

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 2, 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, May 2, 2023 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Lauren Whalen, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Amanda Ahlers.

Guest, Darryl Smith was present on behalf of the Lion's Club. Darryl suggested opening the Village park restrooms during the day for people to use. The Lion's Club would also like to see the restrooms opened and stocked during the 4th of July celebration. In addition, Darin Seymour would possibly like to add a permanent, concrete extension to the stage gazebo. Lastly, the Lions Club would like to set up a lending library exchange at the park. Darin Seymour attended to present the plan for the fireworks on the 4th of July. They will be held on Dahman Road. Also present at the meeting was Jim Morris from Benton & Associates to update the board on the Highway 104 project. He reviewed the four bids received and made a suggestion as to what bid the board should accept. The project is looking to start within 30 days, as long as materials will arrive on time. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the four bids. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried. Vickie Adkins made a motion to approve the issuance of Notice of Award to Hood Construction Group Midwest, LLC in the amount of \$249,796.00. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried. Lauren Whalen made a motion to sign the contracts when recommended. Abby Flynn 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 Whalen-yes. The motion was carried. Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the notice to proceed. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried. Abby Flynn made a motion to approve the invoice from Benton & Associates in the amount of \$10,613.45. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless presented the Utility Supervisor Report. The Village has worked on replacing gas valves over the last several years. Typically purchasing two or three per year. Andy presented replacing five valves above ground and one main valve at the regulator station. The bid to fix all six is \$22,149.00. The valves are usually \$8,000 to \$9,000 for two so the total is reasonable. There would only be four valves left for next year and the project would be complete. Andy said there are some trees that need to be removed to install the remote camera. The Village will need to rent a lift to do so. Slabjackers is coming on Friday and will work their way down the list provided. Andy informed the board that the garage to be tore down still has power and they are waiting for it to be disconnected. There are some things that need to be removed, but will probably be easier and safer to remove after it is tore down. There are bids for the handicap approaches and fire station approach, plus the work that needs done on the curbs near the Village and Westview. Andy also has a bid for the slide. It is \$1,887.51 including freight. Vandevanter called and said they were ready to come to perform an inspection on the wastewater system, but Andy is waiting for their bid to discuss it with the board. Andy also stated that Waverly is not interested in selling their jetter He received a bid from Coe Equipment, Inc. for \$53,000.00 for a 2015, 700 gallons and also a bid for a 2023, 750 gallons for \$97,000.00. There is financing available for 6.79%. Lastly, Andy said there were 47 unknown lead pipes and the documentation was submitted. That included people who responded unsure of what their pipes were made of or those the Village was unable to reach.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – Trustee Vickie Adkins said Andy received patch and they should be working the potholes soon. There is also a bush on North Railroad and West Street that Nick and Andy will remove.

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 – Trustee Abby Flynn said there were no shut-offs and those who made payment agreements are due on Friday at noon.

Utilities – Andy presented the bid for the valve replacements during his supervisor report. Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the town border station valve replacement for \$22,149.00. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

Old Business:

A house on Westview is being foreclosed on. Mayor Turpin will check with the attorney to see if there is anything the Village needs to do.

The burned trailer is still a work in progress. Due to complications, it is taking longer.

Andy also reported on the remote camera.

Slabjackers will be in the Village on Friday.

The survey work determined a resident has placed things on the Village alleyway. Mayor Turpin will speak with the attorney on how to handle the situation.

Susan Smith presented the idea of setting up a Village Venmo account to Mayor Turpin. Mayor Turpin spoke with the bank and they do not see any issues on their end. Trustee Lauren Whalen looked into it more and found there are no daily limitations as a business, however there is a fee for a business. It is a percentage based on each payment the Village receives. Then the Village would have to pay it back to Venmo. After discussing, the trustees feel as if they just went away from those charges by changing the credit card payment system. They do not want to add more fees.

Abby Flynn made a motion to sign and enter an agreement with the homeowner for the garage removal. Amanda Ahlers 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 Whalen-yes. The motion was carried.

New Business:

Sarah Carter made a motion to approve the library stand in the park, suggested by the Lions Club. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Abby Flynn made a motion to sign the Lions Club fireworks agreement. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the fireworks on Dahman Road. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

The trustees discussed heavy trash pick-up. The last one the Village had was nearly \$7,000.00. The trustees would like Andy to call and get quotes from Republic, Cleetons, and GFL.

Mayor Turpin mentioned the Village hasn't hired summer help in a couple of years. The only advantage he sees is if Nick and Andy need to be onsite at the Highway 104 project and get behind on mowing. The trustees agree that there is not a need for summer help.

Mayor Turpin provided the bids for the curbs and handicap approaches. Langheim Concrete was \$35,396.00 and T&T was \$21,450.00. The firehouse is paying for half of their cost

for the approach. Lauren Whalen made a motion to accept the bid from T&T for \$21,450.00. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the bid for \$1,887.51 to replace the slide at the park. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

The trustees would like Andy to provide a detailed list of what jobs the jetter would be used for and how often those jobs would be completed. The board would be willing to pay Waverly to borrow theirs if needed also.

Vandevanter has received \$98,000.00 from the Village over the last ten years. Last year alone the bid was \$17,000.00 to inspect the water lines. However, the Village ended up just having them inspect the lift stations for \$6,000.00. The board would like to look into other options for yearly maintenance or repairs. Mayor Turpin suggested looking into buying an extra pump for lift station 4 to have a back-up.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Vickie Adkins 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 Whalen-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.