

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 9, 2017

On September 11, 2017 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, William Schaneberg, Gary Mason, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague.

**Absent:** Attorney Considine

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by S. Spangler, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2017. Passed: 5/0

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

None

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT  
BILLS & LATE BILLS**

**Motion** made by G. Mason, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

Clerk Sprague shared an email that was sent to franklingrove.org website from a visitor that read,

*"Hello;*

*I would like to say that Franklin Grove is one pretty place, earthy. As a former Chicagoan, transplanted in Ashton. A very good man named John Martinez showed me around, took me to the Country fest. It was amazing, something I only seen in museums. Here, I was right there, experiencing it first hand, the smell, sound, feeling. It was awesome.*

*The Lincoln Highway Headquarters was great. I remember John fixed the outdoor speaker for The Christmas Walk music. The Walk was beautiful, I have never seen anything like that. I had a great time, people were friendly, everything perfect as was the weather.*

*I look forward to coming back.*

*Thank-you"*

Clerk Sprague replied,

*"Thank you very much for your wonderful email! We are thrilled you enjoyed yourself in our town that so many of us take great pride in. Your email is like a breath of fresh air, very refreshing to hear such wonderful compliments that I am eager to share with our board at our next meeting. We look forward to your return!*

*If you are looking for some thrilling entertainment, our next big attraction is our Haunted Zombie Ride at the Historic Chaplain Creek on October 27<sup>th</sup> or October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-11pm!  
Thanks again and have a great day!"*

President Atkinson commended all the volunteers of the various committees and organizations that put on the big attractions in Franklin Grove.

Clerk Sprague reported at a previous meeting Helen Gellert asked what the anniversary date for Franklin Grove is. Clerk Sprague found the anniversary date to be 1835.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Miles on the police car – 691  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 12  
Traffic Stop – 1  
Traffic Warning – 1  
Ordinance Warning - 2  
House Check – 2  
Investigation – 1

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

None

### **GENERAL ISSUES**

President Atkinson provided everyone with a copy of the easement for sewer agreement with the First National Bank in Amboy for a drive-up. Trustee Schaneberg asked if we could ask them to replace the existing tile with PVC prior to construction. President Atkinson said he would ask them to make the suggested PVC upgrade.

After discussion regarding costs of repair in the agreement, it was determined the following line should be removed from Section 2c; If in the process of accessing and/or maintaining the Manhole or the Line, the Village removes concrete, blacktop, or any other surface that is part of the Drive-Through, the Village will repair and/or replace the concrete, blacktop, or other surface at the Village's cost.

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by S. Spangler to accept the Modification of Easement for Sewer with the following line removed from Section 2c; If in the process of accessing and/or maintaining the Manhole or the Line, the Village removes concrete, blacktop, or any other surface that is part of the Drive-Through, the Village will repair and/or replace the concrete, blacktop, or other surface at the Village's cost. Passed: 5/0

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

President Atkinson appointed Nick Sprague as our interim Streets and Alleys chairman.

### **WATER & SEWER**

(W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg advised the new pumps have been installed, new pumps should help with plugging and we haven't had any issues since they have been installed.

President Atkinson advised the board he, W. Schaneberg and Roger Warrenfeltz met with John Stenzel to discuss the water and sewer position. Mr. Stenzel is looking for more on the benefits side than we have to offer. He hasn't declined, but hasn't accepted the position at this time.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(G. Mason Chairman)

Trustee Mason provided the board with some information on Community Heart and Soul community program for the board to review to get their thoughts on if it's something they would be interested in pursuing.

### **PROPERTIES**

(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague advised the chipper had to be taken back in for repairs, the bolts were sheared off, parts are hard to find, may need to look into upgrading our chipper. Trustee Thompson advised the board the chipper isn't covered under the insurance.

Trustee Thompson inquired if the leaf vac is ready to go. Trustee Sprague said he will check to make sure it's ready to go.

Trustee Sprague advised the board he hasn't ordered the village trees from McCormick's yet.

### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

### **TOURISM**

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler advised the board the intergovernmental agreement between the Village and AFC School district for construction and use of two sand volleyball courts has been signed and gave a signed copy to Clerk Sprague.

Trustee Spangler said the Zombie Ride event is coming up October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Spangler will be attending a tourism event he was invited to on Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> to promote the park and grist mill.

Trustee Spangler said the weekend of September 15<sup>th</sup> the equestrian area will be having a Fun Day competition type of horse events at the arena.

Trustee Spangler sent everything in for the Fun Guide advertisement.

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

None

**OTHER**

Trustee Schaneberg asked President Atkinson if he spoke with Paul Erisman about a building for salt. President Atkinson said he did talk to Mr. Erisman to see if the township would be interested in splitting the cost of a tent structure similar to Rogers Feed Lot but smaller. Paul said to check it out and get back to them with a price. President Atkinson asked Trustee Sprague to look into what something like this would cost. Trustee Sprague advised 26' wide x 12' high x 35' long are \$5,200.

Trustee Spangler asked what is going on with the house that is falling down on North State Street, the nuisance ordinance would apply to this house. It is a health and safety risk. Officer Harney will pursue the nuisance ordinance.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by G. Mason, seconded by N. Sprague and carried by unanimous vote at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk