

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

OCTOBER 9, 2017 MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 13, 2017

On October 9, 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, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

MINUTES

Motion made by G. Mason, seconded by S. Spangler to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2017. Passed: 5/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

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

Clerk Sprague informed the board we received one sealed truck bid for the 73 Dodge Flatbed. The bid was for \$51 from AIP Painters. The board agreed to sell the truck to AIP Painters for \$51.

Motion made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by G. Mason to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 4/0

Clerk Sprague asked Marilyn Spangler if Trick-or-Treat hours have been set. Marilyn informed the board Trick-or-Treat hours will be 5-7pm with the costume contest to follow at the elementary school, doors will open at 7:15 and contest will begin at 7:30pm. Marilyn asked if the board would pay the \$126 prize payout.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by W. Schaneberg to pay \$126 for the costume contest prizes. Passed: 4/0

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the Haunted Zombie ride will be October 27th and 28th at 7-11:30pm. Marilyn mentioned we will be looking for volunteers to help with the parking during the event. G. Mason said the Ashton Lions Club said they would be willing to help with parking.

Marilyn said this years Christmas Walk will be held on December 8th and asked for use of the hall for the warming center.

Marilyn stated car show committee would like to express their appreciation to those that helped get cement blocks that will be used for the handicapped restroom at Atlasta Park.

Clerk Sprague addressed the board about a memorial for Tony Schaneberg. Rather than purchasing a memorial plaque, she suggested a bench with the memorial engraved in the wood slats. The board agreed the bench would be a good idea. S. Spangler suggested checking to see if there is one available that would be at least 18" high so it would be easier for seniors. G. Mason suggested we could place concrete bricks or something under the bench if need be. S. Spangler suggested checking into composite material rather than wood for the slats that would last longer than the wood slats.

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 487
Complaints/Calls for Service – 8
Traffic Stops – 3
Traffic Warnings – 3
Ordinance Warnings – 2
Motorist Assist – 1
House Checks – 2
Assist other Agency – 1

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Note: Trustee Thompson arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Jesse Hardy addressed the board concerning the property at 236 N. State St. Jesse stated he believes 70-75% of the material can be reused. He would like to take down the existing building and rebuild it. Jesse estimated it will take him one year to have it tore down and the walls back up.

After much discussion concerning if rebuilding is allowed because of the location being so close to the street, President Atkinson advised the board there are 3 options, the legal route (which is very expensive and time consuming), have him build a wall at a time, or allow him to tear down, secure it with a fence and rebuild it. S. Spangler added the foundation needs to be inspected and approved before rebuild.

President Atkinson advised Jesse he will get in touch with him to let him know how to proceed.

Bob Logan addressed the board to inform them of a public book talk and artist reception held at the Winifred Knox Memorial Library on Thursday, October 19th from 5-8pm with Mariah Karson, author of *American Legion*. Bob asked for permission to share the event on the board members Facebook page. No one objected to having the event shared on their page.

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

Attorney Considine updated the board on the Suski collection; having difficulties serving the papers, believe his attorney has abandoned him so he is representing himself. There is a court date of October 26th and still trying to pursue this citation, Winnebago county hasn't been able to get him served. When served the papers they will be able to attach to the assets that he has, he will be sworn in under oath and will have to disclose his assets that he has so we can pursue the money we already have the judgment for.

GENERAL ISSUES

President Atkinson advised the board the gentlemen we had lined up for the water and sewer position took a job with a contracting firm. However, this created a chain of communication between the village and the contracting firm, Test, Inc. There are different levels of participation. Option A is \$1,800/month which would give us 15 manhours a week with a certified operator. Option B is \$500, they would send their certified operator once a week and they would make a list of what needs to be done. For about \$8,000 annually they will do all our testing for both water and sewer.

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by W. Schaneberg to hire Test, Inc. for \$1,800/month as our water and sewer contractor which includes 15 manhours per week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague advised the board Ace Hardware is willing to sell us their 2008 chipper with 780 hours for \$17,500 which includes full service and extra blades. To give a comparison of similar chippers for sale, he provided info of a 2007 for \$23,000 with 1132 hours, and a 2011 for \$27,000 with 1311 hours.

Motion made by G. Mason, seconded by W. Schaneberg to purchase the chipper from Ace Hardware for \$17,500. Passed: 5/0

President Atkinson suggested to have a plan on what is going to be done with the old chipper.

WATER & SEWER

(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(G. Mason Chairman)

Trustee Mason asked the board if anyone had an opportunity to look over the information he provided last month about the Community Heart and Soul community program, if he was going in the right direction. Trustee Spangler said he did read the material, he is all for it but in his experience, he has found it is very hard to get people to participate. Trustee Mason stated it would be nice to be able to have everyone come together to give ideas that would benefit everybody and not just their one organization, to have everyone working towards the same thing rather than going in twenty different directions.

President Atkinson informed Trustee Mason he would really like him to start promoting our community and whatever houses are for sale or rent here in Rochelle. Trustee Mason said he is on the Rochelle Chamber and he will pursue that.

PROPERTIES

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague advised the trees the village ordered from McCormick's have been delivered and need to be planted.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson informed the board he is still waiting to hear from the insurance company on the fire hydrant claim, now they are talking about depreciation due to the age of the fire hydrant and how much its worth. Trustee Thompson will stay on top of this.

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the tourism page for Lee County is finished and will be going to print soon.

Trustee Spangler attended a banquet fundraiser for the Grist Mill at the Post House in Dixon and made some contacts. He mentioned he would like to see signage on the highway to promote the Mill.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Motion made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by N. Sprague to go into Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. to discuss Legal Matters citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Passed 5/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by G. Mason to come out of Executive Session at 9:37 p.m. Passed: 5/0

No action was taken in Executive Session.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Spangler and carried by unanimous vote at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk