

Village of Franklin  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2020  
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, November 2, 2020 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Lincoln Hill, Tami Thompson, Nicole Fromme and Amanda Ahlers.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for October. Susan provided profits and losses, balance sheets, current banking numbers, and copies of each check written from each account. Susan also said the Village received the CARES Act money for COVID costs. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for October. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion was carried. Susan Smith presented the Bills Paid and to be Paid for October. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for October. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Clerk Ashley Turpin presented the Trustees with minutes from October. Lincoln Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from October. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless presented his Utility Supervisor report. Andy provided a report on the sidewalks around town that needed raised or replaced. He said Nick Speaks is doing well and adapting quickly. Nick is getting a lot of training, especially with the issues that have happened due to MediaCom putting in lines. The recent boil order was a result of the water needing to be shut off immediately. The water tower levels were dropping quickly and rather than waiting to find the location, it was best to shut it down. Andy also reported that the court dates for this week were pushed back now that the governor pushed the region back a phase. The dates are now scheduled for January. There was a dumpster at the property on West State Street and the property was cleaned up some, but there is still a lot to do. As for the Prairie Street property, there is no further action that can be taken until the 30 days are past on November 10. Lastly Andy will check with Ameren to see when the contracted times are for the Christmas lights to be put up and try to get them up at the end of the month. He will also fix the banners.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage - The Village was approached about property on Wyatt Street owned by the Village. The board will discuss further at a future meeting.

Finance/Payroll - Lincoln Hill said the committee met on October 14th and discussed the 40 hour work week. They decided to count all of the time except comp time towards overtime. The committee felt the system could be easily abused if they used comp time

towards overtime. They will not receive overtime pay until they work 40 hours that week. Holidays will count towards the 40 hour week.

Insurance - Tami said the insurance committee met and found it was approximately \$200 per pay check for insurance with family. They discussed raising their salaries to help compensate. It would be \$800 per month for 4 people. The insurance committee also discussed short term disability. Chip said that he's going to check with some carriers but they may not accept the Village because the business is so small. Possibly the Village could go through AFLAC. Short term disability could be 26 weeks and 60% of earnings. Mayor Turpin added that property insurance is due. He handed quotes out to the Trustees. In 2017, 2018, and 2019 it remained the same, but this year it jumped up. It will be \$20,446 with workman's comp. All four businesses will pay a portion. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the Illinois County Risk Management Trust Insurance Program Renewal. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Lincoln Hill-yes. The motion was carried.

Personnel - There is nothing to report at this time. Nicole Fromme will meet with the committee to discuss pay raises.

Utility Reconnect - There is nothing to report at this time but could be several shut offs soon.

Utilities - There is nothing to report at this time.

Abandoned property legal action is on hold due to the region entering a new phase for COVID-19.

There is nothing new to report on the Panhandle Municipal Defense update.

The abandoned vehicles are on hold due to COVID-19.

A couple of months ago, the Village received a bid for an 80% efficient heater. Last month the Village received two bids on house heaters at 90% efficiency. The house heaters are not made for a shop with dust and debris of that type. Mayor Turpin said he felt the first bid was probably the best option. The Trustees agreed. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the lowest bid for a furnace in the maintenance building. Lincoln Hill seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Every year the Village has Corpro come in for maintenance on the water tower. It's a protection system on 15 different parts of the water tower. The contract must be approved now to schedule the maintenance. It is \$580. Tami Thompson made a motion to approve the Corpro protection inspection agreement for \$580. Lincoln Hill seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

The JULIE Communication Outreach Program would like to provide resources at no cost to employees, customers, and other contacts of the Village. Abby Flynn made a motion to

accept the JULIE Communication Outreach Program. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Lincoln Hill-yes. The motion was carried.

The July 4th Committee is hosting a Christmas Parade on Friday, December 4th. There will not be any road closures. The route will remain the usual. The 4th Committee asked if the Village would host their lighting contest the week before the parade and the Committee will match the winnings. The Trustees discussed the idea but did not feel many would participate because of Thanksgiving and short notice. Abby Flynn will judge the lights on December 15th and 16th between 6-8 pm. Nicole Fromme or Amanda Ahlers will go with her.

There is an election coming in April. Amanda Ahlers and Abby Flynn will be running for a 2 year term. Nicole Fromme will be rerunning for a 4 year term. Lincoln Hill will be leaving in December. The Board will potentially be looking for 2 people to run. Clerk, AshleyTurpin, handed out the election materials.

Mayor Turpin handed out the audit to the Trustees and explained some of the highlights in the report. He asked the Trustees to read through the audit for the next meeting. According to the Village's books, we made \$6000. According to the cash flow we lost \$3000. We are currently at \$14,000 in cash flow right now so we could have to raise rates. As of today we received a letter stating the Village will receive an additional \$6000 per year from Insite Inc. for the Verizon Towers. The rates can also be discussed at the next meeting.

The Franklin FFA Greenhouse Project reached out to the Village asking for a donation to help building funds for a new greenhouse. The greenhouse cannot be voted on tonight as it was not on the agenda. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Lincoln Hill seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.