

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

NOVEMBER 11, 2019 MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 9, 2019

On November 11, 2019 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, Karmen Sage, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, Michael Crofton, President David Atkinson, and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

**Absent:** Trustee Shantel Schafer and Attorney Considine

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2019. Passed: 5/0

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Paul Erisman addressed the board asking for a copy of the committee contacts and assignments. Clerk Sprague said she would get him the lists.

Paul stated there needs to be a yield sign at the corner of Maple and Elm, and reported a car on Maple with expired plates.

Paul informed the board the house at the corner of North and Spring is causing a lot of debris in the yard of the Brethren Church. President Atkinson said he would contact the owner of the house.

Patricia Ballard addressed the board to follow up with her report from last month concerning the damage that was done to her garage. Chief Harney investigated and the measurements where the building was struck could not have been caused by either of our plows. He stated he spoke with the people who supposedly saw it happen and no one said they saw it happen. Ms. Ballard stated it must have been damaged when the construction of the bank was happening like she originally thought and asked Chief Harney if he would pass the information along to the bank of his findings during his investigation. Chief Harney stated he will tell the bank it was not hit by a village plow.

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the village Christmas Walk will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> and asked for permission to again use village hall as the warming center and permission was granted.

Marilyn stated Flat Iron Park stones are broken, some of the base is broken away. Ron Miller stated he will have someone come make repairs.

Marilyn stated the bench next to Brian Atkinson's house is a park and the bench is missing its plaque.

Marilyn stated when the memorial tree was planted at Atlasta Park she was embarrassed by the park. The dirt hasn't been neatened up after the water line repairs, the tree that is down at the fence line is still down and the door closer to the building has been broken for several weeks. Trustee Sprague stated he put a call in to Eric Grover to take care of the tree that is down.

Marilyn stated she understands there was a shipping problem with the light for the flagpole and the Women's Club has agreed to extend the offer to reimburse up to \$300 for the light if it is put up by the end of the week.

### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by K. Sage to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to pass the Tax Levy Ordinance 766-19. Passed: 5/0

### **GENERAL ISSUES**

None

### **POLICE REPORT** (Chief BJ Harney)

Miles on the police car – 713  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 16  
Traffic Stops – 6  
Traffic Arrests – 3  
Traffic Warnings – 7  
Accidents – 1  
House Checks – 2  
Assist other Agencies – 3  
Investigations – 2

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

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

None

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

Trustee Crofton informed the board he would get ahold of someone to move the concrete. President Atkinson stated he has already been in touch with Phoenix and they will be moving it.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** (S. Shafer Chairman)

None

**PROPERTIES**  
(K. Sage Chairman)

Trustee Sage informed the board she was informed she needed to look for pet waste stations and showed the board a couple options. President Atkinson asked her to share the options with the park committee to let them decide on which stations they preferred.

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

None

**TOURISM**  
(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the Santa will be at the Lincoln Building during the Franklin Grove Christmas Walk on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Spangler asked what is going on with the brush that has been sitting on Walnut St. Trustee Sprague said it hasn't been picked up because he was under the impression it was hired work and we do not pick up brush from hired contractors. Ron stated he talked to Bob Moore to let him know we are not picking it up and he will talk to him again.

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

None

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by K. Sage to go into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 5/0

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by K. Sage to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Passed: 5/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague and carried by unanimous vote at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk