

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

OCTOBER 14, 2019 MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 11, 2019

On October 14, 2019 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, Michael Crofton, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson, and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustees Karmen Sage and Shantel Schafer

MINUTES

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2019. Passed: 4/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Kathy Yocum addressed the board to let them know the Women's Club would like to have a solar light at the flag pole at Atlasta Park, and if it is installed by Veteran's Day the Women's Club will pay \$300 to go towards the light.

Kathy also thanked the board for the increase in the pay for Community Building Coordinator. She requested the building be cleaned on Friday's since it is rented out nearly every weekend and there are groups that meet during the week so if it is cleaned on Friday's, it will be ready to go for the weekend events, and it should be checked on Monday's to see if they need cleaned after the weekend events.

Kathy informed the board of community/economic development programs Oregon and Rochelle are doing with Western Illinois University. They set goals for 10-30 years for the town and tie together the different town organizations.

Marilyn Spangler informed the board trick or treating will be on Halloween from 5-7pm with the contest following at the elementary school gym, doors open at 7:15, contest at 7:30.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Spangler for the village to pay \$168 for the Halloween costume contest prizes. Passed: 4/0

Marilyn informed the board David and Linda Giese will be donating a Sugar Maple tree at Atlasta Park in memory of their son Kyle Mortell who passed away in May of 2018. Kyle was a 2005 graduate of AFC.

Marilyn stated Ron picked up the lights for the sidewalk at the park, the park committee suggested they be placed on the south side of the sidewalk away from the water line. She has contacted three electric companies for estimates. She stated the west side of the park is looking very nice and suggested moving the burn pile to the south east side of the water treatment plant. President Atkinson stated now would be the time to do it. Ron will take a look to make sure they would be able to get the trucks in there.

Marilyn recommended we need to be thinking about getting the Christmas tree lights repaired. Ron will get with Hilliker Electric.
Marilyn suggested we get signs to remind people to clean up after their dogs put up at the park. President Atkinson suggested we get the signs with the baggie stations.
Marilyn gave a reminder to get the concession trailer moved from Chaplin Creek.
Marilyn stated the drinking fountain at the park is continuously running and the ground is saturated.

Willy Schaneberg informed the board the Lincoln Building is closed for the time being. Lynn Asp has resigned and the building is currently closed for rehab, hopefully it will be reopen in the spring. They are seeking volunteers to have it open a couple hours a day like from noon to 2:30-3:00. They are hoping to find several volunteers as not to burden one person with the task. Meetings that were held there will still be held.

Patricia Ballard, neighbor to village hall addressed the board concerning damage to her garage that she believes happened last winter and claims a neighbor saw the city plow hit the garage causing the damage. She is asking to be reimbursed for the cost of repairs, \$300-500 she estimates. President Atkinson asked BJ to investigate so we can get it take care of swiftly as possible.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2019. Passed: 4/0

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Spangler to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 4/0

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Spangler to the Corporate Resolution. Passed: 4/0

Clerk Sprague informed the board the village received a carbon copy of a letter the Women's Club sent to the Postal Service regarding the sidewalk and general care of the post office. She asked Women's Club memers Kathy Yocum and Marilyn Spangler if they received a response from the post office. Kathy Yocum stated they did receive a response and the Postal Service is reviewing the issues.

GENERAL ISSUES

None

POLICE REPORT (Chief BJ Harney)

Miles on the police car – 759
Complaints/Calls for Service – 9
Traffic Stops – 3
Traffic Arrests – 1
Traffic Warnings – 2
Ordinance Warnings – 1
Accidents – 1
House Checks – 2

Assist other Agencies – 3
Investigations – 2

Chief Harney informed the board the radar speed sign has been ordered from Kustom Signals.

Chief Harney stated street signs are need for unmarked intersections; Spring St. at Middle St., Spring St. at Walnut St., Walnut St. at North St., stop sign at Spring St. at South St. for south bound.

Chief Harney stated trees need to be trimmed back to clear around the street lights at 100 block S. Walnut, Elm St at Rt. 38 and 200 block N. Elm St.

President Atkinson asked Ron to get the signs ordered to get them in before the ground freezes.

Trustee Spangler stated people are running stop signs, he often sees this happen at Lahman/State, Lahman/Elm and Elm/Hughes.

LEGAL ISSUES **(Attorney Considine)**

Attorney Considine stated they are still trying to get the citation served on Mr. Suski.

Trustee Spangler asked about the deed from the soil and water property at the park went through because according to the Lee County GIS, the property is not yet listed as village property. Attorney Considine stated it did go through and she will pull the file and send copies to the village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Trustee Sprague asked if there was a place we could dump concrete from a few sidewalks that will be replaced in town. President Atkinson and Willy Schaneberg stated the concrete could be dumped behind the village Quonset where the existing concrete is.

WATER & SEWER **(M. Crofton Chairman)**

Trustee Crofton informed the board he received an estimate of \$23,650 to split the water line between the school building and the athletic field. He stated he will be getting more estimates.

Trustee Crofton stated the digester hose has a leak.

Trustee Sprague asked if our jetter is broke because he saw a bill from an outside contractor for jetting. Trustee Crofton and Ron Miller stated our hoses are too stiff and they aren't able to purchase replacement hoses.

Trustee Sprague asked who completed the work on the water main on Route 38. Ron Miller stated Sauk Valley Plumbing completed the work, it was too dangerous for our employees to fix it themselves. President Atkinson recommended Chief Harney take the squad car down with the lights on in the future for projects that are in high traffic areas that we can do ourselves.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(S. Shafer Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES

(K. Sage Chairman)

Clerk Sprague informed the board Trustee Sage was able to find lockers for our employees and Ron picked them up.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board the Franklin Grove Christmas Walk will be on December 13th. The Business Association will raffle off a red wagon full of goodies, Santa will be somewhere, not sure if it will be at the Lincoln Building or somewhere else this year.

Trustee Spangler asked Attorney Considine if the village should be proactive with the upcoming legalization of pot, sale of pot tax. Attorney Considine advised she will look into it.

Trustee Spangler advised the board the Harvest Fest committee basically dissolved. For now Chaplin will take it over but they won't be responsible for anything else going on in town. If there is another organization interested in taking it over, they would gladly hand it over. He indicated John Hilliker expressed interested in chairing it, there is money to keep it going that can only be used for advertising and Harvest Fest activities.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Spangler and carried by unanimous vote at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk