

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

MARCH 12, 2007 MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 9, 2007

March 12, 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 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See attached.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

MINUTES

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by S. Hann to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2007. Passed 6/0

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by D. Nicholson to approve the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of February 12, 2007. Passed 6/0

BILLS & LATE BILLS

Motion made by L. Asp, seconded by J. Delhotal to pay bills and make necessary transfers. Passed 6/0

CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by J. Delhotal for President Logan to approach Attorney Ehrmann and ask if he is willing to work with us on a time or time plus retainer, clarify those issues; when does the time start and is he willing to work on an as needed basis as opposed to every meeting. Passed 6/0

LEGAL ISSUES
(Attorney Ehrmann)

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(Lynne Kilker)

Lynne Kilker advised that she attended the Rural Community Economic Development Conference in Peoria and said it was one of the best she's attended. Notes were provided by Lynne for the board to review (see attached).

Lynne provided the board with a copy of a map that is the Regional Authority of the State of Illinois and Lee County is not a designated county. When going for funding on different projects, this will make it very difficult to get. Lynne will be finding out what can be done to alleviate this situation.

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

Chief Lehman brought two concerns to the board.

1. Radio Situation (can't monitor County traffic)
2. Part-time Officer's Participation dropped off

President Logan will contact Sheriff Varga to find out what is needed for us to be able to monitor County traffic.

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to adopt a policy that states an officer on the village roster must participate a minimum of eight (8) hours a month or thirty (30) hours a quarter. Passed 6/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion made by J. Delhotal, seconded by L. Asp to approve a resolution to sanction the Summer Harvest Festival, donate \$500.00 and provide two port-a-potties. Passed 6/0

Motion made by E. Uphoff, seconded by K. Roop to set the Spring Clean-Up for April 21, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with a rain date of April 28, 2007. Passed 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER

(K. Roop Chairman)

See attached.

Trustee Roop advised that he will be contacting Commonwealth Edison to rewire the shop separate from the Sewer Plant so we can get free electricity for the shop.

STREETS & ALLEYS

(S. Hann Chairman)

Trustee Hann advised he is trying to return a call back with the railroad in regard to replacing the crossing in town.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES

(E. Uphoff Chairman)

Trustee Uphoff advised that at a recent meeting regarding the Enterprise Zone a vote to allow 50 acres in Ogle County be included in the Enterprise Zone.

Trustee Uphoff advised the board that state legislation has stated for intermodels to use the Enterprise Zone without being in an Enterprise Zone. That freed-up 750 acres which will bring back into Lee County 1100 acres.

Trustee Uphoff is working on contacting the different groups in town to get a representative from each group in order to set up the first meeting with Don Falls of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and Mike Reibel, Comprehensive Plan Consultant. The meeting date will be posted when set.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(J. Delhotal Chairman)

See attached.

Budget worksheets with recommended changes were presented to the board for review. Proposed budget will be presented at next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to enter into executive session at 9:06 p.m. Passed 6/0

Motion made by K. Roop, seconded by E. Uphoff to hire Brandon Hudson for \$9.50/hour as summer help for the Water & Sewer Department. Passed 6/0

Motion made by B. Logan, seconded by D. Nicholson to increase the Treasurer's Salary from \$2,400.00 to \$4,200.00 effective May 1, 2007. Passed 6/0

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 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith
Village Clerk