

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

AUGUST 11, 2008 MINUTES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

On August 11, 2008 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 Robert E. Logan with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Trustee Schaneberg

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See attached.

Bob Thompson introduced himself to the board and advised that he is running for Lee County Judge.

Chad Murphy addressed the board with concerns of cars speeding past his house on the corner of Hughes and South Walnut Street. After much discussion, it was determined that more information was needed.

Note: Trustee Schaneberg arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to have Ralph Tompkins of Baxter and Woodman provide information on equipment available to monitor speed and do a traffic count. Passed 6/0

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

MINUTES

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by D. Nicholson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2008. Passed 6/0

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to pay bills, late bill to Ed Uphoff for \$348.38 for copies of the Comprehensive Plan and make necessary transfers. Passed 6/0

CLERK'S REPORT

None

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Ehrmann)

ZONING

Motion made by E. Uphoff, seconded by K. Roop to appoint Milton Wilcox and reappoint Roger Warrenfeltz to the Zoning Board for a five year appointment. Passed 6/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to approve the First Reading of the Proposed Zoning Changes. Passed 6/0

Motion made by E. Uphoff, seconded by T. Schaneberg to approve a Resolution that the Board desires to rezone both the Old Library Parcel and the Village Well House Parcel to Neighborhood Business District as soon as the District exists. Passed 6/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to hold a Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 followed by a Special Meeting of the Board. Passed 6/0

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Ralph Tompkins)

See attached

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
(Lynne Kilker)**

Lynne Kilker advised that on September 8th or 15th she will be inviting Fox Development to meet with the Housing Committee and any other committee or board members who wish to attend at approximately 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Trustee Uphoff will advise which date as soon as available.

Don Falls with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development Opportunity advised the board that he is very pleased with the progress being made with regard to CCI. Don also advised that he has met with the County ESDA Director and is going to see what kind of programs and funding might be available for Early Warning Sirens.

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

GENERAL BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by D. Nicholson to open an Emergency Response Fund at the Franklin Grove Bank. Passed 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**WATER & SEWER
(K. Roop Chairman)**

Trustee Roop advised that the water tower is being sandblasted and Ron Miller will be going up the water tower tomorrow to take a look.

Trustee Roop also advised that the EPA will be here on August 21, 2008 to inspect the water system.

STREETS & ALLEYS
(D. Nicholson Chairman)

See attached.

Trustee Nicholson wondered if it might be appropriate for the Village, through President Logan, to send a letter to Commonwealth Edison thanking some of the local ComEd employees for their quick response at the Nursing Home in getting the power up. President Logan advised that he would address a letter to Jim Fox.

Trustee Nicholson wanted to thank Don Fore and Jordan Lahman for clearing the low branches for the parade.

Motion made by D. Nicholson, seconded by K. Didier to allow a ten foot setback on alley's and a five foot setback at driveways on Elm Street, Hughes Street and Lahman Street starting with the school zone. Passed 6/0

President Logan requested Trustee Nicholson come back to the board with a list of any other areas in town where setbacks may be needed.

Trustee Nicholson advised that Don Fore and Chuck Austin have been missing each other with regard to getting a price for the work needing to be done at the Elementary School.

President Logan advised the board that he approved up to \$3,200.00 for Brad's Tree Service to clean-up the messes after the storm as needed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES
(E. Uphoff Chairman)

Trustee Uphoff advised that the Comprehensive Plans have been printed and he is trying to get a couple of covers reprinted for the copies that are to stay in town. Trustee Uphoff advised that he will be holding a Press Conference when he presents the copies.

Trustee Uphoff advised that he received permission from School Superintendent Zick to replace the bleacher at the Elementary School.

Trustee Uphoff advised that we will need to replace the circuit breaker, electrical box and light at Flat Iron Park.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(K. Didier Chairman)

Trustee Didier advised the board she and the village clerk have been working on the annual report for the Illinois Municipal League.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Roop advised that there was another problem with the garbage pick-up at the Chisamore property.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to go into executive session at 9:26 p.m. Passed 6/0

No action was taken in executive session.

Trustee Uphoff advised that he feels we need to keep Trustees away from emergency situations and that President Logan needs to come up with an emergency plan.

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by T. Schaneberg seconded by K. Didier and carried by unanimous vote at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk