

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 11, 2025

On September 8, 2025 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 Eric Grendahl at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Scott Spangler, John Nicolson, Susan Murphy, Kristy Murphy, Heather Grove, Mark Delhotal, Attorney Considine, President Eric Grendahl, and Clerk Jessica Ford.

Absent: None

MINUTES

Motion made by H. Grove, seconded by K. Murphy to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Meetings of August 11, 2025. Passed: 6/0

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR'S

-Marilyn Spangler: would like to have been spoken to ahead of time in regards to Park Committee Chair replacement. Read pre-typed letter. Multiple ordinances referred to. Would have expected an investigation into complaints.
C/O potential water rate increase.

-Jamie Cooper stated she would have liked to have had a conversation prior to tree trimming being done or some prior notification. She was informed that notice was put out in meeting minutes and on social media that tree trimming and removal would be done around the Village. Jamie stated that the trees are on her property and not on easement. President Grendahl read Ordinance 443, showing that the ordinance is for removal of plants "other than trees." Discussion on distance from center of road to easement. Established that when trees encroach upon the right-of-way, the Village is responsible to ensure that they are trimmed back.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Jessica Ford brought attention to 5 bill that were added to the bill-to-be-paid following the distribution of the Trustee packets. Would like these added in for vote to be paid this month.

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by J. Nicholson, seconded by H. Grove to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers, including bills brought forward by Clerk Ford. Passed: 6/0

POLICE REPORT

None.

LEGAL ISSUES

(Attorney D. Considine)

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(M. Delhotal, Chairman)

M. Delhotal stated bids are still coming in for maintenance and repairs. Just about done with tree trimming and removal budget for fall. Still to grind stumps and remove 1 tree.

WATER & SEWER

(K. Murphy, Chairman)

K. Murphy stated the garbage company is violating contract. She is working with them to get large items picked up on a schedule 1x weekly.

Ed has started his water classes.

Getting about \$6,000 quotes to replace pumps. Hydrant flushing done. Will be meeting with Matt Hanson in the next week to discuss well house replacement project.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(J. Nicolson, Chairman)

J. Nicholson shared that there was a Lincoln Highway Tour. Franklin Creek Conservation to receive State award. Asked about the Dollar General project. President Grendahl stated that breaking ground was planned for early November. Estimated completion to be around February-March 2026.

PROPERTIES

(S. Murphy, Chairman)

S. Murphy stated that letters have been sent out to made residents aware of ordinance violations. Would like to add ordinance information to water bills.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Murphy, Chairman)

None.

TOURISM

(H. Grove, Chairman)

Trustee H. Grove asked about the Hardy property. President Grendahl stated that survey stakes have been out for about 4 weeks. Attorney Considine waiting for legal description and final survey.

-Halloween trick-or-treating is schedule for October 31, 2025 from 5p-8p. There will be a costume contest at 6:45p with judging at 7p for 7 categories at ACF Elementary School. Would like Village to donate \$217 for prize money, as we did last year.

-Steel bison, 1 life-size, small ones at parks, and one transportable to be made for Village. Working with a fabrication company on cost.

-Getting details ready for Christmas Walk on December 12. More info to come.

GENERAL ISSUES

President Grendahl brought forward multiple improvements for discussion. Lighting at Atlasta Park, replacement of swings at Atlasta Park, Removal of old tennis court and installation of new parking lot closer to building at Atlasta Park, storm sewer curb inlet at 4 locations. Discussion on President Grendahl's ability to approve the projects at Atlasta Park. Agreed upon that those projects would be approved by President Grendahl as they are to be done and do not require Board approval.

Estimate from Associated Services Enterprise quotes as follows:

-S. Elm and South St. (storm sewer curb inlet): \$9,817.80

-South St. and Hughes St. (remove and replace): \$9,731.24

-124 S. Elm (remove and replace curb inlet): \$4,692.44

-335 N. Elm (front) and 101 S. Elm (rear) (replace manholes): \$8,225.24

Motion to approve work on storm sewer curb inlets and manholes made by H. Grove, seconded by M. Delhotal. Passed: 6/0

Tablets for Trustees to have email and packet access brought before the board at August 11th meeting. State that tablets would be property of the Village, and must be returned.

Motion to approve purchase of tablets for Trustees made by M. Delhotal, seconded by S. Murphy. Passed: 6/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by H. Grove, seconded by M. Delhotal and carried by unanimous vote at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ford
Village Clerk