

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 11, 2021

On September 13, 2021 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, Paul Erisman, Mike Crofton, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

**Absent:** Trustee Schafer

President Atkinson introduced Kydreel Green to the board and stated he would like to appoint Kydreel to the board with the board's blessing.

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by P. Erisman to accept the appointment of Kydreel Green to the vacant Village Trustee position. Passed 4/0

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Village Clerk Stephanie Sprague administered the Oath of Office to appointed Village Trustee Kydreel Green.

NOTE: Trustee Schafer arrived at 7:06pm.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by M. Crofton, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 2, 2021. Passed: 6/0

**VISITORS**

Jeremiah Settles addressed the board concerning a village tree at his mom's residence. Trustee Sprague stated it is on the list to be looked at and the list will go out for bid once the list is complete.

Jeremiah asked about getting officer coverage at night and informed the board he called Lee County on September 11<sup>th</sup> because of flags being ripped down.

Marilyn Spanger informed the board the new doors at the park shelter are wonderful but the threshold is a trip hazard and difficult for wheelchairs. Trustee Erisman stated he would look at it.

Marilyn stated there are sharp stubs left where the old fence poles were removed from the tennis court. Trustee Crofton stated he will let Dan use his grinder to flush the remainder of the poles. Trustee Schafer stated the tennis courts themselves are a trip hazard.

Marilyn stated they are to be covered in gravel to be turned into a parking area. Trustee Erisman stated he would look into getting this done as the guys are very busy.

Marilyn stated the light pole on the NE side the timer does not time out.

Marilyn informed the board the Haunted Zombie Ride is on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and wanted to confirm we are all set as far as insurance is concerned. Trustee Thompspon stated we are all set.

Marilyn asked that the ticket booth and concession stand be taken down to Chaplain by September 29<sup>th</sup> and removed by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Marilyn stated Trick or Treat will be on Halloween, Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7pm and asked the village to pay for the \$168 in prizes.

### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by S. Thompson, seconded by N. Sprague to pay bills. Passed: 6/0

### **POLICE REPORT**

**(Chief Harney)**

Miles on the police car – 820

Complaints/Calls for Service – 13

Traffic Stops – 5

Traffic Arrest – 4

Traffic Warnings – 4

Ordinance Warnings – 2

Motorist Assist – 1

Assist other Agency – 1, ambulance

Investigation – 1, death

Chief Harney stated the power was out for two days around the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, which means the emergency warning siren was down. He stated this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> transformer in 1 year. President Atkinson stated to have someone look at a generator to come up with a reasonable plan.

Chief Harney stated he spoke with Andrew Brockwell concerning the house on the corner of North and Spring. He is fixing up the house next door to hopefully sell to pay off corner house then will decide what to do with it.

It was discussed that the apartment leak needs to be fixed properly, the garden hose has to go. President Atkinson told Dan to get a date and if it's not done, disconnect it. Dan informed the board the meter came in for the back house and it will get installed.

### **LEGAL ISSUES**

**(Attorney Considine)**

Attorney Considine informed the board the Suski estate closed. The estate had no assests, unfortunately after 11 years of pursuing, the village will not get reimbursed for the fees that are due.

### **GENERAL ISSUES**

President Atkinson informed the board there are currently 2 of each liquor licenses; package, restaurant, bar. He asked the board their thoughts about decreasing the amount to one of each. After some discussion, it was decided to table the conversation for the time being.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

(N. Sprague Chairman)

We need to hire a full time employee as Matt's last day will be October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **WATER & SEWER**

(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton informed the board we need to purchase 5-7 acres for new sewage plant which will cost 5-7 million dollars. Discussion was had regarding John Spohn's water valve. It is homeowner responsibility. Need to put an invoice together and Mike will present it to him.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(S. Schafer Chairman)

Trustee Schafer informed the board the Harvest Fest went well. President Atkinson commended Shantel for a great job. She said she was open to doing it again next year but she didn't believe Kelly is. There wasn't much of a profit, but they were able to break even. She received lots of good feedback and is hoping for bigger and better for next year if the number of volunteers allows for it. Trustee Schafer thanked Dan and stated he was a great help.

Trustee Schafer stated the Christmas Walk will be December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm with Santa, horse carriage rides and possible decoration contest.

### **PROPERTIES**

(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman asked Trustee Thompson how much our deductibles are as a door panel needs replaced. Shaun will look it up. Paul stated the back of Village Hall building gutters need replaced to keep the water away from the building. He stated the salt shed weeds have been taken care of and it looks really good. They will look into cement blocks with concrete in between for salt, something the village and township would split. He stated Paul Hussey said the uninstalled playground equipment needs to go.

### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Thompson Chairman)

None

### **TOURISM**

(K. Green Chairman)

President Atkinson informed Trustee Green that Scott Spangler is an excellent resource. Attorney Considine stated typically Open Meetings Act site is down so he is currently except from having to take it.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING**

None

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Sprague, seconded by P. Erisman and carried by unanimous vote at 8:08 p.m. respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk