

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

JANUARY 14, 2008 MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 11, 2008

On January 14, 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, 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.

Attorney Tom Suits, a candidate for Judge of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, addressed the board regarding his background and qualifications for the position and left materials for the board to look at.

Kathy Uphoff, member of the AFC School Board, wished to address the board regarding comments made in an article in the Dixon Telegraph written by Bob Logan. She wished to go on record stating that anyone can make contact with school board members at any time.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR  
(Lynne Kilker)**

Lynne Kilker advised the board of a Solar Panel Manufacturing Facility that may be interested in locating in an enterprise zone.

Trustee Nicholson advised the board of an upcoming Conference being put on by the USDA-RD/IIRA to be held March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Peoria, Illinois. If any board members were interested, it is a very good conference for small communities.

## **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

### **MINUTES**

**Motion** made by D. Nicholson, seconded by K. Roop to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2007. Passed 6/0

### **BILLS & LATE BILLS**

**Motion** made by K. Didier, seconded by T. Schaneberg to pay bills and make any necessary transfers. Passed 6/0

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

See attached.

### **LEGAL ISSUES**

**(Attorney Ehrmann)**

Attorney Ehrmann clarified for the board what took place with the DeWayne Harbach situation. Attorney Ehrmann also advised the difference between liens and ordinance violations.

Trustee Roop asked that if property is sold for taxes and we have a lien on it the new owner will not receive clear title until the liens are taken care of. Attorney Ehrmann advised that a lien does not get wiped away just because of a Sheriff's Sale.

President Logan questioned that if our Police Department uses someone who is unpaid and happens to be a village employee is that a problem with regard to labor issues. Attorney Ehrmann advised that he greatly discourages the allowance of employees volunteering their time for the following reasons:

- Liability
- Labor Laws – Hours – Compensatory Time
- Whom employee working for?
- No such thing as volunteering for Police work

Attorney Rolfe Ehrmann further advised that under State Law public employees can't volunteer to do public work.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**  
**(Ralph Tompkins)**

Ralph Tompkins advised the board that he will be scheduling a meeting with the Streets & Alleys Chairman to go over the Street Report and will come back with a report to the full board in February or March.

**POLICE REPORT**

See attached.

Chief Lehman wanted to take an opportunity to thank Don Fore and Ron Miller for their help by keeping their eyes open.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by T. Schaneberg to accept the bid from Grover's Nursery of \$525.00 to remove the tree by the pump house on the old library building property. Passed 6/0

**Motion** made by K. Didier, seconded by D. Nicholson to grant permission for Farming Heritage to tap the Maple Trees in all parkways that have village trees Passed 5/0  
(Note: Trustee T. Schaneberg abstained due to conflict – member of Farming Heritage)

**ZONING ISSUES**

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to appoint Pat LaChat to the Planning Commission with a term expiring in 2009. Passed 6/0

After much discussion, no decision was made with regard to adopting a building code until further investigation.

Attorney Rolfe Ehrmann will review the sample No Smoking Ordinance and come back with recommendations at the next board meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **WATER & SEWER**

(K. Roop Chairman)

See attached.

Trustee Roop advised that Ron Miller received his Class 4 Water License and will be working on his Class 3.

After some discussion it was determined that the Presbyterian Church will only be charged tap on fees for hooking into our sewer.

### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

(D. Nicholson Chairman)

See attached.

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to authorize President Logan and Trustee Roop to negotiate an easement with Bev Hunt with certain minimum terms including snowplowing. Passed 6/0

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES**

(E. Uphoff Chairman)

Trustee Uphoff advised that he is still working on the surveys. Trustee Asp advised that she had several community members' comment that they didn't receive a survey and several board members didn't either. Trustee Uphoff advised that he purchased the list from a reputable company and couldn't explain the problem.

### **PROPERTIES**

(T. Schaneberg)

Trustee Schaneberg advised that Drew will be putting up the light at the Park.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
(K. Didier Chairman)

Trustee Didier passed out budget sheets to Department Heads and requested them back by February 1st so she can present a final budget for 2008/2009 at the March meeting.

Trustee Didier advised that the police will be allowed thirty hours a month and she will continue to monitor those hours.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to advertise the old truck and a plow for a minimum bid of \$3,000.00. Passed 6/0

Trustee Roop advised that there was water in the basement at the old library because the sump pump had quite and he went ahead and had Ron replace it.

**Motion** made by L. Asp, seconded by K. Didier that President Logan be allowed to have two shelving units out of the old library building and make a donation to the Friends of the Library. Passed 6/0

**Motion** made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by K. Didier to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 8:45 p.m. Passed 6/0

No action was taken in executive session.

Trustee Roop advised that Brad Kessel from Brad's Tree Service chewed him out because the job of removing the tree from the old library property was given to someone other than him. Trustee Roop advised that Grover was the low bid.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by D. Nicholson seconded by K. Didier and carried by unanimous vote at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith  
Village Clerk

