

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

NOVEMBER 13, 2017 MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 11, 2017

On November 13, 2017 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, Scott Spangler, William Schaneberg, Gary Mason, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

Absent: Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by G. Mason to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2017. Passed: 4/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Thomas Przytulski, our ComEd External Affairs Manager came to introduce himself to the board.

Note: Trustee Sprague arrived at 7:05pm.

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

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

Clerk Sprague asked the board their opinion on a memorial bench for Tony Schaneberg; engraved composite boards are more expensive than engraved wood but would last longer.

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by G. Mason to spend up to \$1,100 for the memorial bench with engraved composite boards. Passed: 5/0

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 475
Complaints/Calls for Service – 10
Traffic Stops – 6
Traffic Arrests - 1
Traffic Warnings – 5
Other Arrest - 1
House Checks – 2
Assist other Agency – 3

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

President Atkinson advised the board there is a written agreement between the village and Jesse Hardy that needs to be signed and from that day he has 30 days to get done what we asked to be done with the property on N. State Street.

President Atkinson advised the board we need to fill Tony Schaneberg's trustee position. He said Bob Bass' name has been mentioned a few times.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague advised the board the village trees have been planted.

Clerk Sprague informed the board Roxy Stenzel asked if the village would be willing to help the business association out with the purchase of some lighted garland around the street light poles downtown.

Motion made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by N. Sprague to spend up to \$700 for Christmas lights.

WATER & SEWER
(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(G. Mason Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES
(N. Sprague Chairman)

None

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson informed the board we did receive a check from our insurance company to cover some of the cost of the fire hydrant that was damaged, and we should be receiving the rest from the homeowners insurance company.

TOURISM
(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler brought to attention to the board that our current ordinance for water main responsibility is from 1984 and currently the homeowner is responsible from the house to the main. He suggested it be changed to the homeowner being responsible from the shut off to the house and the village being responsible from the main to the shut off. President Atkinson stated the ordinance was put in place for EPA grants and/or low interest loans. President Atkinson suggested anyone interested, look into insurance from someone such as Nicor that offers utility line repair plans.

Trustee Spangler asked to have the Christmas lights at the tree checked to make sure they are working properly before the Christmas Walk, which will be on December 8th.

Trustee Spangler informed the board the Business Association has a raffle for a little red wagon full of wonderful things. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Lincoln Building or Stenzel's Insurance.

Trustee Spangler informed the board the property south of Atlasta Park which is currently property of Lee County Soil, is willing to give the property up. Originally they were going to offer it to Chaplain Creek Historical Society which is where it came from, but they found out they can not give it to a private organization. The village now has the opportunity to have it if we chose to pursue it. President Atkinson agreed the village should pursue it.

Trustee Spangler advised the board there will be a meeting Saturday, November 18th at 12:30pm at the Lincoln Highway Building to discuss getting the original Lincoln Highway bridge back across where it was.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the park committee received an estimate for fence removal from around the tennis courts. She said the bid was very high and was wondering if someone would be available to remove the fence from 3 sides, leaving the north end to protect the basketball courts. President Atkinson stated absolutely our village employees could handle this. Marilyn said the fence is not to be disposed of because it may be used on the south side of the property where the sand volleyball courts will be going.

Marilyn informed the board the Halloween parade was a success with over 70 participants, 3 contestants from each category were selected as winners and awarded prize money, ribbons passed out to everyone and cookies were served.

Marilyn asked if someone is still cleaning the women's shelter because it wasn't cleaned last Monday. President Atkinson said Monday's this time of year are busy for the employees because they typically have yard waste to pick up from the weekend.

Motion made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by N. Sprague to go into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss Employment/Appointment Matters citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
Passed 5/0

Motion made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Spangler to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Passed: 5/0

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Trustee Thompson asked if we can get new chairs for the office. President Atkinson said we could get pricing on new chairs for the office.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by G. Mason, seconded by W. Schaneberg and carried by unanimous vote at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk