

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

July 13, 2026 MINUTES APPROVED June 8, 2026

On July 13, 2026 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, Mitch Reuter, Kristy Murphy, Mark Delhotal, Attorney Considine, President Eric Grendahl, and Clerk Jessica Ford.

Absent: None

MINUTES

Motion made by M. Reuter, seconded by M. Delhotal to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, with amendment of committee report to state that painting supplies were not donated for sign, of June 8, 2026 Passed: 6/0

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR'S

NONE.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Ford gave update regarding Bank Reconciliation with Locis.

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by S. Murphy seconded by J. Nicholson to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers, including Pacer's Tree service bill of \$500 for stump removal.
Passed: 6/0

POLICE REPORT

NONE

LEGAL ISSUES

(Attorney D. Considine)

NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & ALLEYS

(M. Delhotal, Chairman)

Trustee M. Delhotal stated they are working to get bids in for trucks and a plow quote for Bonnell. Street patching starting Tues or Wed. Manhole materials are here, planning to start replacement. Got the lawn mower back.

Trustee Spangler presented pictures taken around town of parkways overgrown with grass. Discussion on clearing up parkways and tools to use. President Grendahl stated that there is an ordinance against parking in parkways.

WATER & SEWER

(K. Murphy, Chairman)

Trustee K. Murphy stated that there have been no new developments. Everything is going well. Core and Main are ready with water meters to begin replacing throughout town. Ed will start replacing lead and copper houses, as well as defective meters, first.

President Grendahl stated that we did not score high enough to get well project funding this year. May possibly be able to get funding for next fiscal year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(J. Nicolson, Chairman)

Trustee Nicholson stated that he is very pleased with how the update on the Lincoln Hwy sign turned out.

PROPERTIES

(M. Reuter, Chairman)

Trustee Reuter stated that the new stalls are in at Atlasta Park. Drew's is making good progress finishing up project. Ed is working on new parking lot. Questioned status on Egle Park. Attny Considine stated that we are still waiting on the survey. Surveyor contacted for 2 years without sufficient response. Will contact another at Willett Hoffman. Trustee Reuter is looking into getting park grants. Stated that shop roof and gutters should be addressed soon.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

(S. Murphy, Chairman)

Trustee S. Murphy stated that \$100K from Sanitary District has been put into a CD. Still working on insurance. Budget is difficult to work on. Trying to find true number to work with. Would like to get committee needs and priorities.

TOURISM

(S. Spangler, Chairman)

Trustee S. Spangler stated that Marilyn is working on advertising campaign for Harvest Festival. Big Rig Trucks, pork chops, Chaplain Creek, etc are all set for the event.

GENERAL ISSUES

President Grendahl brought forward a Façade Grant request for Farming Heritage. Trustee Nicholson broke down expenses for material, metal cap, sign boards, paint/painting tools, construction. Community donations for the sign totaled \$162.87. Approx cost after donations was \$3925. Façade Grant would cover half totaling \$1,962.50.

Motion made by S. Murphy to approve façade grant to Farming Heritage, seconded by K. Murphy. Passed: 6/0

Discussion about revenue from Video Gaming Tax and how to best use it in our community.

Discussion regarding rules for Air B-n-B properties. Need something in place for issues that may come up. Will look into what other towns have in place.

President Grendahl stated that Tris Brumbly will be resigning as zoning officer. Will be posting position to replace him.

Discussion had on adopting the IEC (International Energy Conservation Code), and the need to increase permit fees in Village.

President Grendahl is attending the 113th IML Conference September 17-19th.

Next meeting scheduled for August 10th.

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made J. Nicholson, seconded by K. Murphy and carried by unanimous vote at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ford
Village Clerk