

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 2018

On September 10, 2018 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, Bob Bass, Nick Sprague, Scott Spangler, William Schaneberg, Attorney Dana Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by W. Schaneberg to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2018. Passed: 4/0

**Motion** made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of August 13, 2018. Passed: 4/0

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Jeff Roop addressed the board concerning the tile in his yard. President Atkinson advised there was a rock blocking the drain tile at the park. That was fixed, but it apparently didn't fix Mr. Roop's problem. President Atkinson believes the problem is tree roots as it was the last time they had the same problem. If Larry doesn't have an opportunity to dig it up, President Atkinson will before spring.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Thompson to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 4/0

Clerk Sprague advised the board there is a homeowner on Lahman St. that is not paying his water bill because he has been asking for the water to be turned off for over a year because he has a leak in his basement and he was told the shut off is under a tree and is not accessible. He is hoping by not paying the water bill that the water will be turned off so he can make repairs. It is unclear if it is a village or homeowner tree. President Atkinson will have Larry relocate the shut off again to confirm it is in fact under the tree and we need to determine whose responsibility the tree is.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Miles on the police car – 582  
Complaints/Calls for Service – 8  
Traffic Stops – 7  
Traffic Arrest – 1  
Traffic Warnings – 5  
Ordinance Warnings – 3  
Accidents – 1  
Motorist Assist – 1  
Investigation – 1  
One warrant obtained from investigation

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

Attorney Considine advised they still have not been able to get Mr. Suski served. There is an October 24<sup>th</sup> court date for a citation and they are trying to get him served again but have not had any luck locating him after the judgement was set against him. They recorded a judgement against his properties should he try to sell any of them they will be notified and be able to attach proceeds but they are trying to be more active about collecting from him and they can't do anything until the court gets jurisdiction over him which occurs by having him served. Hoping to get him served so we can proceed.

## **GENERAL ISSUES**

President Atkinson advised the board there was a copy of a letter from the school board regarding information with the middle school and asked them to go through it to be discussed at our next meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **STREETS & ALLEYS (N. Sprague Chairman)**

Trustee Sprague advised the board the bank is wanting the sidewalk redone where they are putting in a drive-thru. President Atkinson advised the way it was explained to him is they want to split the cost. He suggests they use the sidewalk reimbursement program. It will most likely be over the \$1,500 threshold.

**Motion** made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Spangler to go over the \$1,500 sidewalk reimbursement. Passed: 5/0

## **WATER & SEWER**

President Atkinson advised we are waiting on EPA permits to relocate the main for the culvert project. The early bids are extremely expensive, \$130,000. However, it could be done cheaper for time and materials if we use the same people that are doing the culvert. It would be beneficial if we could find a way to have the new culvert laid in the ground and shut the water off and switch it over. All of Maple Street would be affected, pretty much everything from Elm St. to State St. on the highway and maybe up toward the Brethren Church. It would be \$44,000 just in line stops. Trustee Spangler mentioned whatever we do we need to make sure we notify the people affected. President Atkinson agreed. He said we are already in to this project for \$5,000 just for the engineering.

Trustee Schaneberg asked if President Atkinson knew how much of the sidewalks the state will be putting in on Rt. 38. President Atkinson wasn't positive if the prints he received from the engineer included all the sidewalk work or not.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** (B. Bass Chairman)

None

## **PROPERTIES** (W. Schaneberg Chairman)

Trustee Schaneberg asked if we planned to replace the floor in the shelter. President Atkinson asked if we have received a bid and Trustee Schaneberg said he did not have it with him but the bid was \$6,100.

Trustee Schaneberg advised the city of Rochelle is putting in new street lights and may be selling their old ones. He thought it would be nice to get a few of them and put down at the park along the sidewalk going to the shelter. President Atkinson advised Trustee Schaneberg to check into the lights as they would be beneficial to the park as long as they aren't too bright for the residents on Hill Dr.

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

Trustee Thompson presented the board with a proposal to get the outside of the north end water tower cleaned. The bid came in at \$5,700. The consensus of the board was the bid is reasonable however President Atkinson advised we wait to see where we are after the water main move is complete.

Trustee Thompson asked about the chipper and mower repairs. Trustee Schaneberg advised both have been fixed. Trustee Thompson asked when the tree work would begin. Trustee Sprague advised it would be a couple weeks unless something comes up.

Trustee Thompson asked if there is any word on the house by the cemetery being torn down. President Atkinson advised nothing yet.

**TOURISM**  
(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board it is time for the Tour Guide ad. The cost is \$895 for a full page ad.

**Motion** made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by B. Bass to place the full page ad in the Tour Guide for \$895. Passed: 5/0

Trustee Spangler advised there is a Harvest Fest meeting 9/18/18 6-7pm and they will be electing a chairman.

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

None

**OTHER**

Marilyn Spangler advised the board the Haunted Zombie Ride will be on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Trick or Treat will be on Halloween night, time will be established on Wednesday at the Park Board Meeting.

Marilyn attended the August school board meeting and asked if President Atkinson has heard anything since their meeting. President Atkinson said he has not but he talked to Mr. Zick beforehand and suggested splitting the property. Marilyn said they were okay with that and they wanted to know by their September meeting if we have any interest in the building as well. She said a school board member asked why they are pressuring the village to give an answer so soon if they still need use of the facilities for the next couple years. The question went unanswered. Trustee Schaneberg said he talked to Nicor and they do not offer a discount program for municipalities.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by W. Schaneberg, seconded by S. Spangler and carried by unanimous vote at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk