

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 14, 2019

On September 9, 2019 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, Karmen Sage, Scott Spangler, Shantel Schafer, Michael Crofton, President David Atkinson, and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: Trustee Nick Sprague and Attorney Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2019. Passed: 5/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by K. Sage to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 5/0

Clerk Sprague informed the board we need a new corporate resolution to assign new authorized signers for our checking account. President Atkinson advised Trustee Shantel Schafer will be an authorized signer, along with himself and Trustee Shaun Thompson.

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Thompson to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2019. Passed: 5/0

GENERAL ISSUES

Concerning the athletic fields at the school, there should be something in writing stating if the village pays for the water lines to be separated from the building, the school board will gift the athletic fields to the village when they are done using them. Trustee Crofton stated we should receive a survey of the property.

Trustee Spangler stated it would be nice to have future annexation for the roads through the property east to the fence line. Dave said this is something entirely different from the agreement. Trustee Spangler stated to make sure the property that is coming to the village includes the work out/concession building.

POLICE REPORT

Miles on the police car – 762
Complaints/Calls for Service – 12
Traffic Stops – 2
Traffic Arrests – 1
Traffic Warnings – 1
Ordinance Warnings – 1
Accidents – 1
Assist Other Agency – 1

***NOTE: Trustee Nick Sprague arrived at 7:12p.m.**

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Considine)

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS (N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Schafer mentioned the trees/bushes at the corner of Walnut and Rt 38 need to be trimmed as it is difficult to see traffic. Ron stated he is aware and trimming is in the works.

Trustee Schafer asked for confirmation that when the Fire Dept has their parking lot paved, we are doing to pave the alley behind village hall at the same time. Dave indicated that is correct.

Clerk Sprague advised there was a accident on Old Mill Road involving a village tree, if that tree has to be taken down it would be a good place to plant another one.

WATER & SEWER (M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton stated he would like to see us keep Dan employed 2-3 hours a day through the school co-op. President Atkinson agreed.

Trustee Crofton advised someone dumped concrete behind the village Quonset. Upon further investigation, it may be on the railroad property, not village.

Trustee Crofton would like to see additional cameras purchased to tie into our existing security cameras or a different camera system. Clerk Sprague advised she believed they were originally purchased from Walmart.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (S. Shafer Chairman)

Trustee Schafer advised we have been borrowing Sterling PD's radar sign for the past week, we have another week with it and it seems to be effective.

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by M. Crofton to spend up to \$4,000 on a radar sign. Passed: 5/1 (nay vote by S.Spangler)

Trustee Schafer advised the board the new fire station will have a tornado or safe room, not for public use but for whoever is there or right nearby. She advised with the new fire station there is a lot of cost with moving electric poles, burying the electric, gas lines, etc. Is there anything the village can do to help them? President Atkinson stated the village will work with them the best we can. Trustee Spangler stated the fire department just got \$2,000,000, they should be able to figure that out, the village isn't rolling in cash.

PROPERTIES

(K. Sage Chairman)

Trustee Sage asked what exactly is her role as Properties Chairman. President Atkinson advised properties pertains to village equipment, property, real estate. Her role is to bring numbers to the board regarding building updates, we would like a hoop barn to share with the township for salt. Ron stated he can take her around to show her what our properties are.

Trustee Crofton and Ron Miller stated they would like the concession trailer, ticket booth and generator moved from the Quonset. Ron suggested the generator be brought to the well house. The trailer and ticket booth will be stored on the back side of the Quonset or fenced in are at the plant. President Atkinson stated to make sure we have a tarp or something to cover the trailer to prevent damage.

Clerk Sprague asked if locks have been changed, Ron stated they have and keys will be distributed.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

TOURISM

(S. Spangler Chairman)

Trustee Spangler informed the board he attended the Blackhawk Waterways tourism event. They stated on average the area saw a 20-25% increase in money brought in by tourism. He said this year's theme was movies, we can get Franklin Grove added to a list of places interested in hosting a movie. Trustee Crofton asked if it is free. Trustee Spangler stated it was free. No one was opposed to the idea of being added to the list.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

(S. Spangler Chairman)

None

OTHER

Marilyn Spangler was not present for the meeting so Trustee Spangler asked if the water line at the park broke. Ron Miller stated it is a tile that is broken and they will be fixing it. Ron also stated the sidewalk lights for the park have been paid for and he is picking them up tomorrow (September 10th).

Scott reminded everyone the Zombie Ride is Oct 4th and 5th and they are looking for volunteers if anyone would like to help scare or help with concessions.

Scott asked about the slide that was installed at the park, he said Marilyn thought it was going to be placed by the shelter. Clerk Sprague advised the slide was installed where

the one piece of equipment was removed, so they put it there to replace the removed equipment.

Trustee Schafer asked about a contest for Halloween and Christmas decorating. Trustee Spangler advised there was a Christmas decorating contest for several years and they weren't going to have the contest this year because there were people that didn't win so they shut their decorations off. Trustee Schafer offered other suggestions and Trustee Spangler suggested she attend the park committee meetings to bring up her ideas. Clerk Sprague advised the next park meeting is Wednesday at 7:00pm at Atlasta Park.

Trustee Schafer asked about the Harvest Fest Committee. Trustee Spangler advised there is a meeting tomorrow night and they will know more then.

Trustee Schafer asked if there were any plans to replace the basketball hoops at Atlasta Park. She stated since the ones at the old High/Middle School were taken down it would be nice to have decent ones to give the kids something to do. President Atkinson stated we should get quotes for a couple unbreakable hoops.

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by S. Thompson to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Passed: 6/0

Motion made by S. Spangler, seconded by S. Schafer to come out of Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. Passed: 6/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by M. Crofton, seconded by S. Spangler and carried by unanimous vote at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk