

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

OCTOBER 11, 2021 MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 8, 2021

On October 11, 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 David Atkinson at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Kydreel Green, Paul Erisman, Shantel Schafer, Mike Crofton, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustees Thompson and Sprague, Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by M. Crofton to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2021. Passed: 4/0

VISITORS

Mike O'Malley from Northern Illinois Disposal informed the board the existing garbage contract end 12/31/21. He received approval from his supervisor to extend our existing contract 1-year with the normal CPI increase.

Doug Delhotal from Moring Disposal attended the meeting as he was incorrectly informed there was a bid letting for garbage contracts.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Trustee Schafer had a question on last months minutes regarding officer coverage at nights. President Atkinson stated he believes we did have officer coverage in the evening.

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

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

Chief Harney was not present at the meeting so Clerk Sprague read the Police Report as follows:

**POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)**

Complaints/Calls for Service – 14
Traffic Stops – 2
Traffic Warnings – 2
Ordinance Warnings – 1 (noise)
Motorist Assist – 1
House Check – 2

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

President Atkinson informed the board employee Dan Hoffman acquired his CDL. **Motion** made by P. Erisman, seconded by M. Crofton to increase Dan Hoffman's salary \$1/hour for acquiring his CDL. Passed: 4/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

President Atkinson informed the board they will be doing interviews for the Streets and Alley's position. Four resumes have been received so far and will be accepted until October 15th.

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton informed the board he is putting the figures together for a new sewer plant.

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 Erisman stated the generator by the North Street well house was sunk in the ground about 6" and he would like to get a concrete pad poured to store the generator on. Trustee Green felt a battery back up for Village Hall and the Emergency Siren would be beneficial and will bring back some numbers for a cost. Marilyn Spangler stated the Women's Club will be purchasing a bench to be placed along the walkway at the park and she will have more information on location after they meet with the park board at their Wednesday meeting. Discussion was had on purchasing a new skid loader. It has been tabled until more of the board is present.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM

(K. Green Chairman)

Trustee Green discussed the possibility of having a food truck festival. The board thought that was a good idea. Marilyn suggested he check with Rochelle and they have had one before.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Marilyn Spangler asked about a recent letter from Dynegy. It is a legit letter; Dynegy was the choice for the Municipal Electrical Aggregation contract.

Marilyn inquired about the possibility of a memorial bench for Keith Roop. President Atkinson stated he would like to get a bench located somewhere near the Lion Shelter at the park because Keith was active in the Lions Club as well. Marilyn suggested we order a similar bench to what the Women's Club orders since they will be located close it would be nice for them to match.

Marilyn informed the board the Haunted Zombie Ride went very well, the trailers were full the entire event, concessions sold out and there were no complaints.

Marilyn informed the board Trick or Treating would be on Sunday, October 31st from 5-7 with the costume parade and contest at 4 at the elementary school gymnasium, mask mandate will be followed.

Marilyn informed the board the park board meeting will be Wednesday October 13th at 7pm at Atlasta Park shelter.

Dan Hoffman stated we will need a new lawn mower sooner rather than later. Trustee Erisman stated we will keep current one running as long as we can.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by M. Crofton, seconded by P. Erisman and carried by unanimous vote at 8:13 p.m. respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk