

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2019
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, February 5, 2019 in the town hall. Trustees present were Wyatt Smith, Josh Slaughterback, Tami Thompson, and Nicole Fromme. The following trustees were absent: Jennifer Little and Jason Ford.

Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the resignation, with regrets, from Jennifer Little. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes.

Pastor Rob Ropper was present at the meeting to express his concern about damaged sidewalks near the Methodist Church and the Lion's Den. He is worried it is now a safety issue for community members and would like to discuss how it could be fixed. Mayor Turpin explained the earliest it could be repaired is early spring. It will be discussed during the March meeting.

Village Treasurer, Heather Reed presented the Treasurer's report for January 2019. Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2019. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion carried. Heather Reed then presented bills paid and to be paid for January 2019. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the bills paid and to be paid for January 2019. Josh Slaughterback seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Josh Slaughterback-yes. The motion was carried.

Tami Thompson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 2019. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless presented his Utility Supervisor report. Andy reported an estimate of \$4,600 from Eden Brothers to check for any water leaks on the system. Mayor Turpin informed the Board the estimated costs for the Village, if they would purchase the tools needed to do the checks would be approximately \$20,000. It will be discussed further in March or April. Andy presented the Christmas light catalog to the Board. Nicole Fromme will look into purchasing five additional lights for the Village and discuss it during the March meeting. Andy said Richards Electric came to repair the communication system on the water tower that opens and closes the inlet water valve. There is also another piece that needed to be fixed on the OMNI communications system. Joe Woods spoke with Andy recently and informed him the skid-steer is going into the CAT shop for repairs. Joe will contact Andy when it is fixed. Andy provided information on the leak at the FS plant. Lastly, Ed Wright provided Andy with a bid for the waterway at the lagoons but does not know a time frame on when the project will begin. Ed Wright will be in contact with Grant Administrator to be sure the grant can be extended past the June deadline.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage - Trustee Josh Slaughterback presented information given to him from Cleary out of Pittsfield and Custom Structures out of Ashland on an estimate for utility building. He is still waiting for a bid from Morton Buildings. Andy will gather some measurements and report back to Josh for further quotes. Josh also expressed the need to develop a plan for repairing some of the roads this year. Mayor Turpin will contact Mike from Benton and Associates to see if he can come to evaluate the road conditions.

Finance/Payroll - Mayor Turpin is currently working on the budget for the year and will have it completed by March. He suggested someone assist him to learn how the budget works and Josh Slaughterback volunteered.

Insurance - Tami Thompson reported Curt Reznicek has not heard back from the State of Illinois regarding his questions on unemployment insurance. Mayor Turpin received a letter from RMA regarding their insurance policy. Tami will call and look into the policy further.

Personnel - Wyatt Smith made a motion to go into closed session. 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. The Board entered into closed session at 8:07 pm. The Board re-entered regular session at 8:18 pm.

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

Utilities - Mayor Turpin reminded the Board in order to get the loan/grant from the USDA for the water piping, the Village would need to raise their rates for water. Therefore the Village will need to increase their rate in order to be compliant. Tami Thompson made a motion to raise the water and sewer rates at a 25 cent raise on the base, and 25 cents on the amount over the base to stay in compliance with the USDA loan agreement. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Turpin informed the Board two property owners, who are not in compliance with the trash ordinance, will be summoned to court on March 4th.

Mayor Turpin spoke with T&S in Waverly. They will tow a car if someone wants to get rid of it and they will go through the process to scrap it. Mayor Turpin will notify members in the spring if they are not in compliance with the vehicle ordinance.

There is nothing new to report on One Call Now Alerts.

Tami Thompson received the grant money from the Children's Foundation and is expecting the Apex grant money to arrive soon. It totaled \$16,000. She discussed the regulations according to the Children's Foundation and also for Apex.

Mayor Turpin spoke with the Village attorney about Skyping for meetings and he is working on providing an ordinance for Skyping for future meetings.

As Andy Fairless mentioned above, Ed Wright will look into what time frame the Village can expect the waterway at the lagoons project to begin and be completed.

Mayor Turpin said Reitha is looking into the PayPlan option for utilities to begin in April.

Mayor Turpin has not received any information from the attorney about the monetary payment, as a franchise, from Ameren.

Village Clerk, Ashley Turpin, will call Jill Waggener, County Clerk about the statements of economic interest.

Mayor Turpin will train Village Clerk, Ashley Turpin, on how to do the IDOT MFT Expenditures.

Mayor Turpin presented paperwork from the attorney stating where exactly the alley would now be closed. A letter will be sent to the property owners in the vicinity. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the vacating of the alley resolution for the property at the unnamed, unnumbered alley. Josh Slaughterback seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion carried.

Josh Slaughterback and Mayor Turpin will attend the annual IMGA meeting in March.

The Board reviewed the resolution letter provided by the attorney for the sale of the grain bin. Josh Slaughterback made a motion to accept the resolution declaring the grain bin as surplus property and authorizing the manner of sale. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Josh Slaughterback-yes. The motion carried.

Andy Fairless mentioned the estimate for the water leak check from Eden Brothers previously in the meeting. Mayor Turpin suggested getting a new bid at the end of the first quarter.

Andy Fairless will order the parts needed to fix the water tower communication device.

Ashley Turpin suggested a gift card for Wesley Kohler as an appreciation for all he does for the Village. Tami Thompson made a motion to pay Wesley Kohler a gift of \$200 for all of the work he has done on the webpage. Wyatt Smith seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Turpin discussed the issue with the sidewalks that the guest brought to our attention. He suggested the locations may need some excavating and the Village would call a couple places for bids.

The Village received an employment application to fill in for Reitha Holtzman when she is out of the office. The personnel committee will meet with the applicant to discuss the expectations and whether they are a good fit for the position.

The Village attorney will provide a mailer in March that will discuss the voting options for the referendum in April.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Josh Slaughterback-yes, Tami Thompson-yes and Nicole Fromme-yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.