

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025
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 8, 2025 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Craig Miller, Lauren Whalen, Sarah Carter, and Vickie Adkins. Trustee Kendra Marcel was absent.

Tami Thompson and Darin Seymour attended the meeting on behalf of the Lions Club. Tami said the Lions Club would like to repaint the posts on the pavilion, take the façade around the stage and fill it with mulch, and add some large potted plants around it. They are going to reach out to the ag department at Franklin Schools to see if they would like to help with the landscaping. In addition, she provided the Board with a tentative list of activities for the Franklin Fourth of July Celebration. The list included anything already scheduled and a few possible events that have not been confirmed yet. Mayor Turpin asked her to bring a complete list to the Board once it is finalized. Tami and Darin said they would need the following roads closed for the celebration: Wyatt in front of The Green Wall, East Street near the park, Dahman Road, and the parking area in front of the Methodist Church. Tami also asked the Board if they would like to be a sponsor for the celebration. She suggested the Village could sponsor the kid's area, face painting, bicycle contest, or the baby contest.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for March. She presented each of the following: businesses profits & losses, current balances, year-to-date balances, and check details. Lauren Whalen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and To Be Paid for March. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Clerk Ashley Turpin presented the meeting minutes from March to the Board of Trustees. Vickie Adkins made a motion to approve the minutes from March. Carig Miller seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless provided the Utility Supervisor Report. Andy will order rock for the road out at the sewer plant. Joe Wood suggested having Condars bring the rock out and pour it. Then Joe would bring a roller in to roll it out for the Village. Mayor Turpin asked what it adds to the cost. Andy said Condars does not charge extra for spreading while dumping the rock. Lauren Whalen suggested looking into Ryan Whalen to see if he could help. Mayor Turpin also suggested Ryan Elliott. Andy does not have an update regarding MCC coming into town to install the fiberoptic lines. 911 hired MCC to do a 50-foot boar for the new line. They must purchase the \$25,000 bond prior to doing so. Andy did not push the permit fee since they are doing it for 911.

Next, Andy reported that a resident in town ended up in the hospital with a water-born parasite. The Village was contacted and then reached out to the EPA. Andy and Nick took several water samples from different location and all of them passed, showing present chlorine levels. The only one that did not pass was at the resident's house, from their filtered drinking water spout. They have lived there for at least 7 months and has never changed the filter. It should be changed every 3 to 4 months. After continuing the investigation, Andy found the resident has two wells on their property. The Village did not have cross-contamination paperwork on file from them. It is now filed with the Village. Doyle Plumbing came to check out the situation as well. Typically, the area that the resident lives in, receives some of the freshest water because it is next to the valve. To continue, Andy discussed the need for a new trailer. The trailer that the Village currently has does not have the carrying capacity needed for the equipment it hauls. The skid steer alone is over capacity. Andy provided quotes from Flatlanders Trailers, Inc. in Franklin for two different trailers. Lauren Whalen made a motion to purchase stock number 267 2025 Sur-Trac 18+4 trailer from Flatlanders Trailers. Craig Miller seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Craig Miller-yes. The motion was carried. Andy gave a list of equipment needs to the Board which allows for the Board to better prepare and budget for larger purchases. The list contained the following: vibrating roller compacter for \$8,000-\$12,000, forks for \$1,000-\$1,500, push box for snow for \$2,500-\$4,000, sweeper with a pick-up box for \$5,000-\$7,000, and a grapple for \$3,000. The total was \$27,000 approximately from Altorfer. The same equipment was quoted around \$35,301 from Sloan's Implement and \$26,944 from Sourcewell. Andy added that a jetter is still something that would be beneficial to have on hand. Waverly has one, but it is broken now. We need to rent another one soon. The last time it rained a lot, there was a lot of flooding and they need a jetter to clean the system out. Coe's had one for \$50,000 last time Andy received a quote. To rent one it is approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500 for the week. It is something that they would not need frequently, but convenient to have when they do need it. Andy would like the Village to consider purchasing a mini excavator in a few years. Also discussed previously was a second locator, a hands-free gas detector, and a new bed for the dump truck. The Board feels that the hands-free gas detector should be a priority due to the risks that are involved without having one. Andy provided a quote for \$2,418.17 for the Industrial Scientific Mult-Gas Detector, Ventis Pro5 Lithium Ion LED, rechargeable detector. Lastly, Andy said that there is a resident who lives on Gordon Hill Road who would like a water main put in. At least one boar would need to be done on Watson Road. It will cost \$8,407 for the PE pipe; the fittings are an additional \$1,836. The resident is willing to pay for the pipes. The Village will do all the fusing. A fire hydrant will be added on Watson Road and another hydrant at the end of the resident's driveway. Andy will get the costs of the hydrants.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – There is nothing new to report from this committee.

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

Insurance – Trustee Sarah Carter updated the Board on FMLA, IMRF, and AFLAC's short-term disability policies.

Personnel – Trustee Vickie Adkins presented the job descriptions, goals, and performance ratings for utility supervisor and utility employee that she wrote. The Trustees will provide her with any feedback if needed. Vickie will also start working on doing the same for the secretary position.

Utility Reconnect – Mayor Turpin said the office secretaries are calling residents who need to make payments. In return, the majority are paying immediately or providing a date that their payment will be made. So far, no one has needed their water shut off by doing so.

Utilities – Mayor Turpin said IMGGA offered a prepaid gas rate last month, but the decision had to be made that same day. Mayor Turpin did not want to lock in a rate without having time to research it more and talk with the Trustees. There is a company called Tennergy where the gas would flow through them, but still be provided by IMGGA. Mayor Turpin provided the Trustees with a diagram of the structure for the repay. The Village would just be participating and receive pay from Tennergy for participating. However, it does require a 30-year commitment. It is a balloon rate. Tennergy is not the company the Village would go through but it is still the same concept.

Old Business:

Mayor Turpin said the resealing of the basketball court will be finalized at the May meeting.

Mayor Turpin said he is still waiting on a proposal and plan for the mural on the Village wall.

New Business:

Abby Flynn made a motion to keep closed session minutes closed. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, and Lauren Whalen-yes. The motion was carried.

Vickie Adkins made a motion to approve the 2024 expenditures from IDOT. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin said the banners that are hung up around the park were purchased approximately seven years ago. They held up well, but it is about time to replace them. Abby Flynn will do some research and bring information to the next meeting.

Craig Miller made a motion to adjourn. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.