

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2018
7:00 pm

Mayor Paul Turpin called the regular monthly meeting of the Village of Franklin Board of Trustees to order at 7:01 pm on Tuesday, November 4, 2018 in the town hall. Trustees present were Wyatt Smith, Josh Slaughterback, Tami Thompson, and Nicole Fromme. Trustee Jason Ford entered the meeting at 7:15 pm. Trustee Jennifer Little was absent.

Mayor Paul Turpin and Village Treasurer Heather Reed presented the Treasurer's report for November 2018. Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2018. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The motion carried. Mayor Turpin and Heather Reed then presented bills paid and to be paid for December 2018. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the bills paid and to be paid for December 2018. Wyatt Smith seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

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

Andy Fairless presented his Utility Supervisor report. He updated the Trustees on the information compiled from the current water loss. The Board suggested looking into other variables. Andy informed the Board Omni reached out to him and would like to upgrade their equipment to 4G. He also asked the Board to purchase a cage for the fork lift to eliminate renting lifts frequently. Andy also has an OSHA violation due to him not following proper procedures when taking a water sample. He will complete the appropriate paperwork and testing. Andy is waiting on a return call from Ed Wright regarding the lagoon and water shed project with Waverly. He also updated the Board on a recent water main break from a company boring through the pipe. Andy billed the company for gas, machine usage, percentage on top, and overtime for the Village employees. Andy recently installed a larger gas meter for a Village member and should receive the payment soon. Christmas lights are expected to be put up by December 5th. He replaced the parts on the salt spreader and it is working fine. Meters will be read a couple days late this month.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage - Trustee Josh Slaughterback reached out to Morton Buildings to discuss finances, building layouts and processes. Jason Ford discussed the possibility of having Morton come to present their options to the Board. Josh has also tried connecting with Cleary to discuss their options but has not been able to reach anyone.

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

Insurance - Mayor Turpin presented the new insurance bid provided to him by Curt Reznicek. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the Village insurance bid of \$23,475.00 from ICRMT. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Jason Ford-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion was carried.

Personnel - Jason Ford made a motion to go into closed session. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Jason Ford-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion carried. The Board entered into closed session at 8:12 pm. The Board re-entered regular session at 8:27 pm.

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

Utilities - Mayor Turpin reported GUA sent out an update that was required. He took it to the Village attorney and will also discuss the update to the gas ordinance with him.

Mayor Turpin updated the Trustees that further legal action is being taken on the abandoned properties.

Tami Thompson and Utility Supervisor, Andy Fairless compiled a list of residents who are non-compliant with the vehicle ordinance. Tami is waiting further instructions from the Village attorney.

There are currently 176 people signed up for One Call Now Alerts. The Board needs more interest from Village members before enrolling.

Tami Thompson informed the Board the Village was approved grant money from the Jacksonville Children's Foundation for the new park playground mulch. Tami also plans to discuss the opportunity for additional grant money from Apex.

Mayor Turpin has it on his agenda to discuss with the Village Attorney about Skyping for meetings.

For the Gordon Hills water extension, it was discovered that a gas pipe line runs through the area where a resident wanted the water line extended to. At this time, the extension has been halted until further notice.

The Board discussed putting a waterway at the lagoons. As discussed previously, Andy Fairless is waiting for return call from Ed Wright to discuss the project. The Village would need to have the project complete by June in order to get the grant.

Mayor Turpin will be discussing the use of non-highway vehicles with the attorney at their next meeting.

There is nothing new to report on the previous Animal Control complaints. It has been resolved.

The liquor petition had 135 signatures and was given to George Hamilton to turn in by December 7th.

Reitha Holtzman researched the current costs for Ameren and found it was cheaper. All Village accounts have been switched over to Ameren.

Trustees discussed the possibility of purchasing the mobile home located over the tracks, behind Fast Stop. Mayor Turpin will also add this to his agenda to discuss with the attorney.

There is now an option for a payplan on utilities for budget billing. Mayor Turpin expressed his concern on the Villages' books balancing at the end of the year if customers are behind on payments. The Village may need to develop an ordinance to avoid conflict.

The Village of Franklin is a franchisee of Ameren. Mayor Turpin explained in the contract the Village is now on is provided with one free street light per year. However, they will now give the Village a monetary payment, as a franchisee, in the new contract. All the Trustees agree the monetary option is the best and want to renew the contract. Mayor Turpin has given it to the attorney for review.

Jason Ford made a motion to make a resolution to appoint Heather Reed as agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Jason Ford-present, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

As stated previously, Andy Fairless billed the company for the gas main damage on South Drive.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the employee raises and gifts as discussed in closed session. Jason Ford seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Jason Ford-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Josh Slaughterback-yes. The motion was carried.

Josh Slaughterback will be responsible for judging the Christmas light contest. The contest will be held on December 19th and 20th. Lights should be turned on by 6pm.

The appropriation amounts were updated by Mayor Turpin. Jason Ford made a motion to approve the tax levy ordinance. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Jason Ford-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion was carried.

In addition, Trustees discussed the possibility of updating the mobile home ordinance to prohibit mobile homes older than 10 years to be moved onto a property.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Josh Slaughterback 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 meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.