

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

NOVEMBER 14, 2022 MINUTES APPROVE DECEMBER 12, 2022

On November 14, 2022 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, Paul Erisman, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustees Kydreel Green

GENERAL ISSUES

President Atkinson stated he had two trustee appointments to bring to the board.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the appointment of Amanda Lanning as Trustee for the Village of Franklin Grove. Passed: 3/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the appointment of Heather Grove as Trustee for the Village of Franklin Grove. Passed: 3/0

Village Clerk Sprague administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Trustee Lanning and Trustee Grove.

President Atkinson stated both of the newly appointed trustees were on zoning board, Amanda as the president and Heather as a committee member so we need to appoint a new zoning board president.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by P. Erisman to appoint John Nicholson to zoning board president. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to have Trustee Lanning as the chairman of Water & Sewer and Trustee Grove as the chairman of Community Development. Passed: 5/0

VISITORS

John Nicholson stated he has been coming to the meeting since April to bring nuisance properties to the attention of the board and he has a couple more to discuss. The first being 245 W Maple with abandoned vehicles. The second being a property on Rt. 38 that doesn't have a house number in the front. They are operating a mechanic business out of their residence so they either need to try for a variance or a cease and assist. John stated he discussed with Chief Harney and he stated they are to be enforced by the zoning committee, but the code book states the chief of police shall enforce any ordinance. Scott Spangler stated these properties are the same properties he was here to discuss as well.

MINUTES

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the meeting minutes of October 10, 2022. Passed: 5/0

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by P. Erisman to pay bills. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by P. Erisman to pay late bill to Helm Civil \$187,791.81. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by P. Erisman to pay bill late bill to Gallagher Engineering \$5,410. Passed: 5/0

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance 784-22. Passed: 4/0

POLICE REPORT

(Chief Harney)

Complaints/Calls for Service – 9

Traffic Stops – 2

Traffic Warnings – 4

Ordinance Warnings – 3

Ordinance Arrest – 1

Motorist Assist – 1

Assist other Agency – 1

LEGAL ISSUES

(Attorney Considine)

Attorney Considine advised Bonnie Shupert plead guilty to the violation and is making payments for the fine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(N. Sprague Chairman)

New village employee Matt Higley introduced himself to the board and visitors. Matt stated he would like to have locks changed to key fobs similar to the fire station. President Atkinson stated that is a good idea and advised Matt to get with trustee Erisman.

WATER & SEWER

(A. Lanning Chairman)

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(H. Grove Chairman)

Trustee Grove advised the Harvest Fest committee will be having their second meeting this week.

PROPERTIES
(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman stated the employees have been testing out the UTV from the fire department.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to purchase the UTV from the fire department for \$5,000. Passed: 5/0

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson showed the board a waterproof message center to post information for \$880. It will be voted on at the December meeting.

TOURISM
(K. Green Chairman)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the Halloween was a success. She stated some very cool costumes came through, there were about 30 participants for the parade and the park committee is talking about making some changes for next year to see if it helps with attendance.

Marilyn stated the Christmas Walk will be on December 9th and Bradford Insurance will be sponsoring the horse drawn wagon rides.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by P. Erisman, seconded by N. Sprague and carried by unanimous vote at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk