

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

APRIL 9, 2007 MINUTES APPROVED MAY 14, 2007

April 9, 2007 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 Robert E. Logan with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Stan Hann, James Delhotal, Ed Uphoff, Diane Nicholson, Keith Roop, Lynn Asp, Attorney Dana Considine, President Bob Logan and Clerk Lori Smith.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See attached.

Jack Kelley presented a jar of maple syrup to all board members, village clerk and Police Chief.

Mrs. Zordell at 331 Old Mill Road requested clarification on the three feet set back required in the fence ordinance. President Logan referred Mrs. Zordell to the Zoning Board.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

MINUTES

Motion made by D. Nicholson, seconded by K. Roop to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2007. Passed 6/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to approve the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of March 12, 2007. Passed 6/0

Motion made by J. Delhotal, seconded by K. Roop to open the executive minutes of December 12, 2005 and January 9, 2006 as recommended by President Logan. Passed 6/0

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by E. Uphoff, seconded by L. Asp to pay bills and late bills of \$50.00 to Illinois Municipal Treasurer's Association; \$30.00 to Lincoln Highway Association; \$490.83 to Lee County I.T. Office and \$10.00 to Petty Cash for clerk's meeting. Passed 6/0

Motion made by S. Hann, seconded by K. Roop to make the necessary transfers. Passed 6/0

CLERK'S REPORT

See attached.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by D. Nicholson to increase garbage rates from \$33.00 quarterly to \$35.00 quarterly effective July 1, 2007. Passed 5/1
Trustee S. Hann voted nay.

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Ehrmann)

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Lynne Kilker)

See attached.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by L. Asp to hire Lynne Kilker as the Franklin Grove Economic Development Specialist at \$1.00 per capita which would include two visits per month to attend the regular board meeting and one committee meeting. Any additional meetings would be \$40.00/hour plus mileage door-to-door based on prevailing Federal rate for mileage. Passed 6/0

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to adopt the policy that states an officer on the village roster must participate a minimum of eight (8) hours a month or thirty (30) hours a quarter. Passed 6/0

Lee County Sheriff, John Varga advised the board of the current change in the county's radio system:

- New Radio System (Star.Com)
- Mandated by 2010
- Grants available

Sheriff Varga assured the board that communication between the village and county officer's was still being provided.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to approve Ordinance No.678-07 amending Ordinance No. 561 of the Enterprise Zone. Passed 6/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to accept as a draft the proposed Village of Franklin Grove Employee Handbook as presented. Passed 6/0

K. Roop advised the board that Mr. Boyd of 200 Whitney Street was burning fence post at the village burn site. Mr. Boyd advised that he had been given permission to do so by Don Fore. K. Roop suggested that the burning site be locked and only used by village employees who can verify what is being burnt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER

(K. Roop Chairman)

See attached.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by L. Asp to allow Water & Sewer to pay \$20,000.00 on Water Tower Loan instead of paying the loan with the Village. Passed 6/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by J. Delhotal to pay \$150.00 to the Logan children to deliver the Consumer Confidence Report to the village residents.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to begin a Capital Improvement Fund for the Water & Sewer Department effective May 1, 2007 in the amount of \$500.00 a month. The amount of \$250.00 will be contributed from the Water Fund and \$250.00 from the Sewer Fund. Passed 6/0

STREETS & ALLEYS

(S. Hann Chairman)

Trustee Hann advised that he had a meeting March 22, 2007 with the railroad regarding the closing of the crossings at Elm Street and Gap Road. Trustee Hann was advised that the crossings will be closed June 17, 2007 thru June 24, 2007 (tentatively).

Trustee Hann addressed a concern that the sidewalk in front of the Rooney Building on Elm Street needed repair and the siding on the south side of the building was falling off.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES

(E. Uphoff Chairman)

Motion made by E. Uphoff, seconded by K. Roop to use Baxter & Woodman as our engineering firm. Passed 6/0

Trustee Uphoff advised that Tuesday April 24, 2007; May 1, 2007 and May 8, 2007 a meeting of the Steering Committee would be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(J. Delhotal Chairman)

Motion made by S. Hann, seconded by K. Roop to approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007/2008. Passed 6/0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by J. Delhotal to enter into executive session at 9:55 p.m. Passed 6/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to increase Ron Miller's salary \$200.00/month. Passed 6/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by S. Hann to continue paying Bill Uphoff \$1,000.00/month plus insurance for the months of May and June, 2007 and then pay \$600.00/month plus insurance beginning July 1, 2007 until such time as either party gives 30 days notice to terminate. Passed 5/0 Trustee E. Uphoff abstained from voting.

Motion made by S. Hann, seconded by K. Roop to give Don Fore a twenty-five (25) cents per hour increase plus increase insurance to the maximum allowed (\$500.00) for insurance reimbursement.

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by D. Nicholson to give the police officers a cost of living increase. Passed 6/0

OTHER BUSINESS

President Logan recommended that, due to the increase in duties and responsibility, the amount of pay for the Community and Economic Development Chairman be increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 annually. The recommendation is to be voted on at the next village board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by D. Nicholson, seconded by E. Uphoff and carried by unanimous vote at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk