

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

NOVEMBER 9, 2020 MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 14, 2020

On November 9, 2020 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 Karmen Sage, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, Shantel Schafer, Michael Crofton, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Shaun Thompson, Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Spangler to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2020. Passed: 5/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

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

POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)

Miles on the police car – 583
Complaints/Calls for Service – 14
Traffic Stops – 3
Traffic Warnings – 3
Other Arrests – 2
Ordinance Warning – 1
Accidents – 1
House Check – 1
Assist other Agency – 3
Investigation – 1

Trustee Schafer asked if anything had been done concerning the weeds at State and Lahman. Chief Harney stated he has attempted to call Vision Property but it won't allow for him to leave a message. Trustee Schafer said she would attempt to find a good contact.

Trustee Schafer asked if Chief Harney was able to disclose what the arrests were. Chief Harney stated it was a domestic violence and a violation of order of protection.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

Trustee Schafer asked if President Atkinson has heard anything from Attorney Considine concerning the library. President Atkinson stated he thought Attorney Considine sent Trustee Schafer an email. President Atkinson will look for it and forward to Trustee Schafer.

GENERAL ISSUES

President Atkinson informed the board there is around \$40,000 available to us to be reimbursed for corona virus mitigation. Trustee Spangler will check into bench type seating for board members.

President Atkinson stated Lee County is setting up a center for this type of situation, if we don't use our funds we can pass on to Lee County to help them with their project so it at least stays in our county.

Trustee Schafer asked about the possibility of supplying the fire department with masks. President Atkinson stated that will not work because it has to be specifically for the village corona virus mitigation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague informed the board Eric Grover has started the village tree work. He is starting with the worst trees and is coming and going as his time permits between here and Rochelle.

He stated Martins should be starting their work soon and he will touch base with them to add Brown St. repairs.

Trustee Sprague asked about the damages to the leaf vac. Ron Miller stated it was jack knifed and the manifold cracked. President Atkinson told him to order a new one which is around \$214.

Trustee Sprague said the leaves should have been vacuumed up before Halloween and asked to make sure ours are done first.

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton advised the guys are doing a great job at the water treatment plant, they have been catching up on 35 years of neglect in a few months.

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Schafer to pay Stewart Spreading \$27,500 to clean out the digester.

They removed 15-25 ton. They will clean out 2-3 times a year to keep up with it.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(S. Schafer Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES
(K. Sage Chairman)

None

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM
(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the banners are in the final stages and he is hoping to have pictures to share at the next village board meeting.

Trustee Spangler stated there will be a modified Christmas in the Grove event this year and he will pass on the information for the website.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

Trustee Schafer advised there was a flag down behind the bench, looks like it broke or fell off. Ron Miller stated he did notice it was gone and will get it replaced.

Marilyn Spangler advised the board the lights for the park have been marked out where the poles should go.

Ron Miller stated Richter has not been able to get here to look at Rich's sewer line so he contacted two other companies to come give bids.

Scott Spangler advised the board Brandon Hudson had the tree taken down that was over the water shut off.

President Atkinson stated he has heard all good remarks about village employee Dan Hoffman and told him to keep up the good work.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Spangler and carried by unanimous vote at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk