

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 5, 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 Monday, April 5, 2021 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Nicole Fromme, Tami Thompson, and Amanda Ahlers. Trustees Lauren Anders and Wyatt Smith was present via Zoom. Wyatt Smith entered the board room at 7:47 pm.

Guest, Reggie Toler came in to suggest the Village consider selling their gas business to Ameren. He feels strongly that the Village would benefit from Ameren's business. Mr. Toler also expressed his concern for the roads in the Village and asked when the pot holes were going to be taken care of.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for March. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for March. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-present, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for March. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Anders-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

Clerk Ashley Turpin presented the trustees with minutes from March. Tami Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from March. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Lauren Anders-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless presented his utility supervisor report. Andy had quotes for the basketball court reseal. The bid from VICC was \$2,108.00 and the bid from Midwest Asphalt was \$1,640.00 with 2 coats. Andy also said he called six electricians and only one showed up to give a bid, which was Jess Electric. Jess Electric is a sub contract with Ameren. The project will cost between \$3,800- \$4,300 to do all of the Village facilities. Tami Thompson asked Andy to have him also look at the park outlets. Andy said the high school needs a 2 inch tap put in for their new drainage project. The school offered to trade a furnace at 93% efficiency for the cost of the tap. The furnace could be used for keeping the tractor heated when the temperature is extremely cold. Andy asked the trustees if they would consider trading the tap costs for the furnace. In addition, Andy and Nick are going to start filling pot holes. They've had it on their list but had trouble getting to it. He said he would also like to re-rock the alleyways around town. It's been 2-3 years since it's been done. Mike Cox is meeting with Andy this week and will give him a bid on what costs will be for a load of oil and rock. He will also show Andy how far that will go. Andy said there is a gas main exposed between Ron Fuchs and Jason Fuchs. It will be fixed soon. Nick Speaks mowed the park on Friday and soon Sloan Implements is coming to pick

up the mower for regular maintenance. It will be gone for about a week. Lincoln Land Wind started hauling water for the turbines. Andy and Nick will help turn the valve on and off as needed.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage - Morgan County will come to the Village on Wednesday to see what it will cost to fix some of the roads. The Village is specifically looking into beginning some repairs on Main Street. Trustee Lauren Anders added that a resident who lives across the street from the Village maintenance building reached out to her asking that the Village remove the gravel that was pushed into his yard from the trucks plowing the Village maintenance buildings driveway. Lauren looked at the gravel the resident mentioned and felt it was a significant amount that no other place around town had. The board agreed it needs to be picked up.

Finance/Payroll - Mayor Turpin said he'll tell CSB that we are not interested in a 40 year loan and would prefer a 20 year loan. He's estimating it will be around \$3,500.00 per month with an interest rate around 3%. He is also going to call other banks and see what they have to offer.

Insurance - There is nothing to report at this time.

Personnel - Nicole Fromme made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employee pay. The board entered into closed session at 7:54pm and re-entered into open session at 8:13 pm. Nicole Fromme made a motion to give Nick a bonus of \$250 for his gas certification. Reitha and LeAnn will also receive a \$50 gift card from The Green Wall for all of the extra work they've endured recently. Wyatt Smith seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Lauren Anders-yes. The motion was carried.

Utility Reconnect - Mayor Turpin said the last report showed that 191 gas users paid their bill in full, including the high costs loan plan. 80 residents signed up for payment plan for their high February bill and 28 residents did not pay anything towards their February bills, nor contacted the Village office in regards to it.

Utilities - The trustees feel that a letter should be sent to the residents who did not pay anything towards their February bill and they should be reminded of the deadline before their services are shut off. They are not contacting the Village to set up a payment plan, nor paying anything towards their regularly monthly bill. Also Mayor Turpin asked the trustees if they mind if Reitha can take care of water leak issues and so forth unless it is someone who has a reoccurring issue with them. If a board member receives a call from someone who has a water leak for the first time, they can be referred to Reitha to take care of the situation. If they are reoccurring, the board will need to discuss how to handle the situation. Wyatt Smith made a motion to make it a standard policy that a first time issue with a water leak or something of that nature, the Village will sell the water to the customer at a discounted rate and drop the overage on the sewer. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion was carried.

There is nothing new to report on property legal action.

Mayor Turpin said the municipalities won in the Panhandle Municipal Defense case, but Panhandle might appeal. Regardless it could drag on until the end of the year.

Andy reported on the quotes for the maintenance building in his supervisor report. Tami Thompson made a motion to do all of the electrical work on the Village buildings with Scott Jess Electric. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The motion was carried.

The Village has not received the IDOT MFT Expenditures at this time.

There is no update on the new Village webpage at this time.

Community State Bank should have the new credit card machine to the Village this month.

Wesley Koehler offered to help the Village look into some mass communication providers for the Village.

Nicole Fromme made a motion to accept the bid from Midwest Asphalt for \$1,640.00. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Tami Thompons-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Tami Thompson made a motion to sponsor two students for the March to Memphis at a total cost of \$500.00. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless has a list for Slabjackers to fix the sidewalks. The Village will start moving forward with some of the those repairs.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to transfer the funds from sewer to gas. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Anders-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to keep closed minute session minutes closed. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Lauren Anders-yes. The motion was carried.

Nicole Fromme made a motion to trade the school district a water hookup for the furnace. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion was carried.

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, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.