

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

DECEMBER 10, 2007 MINUTES APPROVED JANUARY 14, 2008

On December 10, 2007 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Trustee Tony Schaneberg and Attorney Rolfe Ehrmann

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See attached.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

MINUTES

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of November 10, 2007. Passed 5/0

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by D. Nicholson to pay bills, late bills for Commonwealth Edison of \$23.16 and Illinois Mayor's Association of \$75.00 and make any necessary transfers. Passed 5/0

CLERK'S REPORT

See attached.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by L. Asp to approve hosting the Northern Illinois Mayor's Association Meeting on March 20, 2008 and paying for meals of board members who wish to attend. Passed 5/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution. Passed 5/0

Motion made by K. Didier, seconded by D. Nicholson to allow the Finance Chairman to sign checks if and when either the Village Clerk or Village President are incapacitated and unable to sign. Passed 5/0

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Ehrmann)

President Logan advised the closing on the old library building was held November 26, 2007 and it is now owned by the Village.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded to K. Didier to have a tree removed from the old library building property, the property surveyed and have the attorney draw up the appropriate papers separating the West Forty (40) Feet of Lot Ten (10) in Block Seventeen (17). Passed 5/0

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Ralph Tompkins)

The board advised Ralph Tompkins that they had good feedback on the Planning 101 Seminar that Baxter & Woodman presented.

Ralph Tompkins advised the board that with reference to the Lahman Project, they are still waiting for Mr. Lahman to get approval from IDOT and IEPA.

The Pavement Management Project is done. They were able to get the streets all surveyed and in their database. They have made a decision to enhance what they are going to give us and will have it all done in GIS format at no additional cost.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (Lynne Kilker)

None

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

Trustee Karen Didier requested that officer's hours worked be added to the monthly police report.

Chief Lehman advised that the reason for the overage on hours was due to a three and a half month investigation. The investigation stemmed from DeKalb County to Whiteside County and resulted in a total of twenty-one burglary, one theft, one drug and one gun arrest.

President Logan advised that Doug Heier will be using the police car while doing ordinance violations which would allow him to respond to emergencies.

Chief Lehman wanted to compliment the Street Department on the condition of the streets during the recent snow.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by K. Didier, seconded by L. Asp to keep the Christmas gift levels the same as last year and purchase gift certificates at the Lincolnway Café. Passed 5/0

President Logan advised that he has sent a letter to John Zick, AFC School District Superintendent, with regard to the status of Lahman Street and also the safety issues with kids being dropped off.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to endorse the Franklin Grove Summer Harvest Festival, donate \$500.00 and provide two port-a-potties out of the 2008/2009 fiscal year. Passed 5/0

ZONING ISSUES

President Logan advised that no Public Hearing was held prior to the board meeting, regarding the International Building Code, because the board wasn't ready to make a decision.

Motion made by E. Uphoff, seconded by K. Roop to appoint Roger Warrenfeltz as Zoning Board President. Passed 5/0

Recommendations made by the board to the Planning Commission were as follows:

- Andrew Brockwell
- Pat LaChat

Motion made by K. Didier, seconded by E. Uphoff to accept the Zoning Boards recommendation to correct the zoning map to change Herb Ferguson's property from Residential to Highway Frontage. Passed 5/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER

(K. Roop Chairman)

Trustee Roop advised that he will purchase safety green shirts for employees and summer help to wear.

President Logan advised that the Julie Call List needs to be updated to add Ron Miller, remove Bill Uphoff and update any additional information.

STREETS & ALLEYS

(D. Nicholson Chairman)

See attached.

Trustee Nicholson advised that more barricades are needed

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES

(E. Uphoff Chairman)

Trustee Uphoff advised that he is still working on the CCI Survey and will tentatively meet with Don Falls on January 2, 2008 to review.

PROPERTIES

(T. Schaneberg)

None

Trustee Uphoff advised that repair work will need to be done on the building next to the Village Hall and they will revisit building a garage behind the Village Hall in the next fiscal year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(K. Didier Chairman)

Motion made by D. Nicholson, seconded by E. Uphoff to approve the Tax Levy for 2007. Passed 5/0

Trustee Didier advised the board that, due to the overage in hours, there is not enough money in the police salaries to finish out the fiscal year. Trustee Didier and Clerk Smith will meet with Chief Lehman and President Logan in order to come back to the board with a recommendation as to what additional funds are available and what hours are available for the remainder of the fiscal year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Roop advised that the Village needs to set a minimum bid and get rid of the old truck. Trustee Didier will find out what the truck is worth in order to determine a minimum bid.

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by K. Didier seconded by L. Asp and carried by unanimous vote at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk