

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

June 8, 2026 MINUTES APPROVED May 11, 2026

On June 8, 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 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Attorney Considine

**MINUTES**

Motion made by J. Nicholson, seconded by S. Spangler to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026      Passed: 6/0

**RECOGNITION OF VISITOR'S**

**NONE.**

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**NONE.**

**BILLS & LATE BILLS**

Motion made by S. Murphy seconded by K. Murphy to pay bills, late bills and make necessary transfers. Passed: 6/0

**POLICE REPORT**

**NONE**

**LEGAL ISSUES**  
(Attorney D. Considine)

**NONE**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

(M. Delhotal, Chairman)

Trustee M. Delhotal stated that street sweeping is done. Grass in roadways from residents afterwards. Associated is to start storm sewers and manholes. Materials have been ordered but have not arrived. Still need a loader truck. Ed is doing good in the shop. Mower is backfiring; looking to get fixed.

### **WATER & SEWER**

(K. Murphy, Chairman)

Trustee K. Murphy stated that there have been no issues with the sewer plant. Valves have been exercised throughout town. CCR report is posted online. Garbage issues are ongoing. Items left during pick-up, and 5 complaints this week about damage to mailboxes. Discussion had on changing companies.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(J. Nicolson, Chairman)

Trustee Nicholson stated that he is still looking into the interchange at Reynolds and I88.

### **PROPERTIES**

(S. Murphy, Chairman)

**NONE.**

### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

(S. Murphy, Chairman)

Trustee S. Murphy stated that She is reviewing the insurance packet. IMRF still needs employee information.

President Grendahl stated that Drew's is preparing for lighting and parking lot at the park.

### **TOURISM**

(S. Spangler, Chairman)

Trustee S. Spangler stated that there has been a 56% increase in business in the area over the last year. Big increase locally; Casey's rated #2 and Café rated #6. Community feedback was good following the re-enactment. Cell data and Credit card usage showed many states brought in. Good turn out and participation. Meeting with people for Lincoln Hwy sign update. Paint has been donated, looking for façade grant. Estimated to be about

\$12-1500. Trustee J. Nicholson stated he'd like to get preapproval for grant. Not on agenda for tonight.

## **GENERAL ISSUES**

President Grendahl read electric agreement for MC Squared, signed 6/1/26. Will be in effect from 9/1/26-9/1/28.

Discussion had to higher a part-time deputy clerk for \$20/hr at about 20 hours/week.

**Motion** made by M. Delhotal to hire a deputy clerk, seconded by S. Murphy. Passed: 5/1  
S. Spangler abstained.

Discussion about a tractor and truck trade-in. Need new equipment. Mark and Ed will get bids for tractors.

Discussion on water meters from capital improvement. Approx 30% not working from about 400 accounts. This would also allow finishing lead and copper service. About \$120-150K split between water and sewer CI. 20 year warranty on meters.

**Motion** made by M. Delhotal to move forward with new meters, seconded by J. Nicholson. Passed: 6/0

President Grendahl brought forward Trustee M. Reuter as the new Properties Chairman.

**Motion** made by M. Delhotal to appoint M. Reuter as chairman, seconded by K. Murphy. Passed: 6/0

School district board made a resolution to transfer old school entrance properties to the Village. Resolution read by President Grendahl.

**Motion** made by J. Nicholson to approve accepting property transfer, seconded by S. Spangler. Passed: 5/1 M. Reuter abstained.

Discussion had about getting exterior cameras for garbage dumping issue. Agreement to get quotes and figures.

Discussion on Willie's. Has no water meter, but has service. Conduit run to shop and tapped into main. 2 structures on the property. Will discuss with Attorney Considine on legality.

Discussion about trailers parked on roadway. Will discuss with Lee Co. to enforce violations.

**Motion** made by M. Delhotal to approve employee cost-of-living pay increase by 2/3%, retroactive to May 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded by K. Murphy. Passed: 6/0

As no further business was brought before the board, a **motion** to adjourn was made by S. Spangler, seconded by M. Delhotal and carried by unanimous vote at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ford  
Village Clerk