkinson

MINUTES

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Meetings of April 14, 2025. Passed: 5/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

None

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by A. Lanning to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

Motion

POLICE REPORT

None.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(N. Sprague, Chairman)

Trustee Sprague informed the board John Spohn has permission to use village culvert pipe and fill to make improvements to ditch to prevent sidewalk damage.

WATER & SEWER

(A. Lanning, Chairman)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(J. Nicholson, Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES

(P. Erisman, Chairman)

None

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson, Chairman)

None.

TOURISM

(H. Grove, Chairman)

None.

ADJOURNED SINE DI

As no further business was brought before the board, adjourned sine di at 7:08 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Village Clerk Jessica Ford administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Village President Eric Grendahl, newly elected Village Trustees Kristy Murphy and Scott Spangler.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Scott Spangler, John Nicholson, Kristy Murphy, Heather Grove, President Eric Grendahl, Clerk Jessica Ford, and Attorney Considine.

Absent: Newly elected Trustee Susan Murphy

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR'S

Marilyn Spangler gave car show report. 65 entries, nice weather, good turnout. The 50/50 raffle was won by a local resident.

Handicap restroom is complete. Marilyn would like to know who is going to be doing daily cleaning. Trustee S. Spangler stated that the restroom is open to the public from 8:30a-9p daily. Needs daily maintenance for stocking and sanitizing.

Marilyn Spangler stated the park board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

None

POLICE REPORT

S. Sprague checked for police report. None available. Email request sent to Matt Frye for report including incidents and time sheets.

LEGAL ISSUES

(Attorney D. Considine)

Attorney Considine stated we are still awaiting the survey for the Jesse Hardy property. There is to be a 14' strip that has not been conveyed for retaining easement. Questions about who will maintain the area were raised. Attorney Considine stated the verbiage will be in the deed.

GENERAL ISSUES

Motion made by J. Nicolson, seconded by S. Spangler for Mark Delhotal to be sworn in as the nominated trustee. Passed: 4/0

Trustee Mark Delhotal sworn in by Clerk Jessica Ford.

Motion made by M. Delhotal, seconded by J. Spangler to approve proposed committee chairs. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by M. Delhotal, seconded by S. Spangler to approve meeting schedule for 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Fee schedule discussed. Tabled for next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(M. Delhotal, Chairman)

None.

WATER & SEWER
(K. Murphy, Chairman)

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(J. Nicolson, Chairman)

None.

PROPERTIES
(S. Spangler, Chairman)

None.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Murphy, Chairman)

None.

TOURISM
(H. Grove, Chairman)

Trustee H. Grove stated that Harvest Festival plans are underway. Looking for business adds and parade participants.

J. Nicolson brought “The Treasure Hunter” add for myroadtripmap.com as an option for advertising. Reasonable rate of \$200 and includes a color add and inclusion of social media advertisement. John (Bed and Breakfast) would like to be included in the listing as his carriage house is available for rent.

Motion made by J. Nicolson to move forward with “The Treasure Hunter,” seconded by S. Spangler. Passed: 5/0

Discussion had for tourism to have the website updated with upcoming events.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by M. Delhotal, seconded by S. Spangler and carried by unanimous vote at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ford
Village Clerk