

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

JULY 14, 2008 MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 11, 2008

On July 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.

John Nicholson gave a presentation concerning an Early Warning System and requested a commitment from the board toward financing it.

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by D. Nicholson to authorize President Robert Logan to negotiate on an Early Warning System and make a commitment to pay a 1/3 of the cost. Passed 6/0

Jordan McBride addressed the board with concerns to a problem she is having with her neighbor. President Logan recommended that she address these issues with Chief Lehman.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

MINUTES

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by D. Nicholson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2008 with the following correction: 2 1/2 Ton International Truck for sale. Passed 6/0

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by K. Didier to pay bills, late bills to Com Ed for \$19,64; Franklin Grove Postmaster for \$42.00 and Thomas Lehman for \$128.06 per the Clerk's Report and make necessary transfers. Passed 6/0

CLERK'S REPORT

See attached.

Motion made by K. Didier, seconded by L. Asp to pay \$1,200.00 to the Summer Park Program for Wages and an additional \$300.00 for supplies. Passed 6/0

Motion made by Tony Schaneberg, seconded by K. Didier to have the locks changed on the two outside doors of the village hall and a separate key for the Police Departments door. Passed 6/0

A recommendation by President Logan was to issue keys for the Village Hall to the following:

- Board Members
- Police Officers
- Employees
- Zoning Officer
- County Sheriff's Office

LEGAL ISSUES (Attorney Ehrmann)

President Logan opened the sealed bid for the Old Library Building. Only one bid was received in the amount of \$58,000.00 by Vonnie Gittleson, owner of From Me To You Floral & Gifts. It was noted that a check in the amount of \$5,800.00 earnest money and a letter of credit was enclosed with the bid.

Motion made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by E. Uphoff to accept the bid from From Me To You Floral & Gifts and proceed with the closing. Passed 6/0

ENGINEER'S REPORT
(Ralph Tompkins)

William Blecke with Baxter & Woodman advised that there is no new progress on the Lahman Project. President Logan requested that Chief Lehman have the Ordinance Officer address the growing weed issue on that property.

President Logan advised that Comcast, who is taking over Insight Communications, is ready to proceed with upgrades within the Village and Bill Blecke saw no reason not to proceed with the Proposal.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to accept the Proposal from Comcast.
Passed 6/0

President Logan advised that Comcast will be conducting an informational meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
(Lynne Kilker)

None

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

Police Chief Lehman advised the board that he is very pleased with Officer B. J. Harney's performance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

President Logan expressed "Thanks" to the individuals who have volunteered their time to help remodel the Village Hall. The following is the list of individuals:

- Thomas Lehman
- Karen Didier
- Diane Nicholson
- Lori Smith
- Addie Smith
- Brooke Smith
- Marissa Asbury

NEW BUSINESS

President Logan advised that the Consumer Confidence Reports have been delivered.

Motion made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by E. Uphoff to pass a Resolution of Commendation to Tony Parks for his fifteen years of service as Commander at the American Legion Post 497. Passed 6/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by T. Schaneberg to close South Street from Elm Street to Walnut Street from August 1, 2008 thru August 3, 2008. Passed 6/0

There was much discussion with regard to who is handling the garage sales at the Summer Harvest Festival. Lynn Asp advised that she will have the Chairman of the Summer Harvest Festival Committee contact President Logan.

Clerk Smith advised that Jodi Thompson would like to be considered for the Park Board. Trustee Uphoff addressed some concerns about what the funds are going towards with regard to the Summer Baseball Program. He wants to see the Park Board meet more regularly and become more active.

Trustee Uphoff will get approval from Mr. Zick for the Village to fix the broken bleacher at the school. Trustee Nicholson suggested that in the future the Village be notified in a timely manner of any damage done to school property by our summer programs.

ZONING

President Logan advised that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on the 9th of June, 2008 and advised Mr. Schwarz that if the building is not under roof and windows installed by September 12, 2008 that it has to be taken down.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER (K. Roop Chairman)

See attached.

Trustee Roop advised they will begin draining and painting the water tower on Thursday.

STREETS & ALLEYS (D. Nicholson Chairman)

See attached.

Motion made by D. Nicholson, seconded by K. Didier to purchase vinyl lettering on all three trucks at \$120.00 per set of doors. Passed 6/0

Motion made by D. Nicholson, seconded by E. Uphoff to hire Jordan Lahman to replace Adam Herwig at \$7.50/hour effective June 23, 2008. Passed 6/0

Trustee Nicholson congratulated Don Fore for his work at Flat Iron Park which received Lawn of the Month recognition.

President Logan advised that the Railroad Crossing on Elm Street will be closed the beginning of August, 2008, but he was assured it would not be closed during the Harvest Festival.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES (E. Uphoff Chairman)

Trustee Uphoff advised that the Competitive Community Initiative (CCI) is progressing well.

PROPERTIES
(T. Schaneberg)

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(K. Didier Chairman)

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by D. Nicholson to pay an additional \$50.00, which will come out of the Water Department, for attaching a flyer about brush pick-up when the Consumer Confidence Reports were delivered.

Trustee Uphoff wanted to know what the status was on the catch basin at the Elementary School. Trustee Nicholson advised that due to the weather conditions, they have not been in a position to do anything.

Trustee Uphoff also questioned if the yellow painting that was done on Elm Street between Lahman Street and Hughes Street was voted on. It was determined that no vote was taken and the issue would be investigated by Diane Nicholson and her findings presented at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by K. Roop, seconded by T. Schaneberg and carried by unanimous vote at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk

