

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

NOVEMBER 12, 2018 MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 10, 2018

On November 12, 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 President David Atkinson 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 W. Schaneberg, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2018. Passed: 5/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

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 S. Thompson to establish a Deferred Compensation Plan for employee pre-tax contributions.

Clerk Sprague suggested changes be made to the JULIE contact list. President Atkinson approved Ronald Miller as the coordinator, President Atkinson and Clerk Sprague to be alternate contacts.

Clerk Sprague reminded everyone if they know of anyone that may be interested in running for Village Trustee to send them in to get an election packet.

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 881
Complaints/Calls for Service – 7
Traffic Stops – 4
Traffic Arrest – 3
Traffic Warnings – 3
Motorist Assist – 1
Assist other Agency – 1
Investigation – 1

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by W. Schaneberg to go into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss Personnel Matters. Passed: 5/0

No action taken during Executive Session.

Motion made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by B. Bass to come back in to regular session. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by W. Schaneberg to approve the hiring of Ron Miller as the Public Works Director to oversee everything with Properties, Water & Sewer and Streets & Alleys. Passed: 4/1 (nay vote by S. Spangler)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague advised the trees have been taken down and the stumps have been ground with the exception of a couple stumps that had fiber optic running under one, a phone line under another and there were a couple add on trees that were removed and he will be back to grind the stumps. Trustee Thompson asked if they will remove the stump grindings. Trustee Sprague advised that will be the village responsibility. Ron Miller stated they will get it cleaned up.

WATER & SEWER

Ron Miller advised the board he is getting Larry trained on the testing. He stated the equipment seems to be working good, the generator is up and running, Larry needs to air up the tires and run it weekly.

President Atkinson asked if they could please get Jeff Roop's tile cleaned out. Ron said he has been in contact with Jeff and he will take a look at it.

Ron stated they picked up leaves today but he did talk to the part time employees to let them know they will be cutting their hours.

Trustee Spangler suggested we charge to pick up leaves, maybe \$10 or \$20 annual fee. President Atkinson said he was against that because the tax payers already paid for the equipment that is used to pick up the leaves. Trustee Spangler said it is something to consider to fund the leaf pick up because of the number of hours the employees spend picking up leaves is ridiculous.

Ron mentioned if we wanted to get rid of the dirt pile, we have permission to fill in the foundation hole at Jason Park's old house on North Sycamore. President Atkinson said he would not be opposed to that.

Ron asked when they should be putting up the holiday banners. Trustee Spangler said they can do that anytime now; the Christmas walk will be on December 14th.

President Atkinson advised the board the project on the highway has been postponed until next year because Nicor, someone else and our line were all in the way.

Trustee Spangler inquired about putting in another tube next to the existing tube at the park on the access road to the other side of the creek. President Atkinson stated he would like to eventually remove the tube when we acquire the land on the south of the park and have a different route to access the other side of the creek and we would in turn help maintain what ever part of the existing road we use. Trustee Spangler said he would mention something to the Historical Society.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(B. Bass Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES

(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg informed the board they had a street sweeper meeting with Ashton so now we have access to the street sweeper. Our certified street sweeper will be Ron. Trustee Sprague said Ashton is going over the agreement tonight at their meeting and we will have it next month to approve.

President Atkinson said we need to get the Christmas tree lights checked and going.

Trustee Schaneberg said we need to look into getting LED lights for the monument because we are having to replace the existing bulbs all the time.

Trustee Spangler said it is missing some rocks on the memorial and we should look into getting them repaired.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson shared pics of the finished water tower with the board. Everyone was impressed with how good the water tower cleaned up. The company said usually they are cleaned every 5-7years and ours was over 10 years.

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the new tourism page has been finalized.

Motion made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by B. Bass to pay \$895 to Avanti for the tourism advertising page. Passed: 5/0

Trustee Spangler informed the board the Christmas Walk will be December 14th.

The Lincoln Highway sign is finished and looks great.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the Halloween parade had around 90 people in attendance, there were cute costumes and it was well received.

The Christmas Walk will be December 14th from 5-8pm, Santa will be at the Lincoln Building from 6-8. The Park Board will have the warming center at the hall, gingerbread house contest, light contest winners will be announced and handing out passports and prizes.

Park Board meeting will be Wednesday at 7:00 at Atlasta Park Community Building. Trustee Spangler mentioned they went to the Business Association meeting and it sounds like there will be a lot of things going on. Marilyn stated The Barber Shop Quartet will be performing this year, the Presbyterian Church will be having their cookie sale, possibility of a dance troop at the fire station.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by W. Schaneberg to give the old Lincoln Highway banners to the Kelley House. Passed: 5/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by B. Bass, seconded by W. Schaneberg and carried by unanimous vote at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk