

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

JULY 9, 2007 MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 13, 2007

July 9, 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 at 7:24 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Trustee Ed Uphoff arrived at 7:35 p.m. and Trustee Tony Schaneberg was absent.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

See attached.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by K. Didier, seconded by D. Nicholson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2007. Passed 4/0

**BILLS & LATE BILLS**

**Motion** made by L. Asp, seconded by K. Roop to pay bills and make necessary transfers. Passed 4/0

**CLERK'S REPORT**

None

**LEGAL ISSUES**  
**(Attorney Ehrmann)**

Attorney Ehrmann commented that in the State of Illinois English is the official language and is intended to be for all government business. In his opinion, what that does is it can not be mandated to use a foreign language; it just doesn't prohibit us from using a foreign language. In his opinion, no one can require us to issue out something in a foreign language even if we have a heavy population in that language.

Therefore, speaking legally, he has no objection to the resolution and that it melds with Illinois law just fine. If we determine there's a problem, he agrees with the Mayor that we can always change it.

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by L. Asp to approve Ordinance No. 684-07 to adopt English as the Official Language of the Village of Franklin Grove. Passed 4/0 (Note: Two absentees)

President Logan requested a short recess at 7:40 p.m.

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by L. Asp to go into executive session at 7:49 p.m.

No action taken in executive session.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**(Lynne Kilker)**

Lynne Kilker advised that she had two requests for proposals, but since one required barge traffic, she had to let it go. The other manufactured parts for windmills, but she was only given one day to do it. In order to put it together it would have taken a week and she just didn't have enough time.

Lynne advised that right now, in Springfield there is very little money. The Illinois Department of Transportation at the present time does have some money so if we have anything that we are going to need IDOT dollars, now would be the time.

President Logan mentioned the following meetings:

- Tuesday, July 10, 2007 with Mike Reibel
- Tuesday, July 24, 2007 with Don Falls

Ralph Tompkins with Baxter & Woodman met with Jim Lahman on property in which he is proposing four duplex units. The engineer is recommending that the next step, in order to move ahead, should be to take the proposal to the Planning Commission for their review and comments.

**Motion** made by E. Uphoff, seconded by K. Didier to make the Zoning Board the ad hoc Planning Commission for the Lahman project. Passed 5/0

## **POLICE REPORT**

See attached.

Chief Lehman advised the board that Bryan Helfrich has passed his qualifications to carry of gun.

Chief Lehman advised that he feels Ordinance Officer Doug Heier, since he is a certified police officer, should be armed for his own safety.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to approve Ordinance No. 681-07 Dumpster Nuisance. Passed 5/0

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to accept the offer from the Franklin Grove Public Library to give the Village the Well House and six additional feet of land and to ask for an option on the remainder of the property. Passed 5/0

Trustee Roop asked if the problem with Essex has been resolved. President Logan advised that Mark from Essex will come over and address problems at the Maintenance Plant and will provide pictures of how equipment was attached to the Water Tower.

After receiving a letter of complaint from Jeff and Diane Roop, as well as complaints from board members, President Logan advised that when the term of the contract with Essex is up we can visit it again and see what else is available at that time.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **WATER & SEWER**

(K. Roop Chairman)

See attached.

Trustee Roop advised that they have started shingling the Pump House. He also advised that the lead reading on the water tower was high. The water tower was last painted in 1990 and Trustee Roop is going to have Baxter & Woodman take a sample and see if the lead reading is accurate.

### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

(D. Nicholson Chairman)

See attached.

Trustee Nicholson advised that the final cost of the new trees was \$2,700.00 and they are looking very good.

Trustee Nicholson e-mailed two gentlemen from Union Pacific and only received one response from Ryan Bateman, Track Removal Project Manager, who said their project removal schedule has changed recently and it looks like they will not be affecting our area this year.

President Logan advised that by the Methodist Church there is a street light out. Trustee Nicholson has already checked into it and Jim Fox from Com Ed informed her that they did fax in the request to fix the light.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES**

(E. Uphoff Chairman)

None

Trustee Uphoff advised that the sub-committees are meeting and Trustee Roop is going to get some grant information that is needed to complete the CCI report.

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

**Motion** made by K. Didier, seconded by L. Asp to approve for filing the Certification of Estimated Revenue. Passed 5/0

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by D. Nicholson to increase the Community Building Coordinator's salary to \$70.00 a month and increase the amount for the Summer Park Program that Judy Johnson runs to \$1,000.00 annually. Passed 5/0

**Motion** made by D. Nicholson, seconded by K. Roop to approve a \$50.00 monetary donation to the Gary Hart memorial. Passed 5/0

**Motion** made by K. Didier, seconded by L. Asp to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 683-07 after increasing Engineering Fees under the General Fund to \$20,000.00. Passed 5/0

Trustee Didier advised she will purchase a two-month erasable calendar to be posted in the window to include all meetings for those months.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee Asp advised that the port-a-potties for the Harvest Festival have been ordered and questioned where to put them. It was decided they should be placed between the grocery store and restaurant and between the Village Hall and Pump House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith  
Village Clerk

