

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes

June 6, 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, June 6, 2023 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Lauren Whalen, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Amanda Ahlers.

Mayor Turpin presented the Treasurer's Report for May, on behalf of Susan Smith. The board discussed each businesses profits & losses, current balances, year-to-date balances, and check details. Mayor Turpin will follow up with Susan on a couple of questions the board had. Lauren Whalen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carters-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 May. 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.

Clerk Ashley Turpin presented the trustees with minutes from May. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to approve the minutes from May. Wyatt Smith 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.

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless presented the Utility Supervisor Report. The bids for heavy trash pick-up came in. Republic bid \$480 per dumpster, per week. Cleeton's bid \$730 per dumpster, per week. GFL bid \$780 per dumpster, per week, plus an additional \$78 fuel charge. The Route 104 project should start on Thursday. The board asked for a list of uses for a jetter and how often. Andy provided the list to the board. He also found information regarding renting a jetter. It is \$5,000 to rent it for one month or \$1,250 for one week. The Village has not received a bid for the office repairs. As Andy stated in previous meetings, OSHEA said the Village can not use the lift cage so he asked if the board would be interested in selling it. Andy found Central Rental to rent a Boom Lift for future needs. He said it is needed for the flags, trimming trees, changing light bulbs, and putting up the remote camera. Vandevanter has not reached back out to Andy, but there is a gentleman in Girard that can rebuild or fix the pumps. Andy will reach out to him. Andy is on vacation until the 14th on June. Jon Lyons from Waverly will help Nick with anything if he needs it. Nick will be on call.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – Trustee Vickie Adkins checked in on the road work being done. Andy said they still have sections of Lake Drive to fix, but cannot complete them until the Highway 104 project is complete. Once they are finished on Lake Drive, they'll move to

Dahman and fix those holes. Lauren Whalen also brought up the issues with street parking on the 4th of July near East Street, Railroad Street and West Street. It was suggested maybe for the 2024 celebration that the Village post signs stating no parking near those intersections and even rope off the Quonset Hut lot for additional parking. The Village could advertise all of the parking options on social media, along with the Franklin Fourth of July page.

Finance/Payroll – The audit is on June 12 and 13.

Insurance – Mayor Turpin said the BCBS plan went up substantially because several were added to it.

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

Utility Reconnect – Trustee Abby Flynn said there were several turned off, but all back on now.

Utilities – Mayor Turpin said there is a resident who had 58,000 gallons used. Although it was read previously, it was not noticed that there was an excessive amount of water being used. The resident noticed when they received the bill. The Village employees are now monitoring the meter to see what the problem was. The resident has used 700 gallons already in just a little over a week. The resident had a plumber come but they said everything was okay. They will continue to monitor it.

Old Business:

A house on Westview is being foreclosed on. The owner still owes for utilities, which means the Village may need to put a lien on the house.

Sarah Carter made a motion to have a heavy trash pick-up this year, using Republic for \$480 per dumpster, per week. 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.

Andy provided information regarding the use of a jetter in his supervisor report. If all went as planned, he would only need the jetter for about one month. It is \$5,000 per month to rent one, versus \$50,000 to purchase one. The trustees agree renting is the better option.

Constellation has set their rate and it is good for 18 months. Ameren's rate is lower.

New Business:

The Lions Club made a request last month that the Village open the park restrooms for the public again. Three days after opening, someone defecated on the floor. More recently, kids were caught using the restroom doors to help them climb up on top of the roof to run around. Unfortunately, it's been years since the restrooms were kept open because of constant plumbing issues due to negligence from users. The Lions Club would like to have the restrooms opened for the July 4th Celebrations, and would like the Village to re-stock them throughout the event. The board agreed to provide a key to someone so the restrooms can be used during the set-up, practices, and such but they want them locked during the festivity.

Lauren Whalen made a motion to close Dahman Road for the fireworks display on July 4th, from Centennial to Dodsworth, on the morning of July 4th. 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.

As Andy mentioned in his report, no bids were received for the office repairs that need completed.

The trustees discussed donating the lift cage to the Lions Club.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to rent the Boom Lift, at Andy's discretion. 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.

Mayor Turpin provided a copy of the amended Appropriations to the board. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the amended appropriations for April 2023 to March 2024 for a new total of \$1,892,800.00. 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.

Sarah Carter made a motion to approve Sam Fromme's new business to receive utilities at cost for the first six months. 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.

Vickie Adkins informed the board about the paint can a resident placed in their trash can, which then lead to paint spills throughout the entire Village. Each time the truck compacted it's load, the red paint spilled out and left a trail. This resulted in the Village spreading sand around to absorb the paint. The Village had to use their sand and pay an employee overtime to spread it. Vickie would like to propose the idea of looking into an ordinance for these types of negligent actions to prevent the Village from losing money because of them. The other trustees asked if other towns have such ordinances. Mayor Turpin said he'll talk with the attorney and see if others do, and if so, how would that ordinance read.

A resident found the old septic system had not been removed properly. Residents were able to choose their own plumber and the Village could not enforce use of a licensed plumber. The resident is asking the Village to share costs to have the septic properly disposed of. The trustees feel for the resident, but do not see it as the Villages responsibility. Wyatt Smith made a motion to NOT share the costs of replacing the piping and filling the old septic system. Lauren Whalen 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.

Sarah Carter made a motion to close East Street by the park and West Street in front of the Green Wall on July 3rd and July 4th. 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.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to suspend Section 3 Suspension of Prohibition, Ordinance No. 2005-2, starting at 3 pm on July 3rd to 3 am on July 4th, and then again from 12 pm on July 4th to 9 pm on July 4th. Sarah Carter 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 donate \$500 to the Lions Club for the fireworks show. Amanda Ahlers 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 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 8:36 pm.