

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

OCTOBER 13, 2025 MINUTES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

On October 13, 2025 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 Eric Grendahl at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Scott Spangler, John Nicolson, Susan Murphy, Kristy Murphy, Heather Grove, President Eric Grendahl, and Clerk Jessica Ford.

Absent: Mark Delhotal, Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by H. Grove to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Meetings of September 8, 2025. Passed: 5/0

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR'S

NONE

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

NONE

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by J. Nicholson to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers, including bills brought forward by Clerk Ford. Passed: 5/0

POLICE REPORT

None.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney D. Considine)

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(M. Delhotal, Chairman)

Tree trimming done for the fall. Leaf Vac is getting fixed. Shop is cleaned up really well, and reports of clean up around town have been really good.

WATER & SEWER
(K. Murphy, Chairman)

K. Murphy stated work truck is getting repairs. Quote for new auto water meters is about \$100/ea. Have 40-60 meters not working. Willett Hoffman is working to get last houses done. Still waiting on chemical permits for phosphate change. New well pumps had to be purchased. Currently using loaner pumps at well house until new pump arrives. Warranty is good for 2 years.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(J. Nicolson, Chairman)

J. Nicholson shared sign bids. Sign by Gene Erisman's old garage, past laundromat, sign by library on monument, and on grassy side (digital sign), and wood signage "Village of Franklin Grove." Discussion on seeing if Library would share cost for sign at library, and preference to not have wood that would have to be upkeep more and replaced later.

PROPERTIES
(S. Murphy, Chairman)

S. Murphy stated that 2nd round of letters have been sent out to made residents aware of ordinance violations. Would like to give 30 days to fix violations and then consider serving for fines. House on Hillside Dr. to be addressed for chickens and ducks in yard.

President Grendahl stated that the house on Rt.38 with multiple reported issues had rats inside and outside the house. Lee Co Health Dept is looking into this along with the old school.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Murphy, Chairman)

S. Murphy still working to consolidate CD's and working with bank to get better rates. Needs to get updates on all accounts.

TOURISM

(H. Grove, Chairman)

Trustee H. Grove stated Trick-or-Treating will be from 5-8pm. Doors to elementary school will open at 6:45p, and costume contest judging will begin at 7pm. Will get prize money from Clerk Ford.

Dec 12th will be the Christmas Walk in town. Planning to have a horse and wagon, Santa, etc. S. Murphy will ensure insurance coverage for event.

GENERAL ISSUES

President Grendahl discussed well 1 and 2. Well 1 has discoloration, cracked casing. Willett Hoffman discussing size and well condition. Grant for Emerging Contaminants Program would cover new house and well up to \$6.5 million. Looking at changing phosphate. Would like to advertise for bids in July of 2026. Construction would be projected to complete about September of 2027.

Motion to move forward with Grant application and construction made by S. Murphy, seconded by J. Nicholson. Passed: 5/0

Lead Service line replacement must start by 04/2026. Still waiting for 2024 EPA violation notice.

First National Bank of Amboy in town to do side walk replacement along Whitney St. 115 sq/ft are to be done @ \$2.75/ft from "Village Sidewalk Assistance" would be \$316.25.

K. Murphy brought forward previous bills for chemicals and water upkeep costs showing the increase in cost to Village. Would like for trustees to look over rates and consider incremental increases to water bills. Discussion had on other local city/village rates.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Spangler, seconded by K. Murphy and carried by unanimous vote at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ford
Village Clerk