

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 MINUTES APPROVE OCTOBER, 2022

On September 12, 2022 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, Kydreel Green, Nick Sprague, Paul Erisman, Shantel Schafer, Michael Crofton, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

Absent: None

MINUTES

Motion made by P. Erisman, seconded by N. Sprague to approve the meeting minutes of August 8, 2022. Passed: 6/0

VISITORS

John Nicholson is pleased a lot of the properties he brought to the attention of the board that needed to be addressed have been taken care of and presented an updated list. John was most interested in the property at the entrance of the headwaters and noticed Chief Harney was there today and inquired about the progress. Chief Harney stated he is slowly working on it. John asked specifically about the blue totes as they are in violation. Chief Harney stated that is a matter of opinion.

Pat Hilliker stated he echoes what John said about the shape of the town. He also stated the agenda is hard to read from outside and asked it be placed in a clear window and it should be posted 48 hours in advance. Pat also stated the slag is being tracked into the fire station and complained about the dust from it and asked if there was any research done. President Atkinson stated it has been researched and the dust is temporary much like chip seal and they will be back to sweep it in 3-4 weeks.

Tim O'Neil stated the old school building is no longer a viable building. The high winds a couple weeks ago caused damage to the roof and the gym has water in it. Grace has moved forward with property in Mt. Morris.

John Nicholson stated if someone requests something to be on the agenda, it should go on the agenda.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by P. Erisman to pay bills and late bill. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by S. Schafer, seconded by K. Green to approve the First Reading of the Appropriation Ordinance. Passed: 6/0

Motion made by M. Crofton, seconded by P. Erisman to pay late bill to reimburse Devin for an Ace Hardware receipt he turned in. Passed: 6/0

POLICE REPORT
(Chief Harney)

Complaints/Calls for Service – 12
Traffic Stops – 5
Traffic Arrest – 2
Traffic Warnings – 6
Ordinance Warnings – 19
Motorist Assist – 1
Assist other Agency – 3

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Considine)

None

GENERAL ISSUES

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS
(N. Sprague Chairman)

Trustee Sprague informed the board he has received several applications for the streets and alleys position and he will get with Trustee Thompson to go over them and set up interviews. Trustee Schafer asked if we are adding a third person. President Atkinson stated Devin Gilker is Water and Sewer and Mason Munroe was hired temporarily as he will be doing an apprenticeship for plumbing and Braiden Runkle is part-time doing an internship through the school.

WATER & SEWER
(M. Crofton Chairman)

Trustee Crofton informed the board Devin Gilker was hired for the Water and Sewer position and he believes he will be a good fit; he has a lot of knowledge and is a go-getter. Trustee Green asked if the new employee takes the village truck home. Trustee Crofton answered yes, he does. Trustee Green asked if there is a concern with him using the village vehicle for personal use. Trustee Crofton said it is not permitted to be used for personal use. Trustee Green asked if there is a contract. Attorney Considine asked Trustee Thompson if our insurance has been notified. Trustee Crofton stated he just started today. Trustee Thompson stated he would contact the insurance company.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(S. Schafer Chairman)

None

PROPERTIES

(P. Erisman Chairman)

Trustee Erisman asked who our zoning officer is. President Atkinson stated it is Tris Brumbly. Paul stated Milt Wilcox needs a permit for his new garage. Tris can be hard to get a hold of but he does have a good understanding of what needs to be done.

Trustee Erisman stated the employees need to be wearing safety equipment.

Trustee Sprague asked where the old mower is. Trustee Erisman stated it was taken to Hazelhurst to go to auction.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Thompson Chairman)

Trustee Thompson asked who is in charge of the weeds by Myriah Pena's house. The state will be contacted to see about getting it cleaned up. Trustee Thompson stated there are weeds by the Krieder home that Ron used to take care of that need cleaned up as well. He will look into getting something for the agenda that will make it more accessible and easier to read.

TOURISM

(K. Green Chairman)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/EARLY WARNING

None

Marilyn Spangler informed the board the Haunted Zombie ride will be on September 24th and October 1st so they will need the concession stand and ticket booth moved up to Chaplain no later than the 21st.

Marilyn stated the women's shelter is in need of 2 more white tables.

Marilyn stated things are being moved and removed from the closet and would like to secure it somehow, will be discussed more at the park committee meeting on Wednesday.

Barb Hilliker stated there are trees that need to be trimmed that are rubbing on the steel roof of the shelter.

Marilyn stated there will be music at Chaplain on Sunday from 1-4 for the Forage Fest.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Schafer, seconded by K. Green and carried by unanimous vote at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague
Village Clerk