

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

FEBRUARY 11, 2008 MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 10, 2008

On February 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See attached.

President Logan presented Water and Sewer Superintendent Ron Miller with a certificate from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for successful completion of the Class Four Water Treatment Certification

Steve Naber of Baxter & Woodman Engineering presented the board with a detailed 2008 Pavement Management Report and answered board questions.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
(Lynne Kilker)**

None

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

MINUTES

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by L. Asp to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Meeting of January 14, 2008. Passed 6/0

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by D. Nicholson to pay bills, late bills of \$29,619.95 to the Franklin Grove Bank to pay off the Water Tower Loan; \$868.40 to Cargill Incorporated for Bulk Ice Control and make any necessary transfers. Passed 6/0

CLERK'S REPORT

See attached.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by T. Schaneberg to approve increasing the Community and Economic Development Chairman's compensation from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 annually. Passed 6/0

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Ehrmann)

No action taken with regard to the No-Smoking Ordinance until further investigation.

Trustee Roop advised that it needs to be clear to all employees that they can't smoke in buildings as well as vehicles owned by the Village, since the Village can be fined substantially.

Attorney Ehrmann received a copy of the survey on the old library property in order to complete the necessary paperwork to separate the Well House.

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Ralph Tompkins)

None

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

Chief Lehman advised that Jason Loescher no longer works for our police department. He was unable to pass the preliminary physical performance exam at the State level and had to be terminated.

Chief Lehman asked the board for some input as to where they see the Police Department in one to five years.

Chief Lehman introduced B. J. Harney to the board as a possible applicant for the Police Department. He was formerly employed by the Dixon Police Department.

President Logan questioned what liability the Village may incur by making a memo provided by the Police Chief public record. Attorney Ehrmann addressed his concerns and after much discussion it was determined that the memo be marked confidential and not be made public record.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ZONING ISSUES

Motion made by K. Didier, seconded by K. Roop to appoint Andrew Brockwell to the Planning Commission with a term expiring in 2009. Passed 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER

(K. Roop Chairman)

Trustee Roop advised that he will be getting in touch with Ralph Tompkins from Baxter & Woodman about painting the Water Tower.

STREETS & ALLEYS

(D. Nicholson Chairman)

See attached.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES

(E. Uphoff Chairman)

See attached.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by L. Asp to pay for up to three people to attend the Rural Community Economic Development Seminar being held March 3rd, 4th & 5th in Peoria, IL for a cost of \$150.00 each plus \$69.00 for hotel room, reasonable transportation and food expenses and also pay \$69.00 for Economic Development Coordinator, Lynne Kilker's hotel room. Passed 6/0

Motion made by K. Didier, seconded by T. Schaneberg to pay membership dues to the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition of \$110.00. Passed 6/0

PROPERTIES

(T. Schaneberg)

Trustee Schaneberg advised that he felt something needs to be done to the building next to the Village Hall. Trustee Didier advised that an approximate cost needs to be brought to the next board meeting so it can be put into the budget as well as any other building improvements.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(K. Didier Chairman)

Trustee Didier passed out budget sheets to Department Heads with all budget figures added and advised that overall, the budget appears to be within the 3.5% to 4.2% increase.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by L. Asp to pay any Auxiliary officers for the past two fiscal years of \$100.00 each per year they worked. Passed 6/0

Motion made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by L. Asp to accept the donation of tile and labor to install in the bathroom at the Village Hall by Thomas Lehman. Passed 6/0

Trustee Didier advised that we need to seriously look at carpeting the Village Hall for a cost of approximately \$5,200.00 to \$5,500.00. After some discussion, no action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Asp asked the status of the emergency siren. Trustee Uphoff advised he has checked and there are no sirens available and no money to purchase one. President Logan asked Trustee Uphoff to see if we could schedule a date and time to test the siren and the Village would pay for any surge in the electric bill.

Trustee Asp also requested the status on the request by Farming Heritage to designate the Rooney Building and the Lincoln Building as Historical Preservation Buildings. President Logan advised that at the present time the Planning Commission is still being organized and that will have to come as a recommendation from them.

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by E. Uphoff, seconded by T. Schaneberg and carried by unanimous vote at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk

