

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 MINUTES APPROVE OCTOBER 9, 2023

On September 11, 2023 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 John Nicholson, Nick Sprague, Amanda Lanning, Paul Erisman, Attorney Considine, President David Atkinson and Clerk Stephanie Sprague

**Absent:** Trustees Shaun Thompson, Heather Grove

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by N. Sprague, seconded by J. Nicholson to approve the meeting minutes of August 14, 2023. Passed: 4/0

**VISITORS**

Marilyn Spangler informed Trustee Erisman the frame around the south door rotted out and needs to be repaired.

Marilyn asked about pipe repairs for the outdoor restroom at the park. Trustee Erisman asked when new restrooms would be installed. The car show is \$10,000 short for new restroom installation. The outdoor restroom either needs to be replaced or a portapot in place until new restrooms are built. Trustee Erisman will take a look at tomorrow.

She advised the Haunted Zombie Ride is set for September 29 & 30 with a rain date of October 6 & 7.

Trick-or-treat will be on October 31<sup>st</sup>, times will be given at the October board meeting. Marilyn informed the board there will be a Mercedes Benz car show in town on October 7.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion** made by A. Lanning, seconded by P. Erisman to pay bills. Passed: 4/0

Clerk Sprague advised the village received a letter from the AFC Student Council inviting the village to be a part of the homecoming parade September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm.

**POLICE REPORT**  
**(Chief Harney)**

Clerk Sprague read the police report as follows:

Complaints/Calls for Service – 10

Traffic Stops – 5

Traffic Arrest – 3

Traffic Warnings – 5

Ordinance Warnings – 3

House Check – 2  
Assist other Agency – 1

Trustee Nicholson inquired about the possibility of having a form letter sent to ordinance violators similar to how Sublette handles theirs. President Atkinson would like to see the form letter when John receives a copy.

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

Attorney Considine advised they are currently working on a closing date for the property to be donated to the village on N. State St.  
She will attempt to get in contact with the Currier brothers regarding that property.

**GENERAL ISSUES**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

President Atkinson stated the note should be updated to reflect improved alleys are suitable for brush pick-up (currently states curb side).

**WATER & SEWER**  
**(A. Lanning Chairman)**

Trustee Lanning stated the clarifier parts are scheduled to arrive the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> and repairs will follow. She stated we have been approved for the grant/loan for the new well houses and it is moving forward.

Scott Spangler stated he has noticed the last couple months the valley by the sewer plant smells and that typically indicates a problem. President Atkinson stated it should be resolved when the upcoming repairs are made.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**(H. Grove Chairman)**

None

**PROPERTIES**  
**(P. Erisman Chairman)**

Trustee Erisman stated the shop roof is leaking and he will have someone come in to take a look at it.

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

None

**TOURISM**  
**(J. Nicholson Chairman)**

Trustee Nicholson stated there is a copy of a Hotel/Motel Tax ordinance for everyone and wanted to point out this will not be a new tax, just redirecting the current tax from county to village.

Trustee Nicholson informed the board there was a group of Cobras following the Lincoln Highway and stopped in town. He is hoping to see an article in the paper as the editor was present and took photos.

Trustee Nicholson said Grove Park, formally the old Logan property is getting cleaned up and disc golf will be installed in the future.

The zoning board met regarding the Air B n B and determined it is not in compliance.

Solar panels are going up at the Whitney Mansion.

Discussion was had regarding historic district.

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

None

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by P. Erisman, seconded by A. Lanning and carried by unanimous vote at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Sprague  
Village Clerk