

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

NOVEMBER 8, 2021 MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 21, 2021

On November 8, 2021 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, Kydreel Green, Paul Erisman, Shantel Schafer, Mike Crofton, Attorney Considine and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Sprague, President Atkinson

MINUTES

Motion made by M.Crofton, seconded S. Schafer to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2021. Passed: 4/0

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by M. Crofton to pay bills. Passed: 4/0

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by M. Crofton to approve the Final Reading of Appropriation Ordinance No. 778-21. Passed: 4/0

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by M. Crofton to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance No. 779-21. Passed: 4/0

**POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)**

Complaints/Calls for Service – 13
Traffic Stops – 4
Traffic Warnings – 5
Ordinance Warnings – 2
House Check – 2
Assist other Agency – 2

**LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)**

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

None

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(S. Schafer Chairman)

Trustee Schafer believes the available liquor licenses should be reviewed and put back on the agenda.

PROPERTIES
(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Schafer asked Trustee Green if he was able to get a quote for battery back-up for Village Hall and emergency siren. Trustee Green advised production is currently behind but the bid came in for \$10,000 which would be enough power to keep the hall and emergency siren up and running for 3 days.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM
(K. Green Chairman)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

NOTE: President Atkinson arrived at 7:17pm.

VISITORS

Derek Humphrey with Midwest Disposal introduced himself to the board. He stated his family has been in the business for many years and about 6 months ago he and his brother started Midwest Disposal. Derek would like to see the board but the garbage contract out for bid and stated twice a week pick up is not an issue, nor would the dumpster for clean up day.

Mike O'Malley with Northern Illinois Disposal stated with over 25 years of service, they would like to see us extend the existing contract for 1 year to allow for an opportunity to get an extended contract put together.

Scott Spangler addressed the board and explained that he is a history buff and over the last 50 years has had the opportunity to play Santa at many different events and has been Santa for the last 22 years at the Franklin Grove Christmas Walk and wanted to know why now he isn't good enough to be Santa for this years Christmas Walk. Trustee Schafer stated that was not a village decision. She stated there isn't currently a Business

Association so she and her employer agreed to put something together so there would at least still be a Christmas Walk. After some discussion Trustee Schafer stated if the Park Board would be willing to take it over, she is sure it wouldn't be a problem; she will discuss with her employer to be sure that would be okay.

Marilyn Spangler asked about the threshold for the park community building. Trustee Erisman stated something has been ordered. Marilyn stated there are also some plexiglass light shields that need replaced. It is believed Ron ordered replacements; we need to see if they can be located. Marilyn informed the board the Women's Club met with Paul and they decided the memorial bench will be installed at Flat Iron Park rather than Atlasta Park.

Marilyn stated not as many kids were out trick or treating this year and not as many at the parade, but those that came were dressed up to the hilt.

GENERAL ISSUES

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by P. Erisman to put the garbage contract out for bid identical to our existing contract. Passed: 5/0

President Atkinson inquired if the skid loader bids are still good. Trustee Erisman stated they are still good yet. Trustee Crofton stated he doesn't feel we need a skid loader and feels a tractor would be more useful. President Atkinson stated then they can keep using the old tractor and they need to maintain and take care of the equipment.

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Thompson to go into Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by M. Crofton to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Passed: 5/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Schafer, seconded by K. Green and carried by unanimous vote at 8:50 p.m. respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk