

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

DECEMBER 8, 2025 MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 10, 2025

On December 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 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Attny Considine

MINUTES

Motion made by M. Delhotal, seconded by J. Nicholson to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Meetings of November 10, 2025. Passed: 5/0

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR'S

Scott Murphy addressed the board in regards to the Village taking over the Sanitation District. Stated that SD board only approves passing the annual levy and budget. Levy is to bring in about \$5K annually, and has about \$105K in the bank currently. Would like to have this issue resolved April of 2026. Levy for 2026 already submitted.

President Grendahl read ordinance #799-25.

Motion made by J. Nicholson to approve taking over Sanitation District, seconded by M. Delhotal. Passed: 5/0

Introduction made by Amy Laver of new owner of Chance on 38, Jeff. Officially taking over 12/15/25.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

NONE

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by M. Delhotal, seconded by J. Nicholson to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers, including bills brought forward by Clerk Ford. Passed: 5/0

POLICE REPORT

None.

LEGAL ISSUES

(Attorney D. Considine)

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(M. Delhotal, Chairman)

Trustee M. Delhotal stated that the Village employees are doing their best with street plowing. They cannot run the plows directly on the street or it will tear up the street, and they are wearing through the plow shoes quickly.

Need a tractor and V-Plow or ton truck. Not enough in fund for this year-Need to look into this to be prepared for next year. Quote on 49hp Johnson with attachments is \$53K without a trade-in

WATER & SEWER

(K. Murphy, Chairman)

Trustee K. Murphy stated that we are still waiting on the permits for the Phosphate chemicals. Have gotten nothing yet from Willett/Hoffman. Still working on water samples. Ed has finished his water class.

S. Murphy stated that CD's for W&S are currently just over \$1,180,000.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(J. Nicolson, Chairman)

Trustee J. Nicholson stated that the Dollar General walls are up and roof is on. Still on track to be completed March of 2026.

Some discussion had about the usually Christmas tree in town. Now about 60ft. Do not have a lift to get up to the top of the tree or the lights to do it. Discussion had on alternative options for a Christmas tree lighting.

PROPERTIES

(S. Murphy, Chairman)

NONE

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Murphy, Chairman)

Trustee S. Murphy stated that she is still working with the bank you combine CD's and get higher rates.

TOURISM

(S. Spangler, Chairman)

President Grendahl announced resignation of Trustee H. Grove. New Chairman is Trustee S. Spangler.

Trustee S. Spangler stated that he is working to update the Franklingrove.org website. Looking to make connections for promoting Village tourism. There is about \$14M in tourism in the region/area we should be benefitting from.

GENERAL ISSUES

President Grendahl asked for a vote to accept the resignation of Trustee H. Grove.

Motion to accept resignation made by M. Delhotal, seconded by S. Murphy. Passed: 5/0

President Grendahl asked for a vote to accept appointment of Trustee S. Spangler as Tourism Chairman.

Motion made by J. Nicholson to approve appointment, seconded by S. Murphy. Passed: 5/0

President Grendahl asked for a vote to approve Natalie Sondgeroth appointment as Park Committee Treasurer.

Motion made by M. Delhotal to approve appointment, seconded by J. Nicholson. Passed: 5/0

President Grendahl presented the '25-'26 tax levy ordinance.

Motion to approve '25-'26 Tax Levy made by M. Delhotal, seconded by J. Nicholson. Passed: 5/0

Discussion had regarding Christmas bonuses for Village employees. Agreed that full-time employees should receive \$200 gift cards, and part-time employee receive \$100.

Motion made by J. Nicholson to approve gift cards for Village employees, seconded by M. Delhotal. Passed: 5/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by J. Nicholson, seconded by K. Murphy and carried by unanimous vote at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ford
Village Clerk