

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021
7:00 pm

Mayor Paul Turpin called the regular monthly meeting of the Village of Franklin Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Lauren Anders, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins and Amanda Ahlers.

Guest, Darryl Smith and Jesse Culbertson from the Lions Club were in attendance to discuss the Queen of Hearts with the board of trustees. The board reviewed the Lions Clubs' rules and regulations. Mr. Smith and Mr. Culbertson will get more information regarding the fidelity bond. Richard Henry was also present as a guest. Mr. Henry brought photographs and information regarding the alleyway he is requesting to have closed. Mr. Henry invited the trustees to come visit him so he can personally show them the property lines.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for October. Susan discussed each businesses profits & losses, and check details. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for October. Lauren Anders seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for October. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Clerk Ashley Turpin presented the trustees with minutes from October. Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from October. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-present, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless presented his utility supervisor report. There is a leak in Andy's office in the Village Hall. Nick Speaks checked the man holes around town and there was not rock in any of them. The man hole on Prairie and Main will be getting cleaned, along with the lift station pump pit. Andy checked into having a company come to check all of the sewer lines in town. All of the quotes thus far seem pricey. The ICC Audit is coming soon. Andy will be attending the ICC meeting on December 7th and 8th. Last week Panhandle did upgrades to their regulators on Harts Prairie. With those changes, they may be able to increase the pressure coming into town for us without the additional \$16,000 cost. The new truck is just waiting on the cab protector, which they hope to have next week. Nick Speaks will be attending the water training in Effingham, IL in February. MediaCom is finished and will be accepting customers during their sign-up event at the Village Hall on November 18th. The Village received rock from the windmills. Andy repaired the culvert on State Street.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – The trustees asked Andy about the ditches around town that residents have requested to be tiled. Andy explained that the majority are aesthetics and there

are no issues with water flow. The board discussed how costly that could become for the Village. The trustees agreed that unless there was a need for it, the Village would not tile ditches.

Finance/Payroll – There is nothing new to report from this committee.

Insurance – Mayor Turpin said the bill for insurance did not come in. The board will have a special meeting when he receives the bill.

Personnel – Amanda Ahlers made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employee reviews. The board entered into closed session at 7:59 and re-entered into open session at 8:17.

Utility Reconnect – There is nothing new to report from this committee.

Utilities – Andy discussed the sewer clean-up bids in his report. Wyatt Smith added that he would like to add the additional gas purchase to the special meeting agenda and suggested the board vote on it.

One property was cleaned up. Two more letters regarding property legal action are being sent out.

The Panhandle Municipal Defense case is still on-going. There is nothing new to report.

Lauren Anders made a motion to accept the \$898.45 bill from Immense Impact, LLC. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin noted a letter regarding the mass communication service and utility vehicle information is ready to be sent out.

Abby Flynn purchased the park benches. Mayor Turpin asked one of the trustees to show Nick and Andy where to put them.

The trustees discussed the alleyway usage, considering all parties opinions and requests. Vickie Adkins made a motion to close the short alleyway off of Wyatt Street. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-no, Lauren Anders-no, Sarah Carter-no, Vickie Adkins-no, Amanda Ahlers-no, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion did not pass.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the resolution to sell the Dodge dump truck. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Discussion between the Village Board of Trustees and the Lions Club members took place regarding the rules and application process for the Queen of Hearts drawing. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the Queen of Hearts rules and application. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Lauren Anders-yes. The motion was carried.

The trustees agree to consolidate the Facebook pages.

Trustees discussed the rates at all of the rental properties owned by the Village. Sarah Carter made a motion to raise the rent at the Quonset Huts to \$200 per month, for a whole unit

and \$50 per month, for ¼ of a unit; and to also raise the insurance agents office to \$300 per month. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin read a letter from the owners of the AM/PM gas station asking the board to consider a pour liquor license for the facility. After much discussion, trustees came to the conclusion that they are not interested in provided a pour liquor license to the AM/PM at this time. The owners may come back with a request in six months if they would like.

On November 18th, Media Com will be at the Village Hall from 12pm-7pm to sign-up costumers for their services.

Abby Flynn and Lauren Anders will judge the Christmas lights on December 21st and December 22nd from 6pm-7pm.

Mayor Turpin read the agreement sent regarding the TowerNorth easement. The trustees feel signing it would be tying the hands of future board members and do not want to sign the contract.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to keep closed session minutes closed. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Amanda Ahlers added that the Village of Woodson offered to lend us some machinery to help with spreading the rock back out on the Village roads. She also has not heard back from Area or Republic trash services. Trash Queen would be \$15 per month, but it would be associated with the water meters and added to the Village bills.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

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Special Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021
7:00 pm

Mayor Paul Turpin called the special meeting of the Village of Franklin Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 in the town hall. Trustees present Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Lauren Anders, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Amanda Ahlers.

Mayor Turpin met with Mr. Curt Reznicek regarding the IPMG proposal. There is about an 7% increase. Lauren Anders made a motion to accept the insurance quote of \$24,115.00. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

The Board of Trustees discussed the pros and cons of purchasing additional gas storage, in length. All trustees agree it is a gamble either way you go as the weather and markets are unpredictable. However, they would like to do whatever possible to prevent the events of February 2021 from reoccurring. Wyatt Smith made a motion to buy 15% additional dekatherms for the months of January 2022 and February 2022. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Green Works will give the board a bid for costs to install the new park benches with mats and concrete.

JREDC asked for a \$500 donation from the Village of Franklin. Trustees would prefer to review what benefits JREDC provides the Village.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to enforce a fidelity bond for the Queen of Hearts Raffle, minimum bond of \$50,000 and no maximum cap on the bond. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

Ashley Turpin and Mayor Turpin presented a spreadsheet and work order form layout for Andy Fairless and Nick Speaks to use for tracking tasks and deadlines.

Land Acquisitions would like to buy the Village's 30-acre spray field for \$53,931.69. The board is not interested.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie

Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.