

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023
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, April 11, 2023 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Lauren Whalen, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Amanda Ahlers. Trustee Wyatt Smith was absent.

Guest, Tammy Thompson was present on behalf of the Lions Club. She said they would like to put a memorial in the lot next to The Green Wall if that was okay with the Village board. Also, they've discussed helping the Village with some things and are open to ideas.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for March. Susan discussed each business profits & losses, current balances, year-to-date balances, and check details. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for March. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried. Vickie Adkins 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 Whalen-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 March. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to approve the minutes from March. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Lauren Whalen-yes. The motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless presented the Utility Supervisor Report. The Village is still waiting on Joe from Royell to send a technician out for the remote camera. Andy and Nick have everything complete on their end for the water project on Highway 104. Sunley Repair has not called about the roof. The Village is waiting on 15 surveys still for lead pipes. If needed, the pipes do not need repaired until April 2024. The picnic tables for the park are complete and set-up. Andy would like to paint the basketball poles and rims at the park before the 4th of July celebration. He is also waiting for a call back about the slide at the park. It has a hole in it and cannot be repaired. The company is giving the Village a quote for a new slide. A resident asked Andy about spring clean-up, but knows it will be discussed later. In about a week, Andy and Nick will start repairing Lake Drive and then move to Dahman Road when they are finished. Andy provided handouts from Midwest Meter for \$142,190.00. The meters are \$102.00 and an annual subscription fee is required. The quote from Core & Main includes gas and water meters. It does not have an annual fee after the first year. There is also a laptop included that is not necessary and if the Village opted to not get the laptop, it could save approximately \$50,000.00. The laptop collects data that a cell phone cannot. Andy said Waverly is getting rid of their jetter to clean culverts and sewer pipes. Andy also asked the trustees to decide on a price for the dump truck. Nick and Andy will begin patching holes soon.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – Trustee Vickie Adkins had the office staff post on Facebook asking the public to call in any potholes that need to be filled. She's received a few calls and will make a work order for Nick and Andy.

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

Insurance – There is nothing new to report from this committee.

Personnel – There is nothing new to report from this committee.

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

Utilities – Mayor Turpin said after more review, the budget will remain as is. In addition, Mayor Turpin has been working with the office staff to help them find a system that works well for the utility billing. They believe it should be ready to go and will fix the issues that were occurring.

Old Business:

Last month the bidding for the Route 104 water project was extended to 30 days. Mayor Turpin believes the work that will be done for the Village will only take about two weeks to complete.

There are no updates for property legal action at this time.

The Village will try to purchase the burned trailer property for the lien.

Andy also reported on the remote camera installment.

The Village Hall roof was discussed in Andy's report.

The budget was tabled for next month.

Trustees would like to approve Slabjackers next month. Mayor Turpin will talk with the Fire Department about the approach.

Statements of Economic Interest are due in May. Clerk, Ashley Turpin asked Trustees to complete them.

Andy provided an update on the lead water pipe removal.

Mayor Turpin said he monitored the numbers for the Aggregation Program Constellation in October during bidding to compare rates with Ameren.

New Business:

A letter will go out soon to residents regarding the Aggregation Program.

Amanda Ahlers made a motion to not release closed session minutes. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

A resident on Maple has agreed to allow the Village to tear their garage down and have a lien against it. Mayor Turpin will reach out to the attorney.

Bentons & Associates will come survey an alleyway in the Village. Sarah Carter made a motion to accept the survey work of about \$2,000. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the 2022 MFT Expenditures and Resolution. Lauren Anders seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Trustees do not see an issue with the Lions Club placing a memorial in the lot next to The Green Wall. They would like to know if it was moveable or permanent to decide on exact placement.

Treasurer Susan Smith suggested the trustees consider Venmo as a payment option for customers. Trustees would like to look into it but want to make sure there are no fees or holds associated with it. Lauren Whalen made a motion to look further into setting up a Venmo account for the Village. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

The South County Ball Club in Waverly is asking local businesses for sponsorships. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to sponsor the South County Ball Club in the amount of \$100.00 for a metal sign. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Lauren Whalen-yes. The motion was carried.

Lauren Whalen made a motion to approve the water IEPA lab invoice in the amount of \$341.46. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Amanda Ahlers made a motion to adjourn. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.