

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

OCTOBER 9, 2023 MINUTES APPROVE NOVEMBER 13, 2023

On October 9, 2023 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, John Nicholson, Nick Sprague, Amanda Lanning, Heather Grove, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Paul Erisman, Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by S. Thompson, seconded by A. Lanning to approve the meeting minutes of September 11, 2023. Passed: 5/0

VISITORS

Marilyn Spangler informed the board village Trick or Treat will be on October 31st 5pm-8:30pm with the contest at the elementary school gymnasium at 7:00pm with the doors opening at 6:45pm.

Motion made by N. Sprague, seconded by H. Grove to pay for the \$168 (payable to Kathy Yocum) for costume contest prize money.

Marilyn informed the board the Women's Club is currently raising money to repaint the shelter. They have an estimate for \$3,373 so it will be some time before the money has been raised. The southwest window needs replaced and there is an exterior electric outlet that needs repaired, was brought to their attention when Howard Shoemaker was pressure washing the building. Village should send thank you to Howard.

Marilyn requested a skidsteer for sod removal for playground equipment installation.

Marilyn stated on behalf of the library they have asked the homeless man that has been camping outside the library to leave multiple times and want to know what their next step should be. President Atkinson stated they should have him legally trespassed off, start with our village officer.

*Note Paul Erisman arrived at 7:08pm

Marilyn stated the Christmas Walk will be on December 8th.

The Zombie Ride was cancelled due to lack of volunteers.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by J. Nicholson to pay bills and late bills. Passed: 6/0

Clerk Sprague advised the village received a letter from the Lee County Tourism Council saying their sad good-bye with a nice thank you to everyone that has helped and supported over the years.

POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)

None

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Nicholson asked about the low spot that holds water in the alley by Carl Smith. Two different engineers, Shaun Gallagher and Ralph Thompkins have both looked and said there is nothing we can do. John stated Carl said he would rather it runs into his yard.

Trustee Thompson stated the leaf vac will require 3 people. Trustee Lanning stated she will let Marcelo know he needs to help.

WATER & SEWER
(A. Lanning Chairman)

Trustee Lanning stated the clarifier tank work starts tomorrow. President Atkinson stated there are plows that need to be moved.

Trustee Nicholson suggested we utilize the Impact Program volunteers to do small things for the village like pain the well house and other similar tasks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(H. Grove Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES
(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman stated the shelter corner of the building where it sank down has been repaired. He stated the outdoor restroom is not fixable and a portapot has been put in place for the time being. The Brethren Church closed its doors and remaining funds were split for 6 local organizations and Paul and Linda Erisman have selected the outdoor restrooms to receive \$1,000 donation.

Trustee Erisman stated they need to have someone look at the shop roof leak.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson stated he has heard several complaints on the water, asking if we are going to flush hydrants in the near future. Trustee Lanning will ask Marcelo to get them flushed.

Trustee Thompson asked if the street lights have been replaced. Trustee Erisman stated they are getting water in them and they are looking for new globes.

TOURISM

(J. Nicholson Chairman)

Trustee Nicholson stated the Hotel/Motel tax ordinance needs to be tabled until next month.

Trustee Nicholson stated there should be a certified letter sent to 247 Maple stating there are ordinance violations.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by A. Lanning, seconded by P. Erisman and carried by unanimous vote at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk