

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

JANUARY 8, 2007 MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 12, 2007

January 8, 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 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See attached.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

MINUTES

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by J. Delhotal to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of December 11, 2006 with corrections noted. Passed 6/0

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by S. Hann, seconded by D. Nicholson to pay bills and approve late bills for Automatic Controls of \$1,179.09; Ace Hardware of \$235.49; Bonnell of \$27.24; Casey's of \$540.77; Erisman Garage of \$44.00; Northern Illinois Disposal of \$4,014.00; Pfoutz Electric of \$91.86 and Verizon of \$383.81. Passed 6/0

CLERK'S REPORT

In preparing the ordinances to send to the codifiers, it was noted that an administrative error occurred and an official vote was never taken to approve Ordinance 659-05 rescinding Ordinance 651-04 Amending the Original Meadows Annexation (never presented, but number was assigned) and Ordinance 654-05 Changing the Speed Limit on Highway 38.

Motion was made by S. Hann, seconded by K. Roop to approve Ordinance 659-05 rescinding Ordinance 651-04 and 654-05. Passed 6/0

The board was advised the following individuals have filed petitions for the position of Trustee for the Village Board: Karen Didier; Keith Roop; Mike Crofton and Tony Schanenber.

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

Motion was made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to hire Doug Heier as our new Ordinance Officer for eight (8) hours a week at a pay of \$14.00 an hour. Passed 6/0

NEW BUSINESS

John Nicholson asked if there was a current status on the repairs that were supposed to have been done about the railroad crossing. Trustee Hann advised that he has not been in contact with anyone from the railroad about the repairs, but President Logan advised that we were attempting to open up communications with the railroad to address this matter.

John Nicholson requested, on behalf of Farming Heritage, permission to tap the Maple trees on Elm Street right-of-way for approximately three weeks in late February thru March of 2007. He advised that there was liability insurance to cover their activities.

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by E. Uphoff to allow Farming Heritage to tap the Maple trees on the Lincoln Highway route as posted within the village parkway with the proposition that if a tree is damaged, the related expenses would be recovered from Farming Heritage and that the property owner's be asked for permission. Passed 6/0

John Nicholson wondered what could be done about the sidewalk on Elm Street by the railroad tracks. The work has created the following problems:

- trailer is bottoming out because it wasn't adequately backfilled
- doesn't feel the drop complies with the sidewalk ordinance
- presents a liability factor

The board will revisit the sidewalk again when we discuss the downtown sidewalk project. In an attempt to help alleviate the trailer bottoming out, we will bring in some backfill.

Motion made by S. Hann, seconded by E. Uphoff to approve the second reading of Ordinance 672-06 Banning Street Obstruction. Passed 5/1 (Ed Uphoff voted “nay”)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER

(K. Roop Chairman)

See attached.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to approve Ordinance No. 675-06 Multi-Family Unit – Water & Sewer Billing Changes as presented. Passed 4/2 (Stan Hann and Jim Delhotal voted “nay”)

STREETS & ALLEYS

(S. Hann Chairman)

See attached.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by L. Asp to approve bid letting specs on Street Improvement project for \$61,430.30 which will come from Motor Fuel Tax. Passed 6/0

Trustee Hann advised that there is a meeting coming up January 30, 2007 in Rockford regarding the Safe Sidewalk Project. It was suggested that Mike Crofton may be willing to attend.

Trustee Hann advised that it would be approximately \$15,000 to purchase a leaf blower and that this would be something the board should consider in the future along with a dump truck.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES

(E. Uphoff Chairman)

See attached.

Trustee Uphoff had a short meeting with Mick Gronewold from Fehr-Graham & Associates regarding the public meeting we will be having in the future. They would like to try to earn our business.

Trustee Uphoff is hoping to have Mike Reibel, Ogle County Planning and Zoning Administrator attend a meeting to do a presentation about what he can do for us in writing our Comprehensive Plan.

Union Pacific will hope to meet with us the second week of February. Lynne Kilker will advise the exact date that will be.

Trustee Uphoff advised the librarian that they needed to contact the Village Board for an individual to assist with the grant.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(J. Delhotal Chairman)

Jim Delhotal advised that due to a computer problem, budget worksheets were not available at meeting time. They will be given to the trustees as soon as possible, so they can begin working on and have preliminary figures ready for the February meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Uphoff advised that the first public meeting with the engineers regarding our comprehensive plan will be held at 6:00 p.m. prior to our regular meeting with Willette-Hoffman and at 6:30 p.m. with Fehr-Graham. This is an informational meeting only, not a public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by E. Uphoff, seconded by L. Asp and carried by unanimous vote at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk

