

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2018
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 Wednesday, November 7, 2018 in the town hall. Trustees present were Jennifer Little, Jason Ford, Wyatt Smith, Josh Slaughterback, Tami Thompson, and Nicole Fromme.

There were a couple of guests present at the meeting. First, Eric Gordon inquired the possibility of getting city water at his property on Gordon Hills Road. It was discussed previously at the October meeting but Eric believes the residing neighbors have opted out of the agreement presented by the Village Board. Eric asked the Board if they would be willing to extend the lines and place a meter across the road from his property. He would then extend the line into his property and cover all costs and responsibilities from there. Mayor Turpin informed him it would be discussed further later in the meeting.

Representatives, Jessi and Stan, from Apex were also guests at the meeting. Stan explained the expectations, hopes, and plans for the windmills in Morgan County and more specifically in Franklin. He discussed the benefits of having windmills in the area for the Village, schools, and residents; and he answered all questions asked by the Board members.

Mayor Paul Turpin presented the Treasurers report for October 2018. Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2018. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Jennifer Little-yes, Jason Ford-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The motion carried. Mayor Turpin presented bills paid and to be paid for November 2018. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the bills paid and to be paid for November 2018. Jason Ford seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Jason Ford-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Jennifer Little-yes. The motion was carried.

Josh Slaughterback made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 2018. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Jennifer Little-yes, and Jason Ford-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless gave his Utility Supervisor report. He informed the Trustees there is a water loss, most likely from a leak, but has not been located yet. Mayor Turpin asked him to call Rural Water for assistance. Andy is working with Ameren to get the Christmas lights set up. He took apart the salt spreader and there are some parts that need replaced. Andy told the Trustees the garage door on the rental building was broke. Andy also updated the Board on the gas ordinance.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage - There is nothing to report from the committee.

Finance/Payroll - Mayor Turpin presented the audit to the Board and reviewed the findings. He asked the Trustees to review the report and ask questions if need be.

Insurance - The Village insurance policy is due. Mayor Turpin talked with Curt Reznicek and is in the process of paying it.

Personnel - Wyatt Smith made a motion to go into closed session. Jason Ford seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Jennifer Little-yes, Jason Ford-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion carried. The Board entered into closed session at 8:26 pm. The Board re-entered regular session at 8:43 pm.

Utility Reconnect - There is nothing to report from this committee.

Utilities - Nicole Fromme gave her report for shut offs in the month of October. Mayor Turpin informed the Trustees the agreement for the utility shut offs will be moved back a month. The Board also reviewed the monetary loss in gas over the last year. Nicole Fromme made a motion to set a flat rate for a \$4.00 meter charge. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Jennifer Little-yes, Jason Ford-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion carried. Mayor Turpin brought the water loss issue that Andy Fairless mentioned previously, back to the table. Mayor Turpin will have Andy Fairless get in touch with Rural Water for assistance.

There are no further updates on the abandoned property legal action.

Tami Thompson asked a few questions regarding the vehicle ordinance. Letters will be compiled and sent out to those who are not abiding by the ordinance.

Tami Thompson updated the Board on One Call Now Alerts. The Franklin CUSD1 sent home a letter to parents explaining the alert system and asking them to complete the form and send it back to school for Ashley Turpin.

Tami Thompson also provided information on the grant from the park playground mulch. Tami gave a presentation, along with 8 others, to propose the need for the mulch. The winner will not be announced for a while.

Mayor Turpin has not looked further into Skyping for meetings.

The Board reviewed the idea of extending the water line to Gordon Hills Road. Tami Thompson made a motion to run a line and meter out to Gordon Hills Road, just on the other side of the road from Eric Gordon's property. The Village will bore under the road and put in a meter set, with the understanding that Eric will hook into it. Jennifer Little seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Jennifer Little-yes, Jason Ford-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The motion carried.

The Board discussed putting a waterway at the lagoons. The Village would need to have the project complete by June in order to get the grant.

The illegal use of non-highway vehicles around town was discussed by the Board members. A Village member call the Trustees and complained about an issue of erratic driving

using a four wheeler in Toler Bend. Mayor Turpin stated the Village sent out a letter previously stating the police would be involved if it continued.

A Village member recently complained Animal Control not taking care of an issue. Tami Thompson said there has now been a citation written and believes it will be resolved.

Mayor Turpin suggested giving their business back to the local Postal Service. Tami Thompson made a motion to get rid of the postage meter and use the local Postal Service. Jennifer Little seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Jason Ford-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Jennifer Little-yes. The motion carried.

Tami Thompson made a motion to purchase the pieces necessary to fix the salt spreader. Wyatt Smith seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Jennifer Little-yes, and Jason Ford-yes. The motion carried.

Nicole Fromme made a motion to appoint Heather Reed as Treasurer. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Jennifer Little-yes, Jason Ford-present, Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Turpin will have the GUA updates at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the broken garage doors at the rental building. Mayor Turpin will review the contract to see what needs to be done. The Board also discussed the idea of building their own storage space.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Josh Slaughterback seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Jennifer Little-yes, Jason Ford-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes and Josh Slaughterback-yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.