

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes

February 4, 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, February 4, 2020 in the town hall. Trustees present were Tami Thompson, Nicole Fromme, and Amanda Ahlers. Trustee Wyatt Smith entered the board room at 7:44 pm. Trustee Lincoln Hill was absent.

Village Clerk, Ashley Turpin, swore in new trustee, Abby Flynn.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for January. She provided the Trustees with balance sheets, profits and loss sheets, and projected versus actual balances. She answered all questions regarding each municipality business. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion was carried. Susan Smith presented the Bills Paid and to Be Paid for January. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for January. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-present. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin read the high points for resolution 2020-1 Adopting Wind Farm Participation Agreement. The contract was brought back to the table for minor formatting changes made to the contract. LLWF agrees to pay the Village for all turbines within 1 and 1/2 miles from the Village limits at \$10,000 per turbine. The given amount per turbine will increase by 2% annually. The Village will not interfere with sighting of the turbines due to no zoning ordinances. If the turbines are not sited within five years of signing, the contract is null. If LLWF sells, the contract will remain in place with the new owners. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the resolution 2020-1 Adopting Wind Farm Participation Agreement. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The motion was carried.

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

Andy Fairless presented his Utility Supervisor report. Andy spoke with the Village attorney and received the okay to demolish the Prairie Street property, however now Andy is working with the attorney to get the power shut off. Andy also reported there are bricks falling off of the front of the Village office building. He spoke with a company about repairs and tuck pointing. They will provide a bid. Andy will be gone to the water conference the week of

February 17th in Effingham. He also received a phone call regarding the Julie last year that was called in and the company hit a gas main. The company paid the fines to the Village but are refusing to pay the Julie fines. Andy has a Julie meeting, free of charge on February 5th, but will not be attending due to inclement weather expected. He discussed the abandoned property legal action and has not seen significant improvement at the properties. Lastly, Fire Chief Gerald Wilson called to discuss the Fire Departments interest in the Village property near the Quonset Huts to build a new fire house.

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

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

Insurance - There is nothing new to report from this committee.

Personnel - Mayor Turpin discussed the minimum wage increase that the state of Illinois passed. The Trustees discuss how they could potentially handle pay increases for Village employees and how the increases will affect the Village finances. Mayor Turpin suggests the Trustees think about what type of increases they would expect to give and how will the Village budget compensate for the increases. Mayor Turpin would like a plan in place by July of 2020.

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

Utilities - Mayor Turpin sent an email to the Village Trustees regarding the rate increase for gas. It will be discussed further in closed session. The new rates are expected to begin with the March cycle and are a base increase of \$1.50 without profit for the Village. Mayor Turpin asked the Board how the Village will pay for the increase and provided a couple of options that other towns are discussing.

Abandoned Property was discussed in Andy Fairless' report.

Clerk, Ashley Turpin provided Statements of Economic Interest for elected officials to complete and return.

Mayor Turpin will ask Secretary, Reitha Holtzmann, for an update on the advertisements for the Sewer Farm Land Lease. It will also be added to the Village webpage. Bids open next month.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Panhandle legal action and abandoned property legal action. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The Board re-entered into regular session at 8:04 pm.

During the meeting with Morton Buildings, Morton provided with three different building options to the Village. Morton provides a lease to own options for municipalities who need it. Mayor Turpin also re-visited the idea Andy mentioned previously regarding a trade of the Village's land near the Quonset Huts for the Fire Department. A meeting will be scheduled with Morton for all Board members to attend.

Mayor Turpin sent three available locations to Verizon regarding a cell tower but has not received a response.

The annual IMGA meeting in Springfield is March 24th if any Board members would like to attend. Mayor Turpin said he, Andy, and Jim would be attending.

George Hamilton contacted Mayor Turpin to discuss the possibility of hosting a stop for a motorcycle poker run at The Green Wall this summer. The event would benefit some of the military families in Franklin. Tami Thompson will get a hold of George to get more information to advertise.

Mayor Turpin asked the attorney about the abandoned vehicles. The attorney is resending letters and if they are not complying, they will have to go to court. Tami, Andy, and Amanda will ride around to compose a final list of non-compliant addresses to resend to the attorney. Andy will also call T&S in Waverly to discuss the possibility of them junking vehicles for those who prefer that option. T&S would haul at no charge, but would keep the funds received for scrap materials.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.