

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

AUGUST 13, 2007 MINUTES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

August 13, 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 at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Karen Didier, Ed Uphoff, Diane Nicholson, Keith Roop, Lynn Asp, President Bob Logan and Clerk Lori Smith.

Attorney Rolfe Ehrmann arrived at 7:58 p.m. and Trustee Tony Schaneberg was absent.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See attached.

AFC School Board Member, Kathy Uphoff, wanted to address the board regarding the sidewalk and curbing along Lahman Street at the Elementary School. When it rains, the water tends to puddle there and the teacher's have expressed a concern and the school board is wondering what can be done.

President Logan requested that Trustees Nicholson work with Trustee Roop and look at the possibility of draining that so the water would run away. Trustee Nicholson advised that she has spoken to Principal Ann Tilton with regard to this issue and advised Principal Tilton that no money was available at this time to do the necessary work to fix the problem.

President Logan suggested that if grading worked before, maybe it would work again temporarily to get the water away and the village board would look at it again in the spring when road work that needs to be done in the Village is prioritized.

Mr. Troy Frampton advised the board that his step-daughter was seriously injured about two weeks ago by Atlasta Park. She was riding her bike down State Street and turned to go into the Park and went down into the ditch and hit a culvert. It demolished her bike and cracked her larynx. He wanted to inform the board that they have an issue that needs to get resolved so no other child or parent goes through what he has gone through.

President Logan advised that this is the first time he was made aware of this and has not heard of any other incident of a similar nature. President Logan appreciated Mr. Frampton bringing it to the board's attention and advised that it would be investigated.

Bill Murfree with Utility Service Company made a presentation to the board regarding maintenance to the Water Tower.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

MINUTES

Motion made by D. Nicholson, seconded by K. Roop to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing, Regular and Executive Meetings of July 9, 2007. Passed 5/0

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by K. Roop to pay bills, late bills of \$245.00 to Robert Logan, Jr. and make necessary transfers. Passed 5/0

CLERK'S REPORT

See attached.

- Don Lawrence will review ordinance to see if a permit is necessary for demolition of a building or parking lot
- Zoning Meeting held on August 6, 2007 needs to be billed to Jim Lahman
- Chief Lehman will provide a list of current Auxiliary Officer's

ENGINEER'S REPORT

(Ralph Tompkins)

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by D. Nicholson to approve the Engineer's Work Order for WWTP Capacity Analysis. Passed 5/0

Infrastructure Committee would like Baxter & Woodman to do a preliminary study for the cost of an overpass. Ralph Tompkins will bring an estimate to the September 10th meeting.

Ralph Tompkins would like to volunteer to do a 1 ½ to 2 hour seminar to explain the whole process of development, what to look for, how to identify "red flags" and how the process works.

President Logan requested that Ralph Tompkins take a drive down by the Park and take a look at the ditch and come back to discuss it with the board.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(Lynne Kilker)

Lynne Kilker advised the board that she has been “politicking” in Springfield.

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Ehrmann)

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by D. Nicholson to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m.

No action taken in executive session.

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

Chief Lehman advised the board that during the Harvest Festival they issued nine citations some of which were for stop sign violations, no insurance, driving under suspension and no license.

Chief Lehman advised that they were not stopping people for seat belt violations or jay walking, which were some complaint’s board members received.

Chief Lehman introduced new recruit, Jason Loescher, to the board. He will enroll in the Academy in January, 2008.

GENERAL BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Officer, Don Lawrence, advised the board that Jim Lahman still needs to obtain some permits before moving forward on his development on Route 38.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by K. Didier, seconded by E. Uphoff to approve the First Reading of the Open Burning/Recreational Burning Ordinance. Passed 5/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER

(K. Roop Chairman)

See attached.

Motion made by E. Uphoff, seconded by K. Didier to spend up to \$1,000.00 to check the draw down on Well No. 3. Passed 5/0

STREETS & ALLEYS

(D. Nicholson Chairman)

See attached.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to pay up to \$3,200.00 to Brad's Tree Service for the immediate trim or removal of trees and limbs. Passed 5/0

President Logan requested that D. Nicholson get more bids for truck beds before approving the purchase of one.

Motion made by K. Didier, seconded by K. Roop to approve the excess cost beyond \$1,500.00 for sidewalk assistance for Tim and Sheree Rich. Passed 5/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to approve the purchase of a leaf-vacuum up to \$5,950.00. Passed 5/0

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES

(E. Uphoff Chairman)

Trustee Uphoff advised that the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee is August 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., with sub-committees meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Uphoff advised that he has two surveys to ask the community what they want to see for internet service. When the contract with Essex is up, we should be charging for use on our tower.

Trustee Uphoff would like to commend the committees for the hard work they have been doing and the reports he's been receiving.

Trustee Uphoff advised that the Village of Franklin Grove was awarded the \$6,000.00 Grant from Commonwealth Edison. Trustee Uphoff will be contacting Nicor, Verizon and Essex to see what they can do for us.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(K. Didier Chairman)

Trustee Didier advised that the committee met to update the insurance coverage information for the Illinois Municipal League.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Logan advised that he will be contacting Rolfe Ehrmann with regard to the ruling that the agenda needs to be put on our website.

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by D. Nicholson seconded by L. Asp and carried by unanimous vote at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk