

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

OCTOBER 19, 2020 MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 9, 2020

On October 19, 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 Shaun Thompson, Karmen Sage, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, Shantel Schafer, Michael Crofton, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

**Absent:** Attorney Considine

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by K. Sage to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2020. Passed: 6/0

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the park committee suggested the last piece of playground equipment be placed where the current sand box is located. She gave Ron the layout for the parking lot horseshoe of the tennis courts.

Marilyn informed the board the library does have their own tax-exempt number.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by M. Crofton to pay bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 6/0

**POLICE REPORT**

Miles on the police car – 437  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 6  
Traffic Stops – 1  
Traffic Arrests – 1  
Ordinance Warning – 1  
House Check – 1  
Assist other Agency – 1  
Investigation – 2

Trustee Sprague asked Chief Harney to have residents at 248 N. State St. to pick up their garbage and move things for the trees out front to be taken down as Eric Grover will be in town to start on the village tree work. Officer Harney said he was there recently and they only picked up the specific things he pointed at, he will stop by again.

Trustee Schafer asked if anything had been done with the weeds at State and Lahman. Chief Harney stated he would send another email to the company.

**LEGAL ISSUES**  
**(Attorney Considine)**

None

**GENERAL ISSUES**

Trustee Spangler stated regarding the compensation for board members, the majority of the increase should be added to meeting attendance.

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Thompson to increase Trustee, Clerk/Treasurer and Mayor compensation:

Trustees - \$700 annually plus \$150/regular meeting attended

(was \$600 annually plus \$80/regular meeting attended, \$10 special meeting attendance will remain the same)

Clerk/Treasurer - \$16,000 annually

(was \$13,500 annually)

Mayor - \$3,900 annually plus \$300 Police Commissioner and \$300 Liquor Commissioner

(was \$3,600 annually plus \$300 Police Commissioner and \$300 Liquor Commissioner)

Passed: 5/1 (nay vote by M. Crofton)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STREETS & ALLEYS**

(N. Sprague Chairman)

President Atkinson stated the ally behind village hall looks good, they believe Martin is supposed to be here in the next week or two.

Trustee Sprague informed the board we have 10 trees to plant at Atlasta Park.

**WATER & SEWER**

(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton advised there are problems with the digester. He stated it seems some pumps and tap tool have disappeared.

Brandon Hudson has a leak at the service, the tree on his property needs to be taken down to get at the shut off.

President Atkinson stated Roger Warrenfeltz has been helping out a lot at the plant and he said Dan Hoffman is doing a great job.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(S. Schafer Chairman)

Trustee Schafer asked if there has been any word regarding the water line at the school field. Ron Miller stated he has heard from Tim and Tiffany and they are supposed to meet to discuss water line/meter placement.

**PROPERTIES**  
(K. Sage Chairman)

None

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**  
(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson asked Ron if there are any updates on Rich's tile. Ron stated he hasn't heard back from Richter as they are backed up. Trustee Thompson asked if we need to contact someone else and Ron stated he will talk to Richter tomorrow.

**TOURISM**  
(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board he has been working on the new banners, it is a work in progress and he is looking for fall pictures if anyone has any to share.

Trustee Spangler stated the Christmas Walk may happen, Santa will be there but not for kids to sitting on laps. Clerk Sprague suggested a mailbox for kids to drop their letters.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING**  
(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

Ron advised he talked to Kevin Wolf and he wants \$50/load to dump the compost/chips out there. He stated the piles are currently good but we should still get rid of more. Discussion was had and felt it should be spread on the village property that someone has been farming.

President Atkinson stated BJ has been helping out a lot and it is very much appreciated.

Trustee Schafer asked about the sidewalk lights at the park. Rich Bartlett has been notified he won the bid and Marilyn showed him where they would like the lights.

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 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk