

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 3, 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, March 3, 2020 in the town hall. Trustees present were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Lincoln Hill, Tami Thompson, Nicole Fromme, and Amanda Ahlers.

Mayor Turpin opened the bids for sewer farm lease. The Village received two bids from Josh Adkins and Charles Watson. Josh Adkins bid was \$183.96 per tillable acre. Charles Watson bid \$3100.00 for the length of the contract. The board will vote on it later in the meeting.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for February. 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 February. Amanda Ahlers 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. Susan Smith presented the Bills Paid and to Be Paid for February. Lincoln Hill made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for February. Wyatt Smith 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.

Clerk, Ashley Turpin presented the Trustees with minutes from February. Nicole Fromme made a motion to approve the minutes from February. Tami Thompson 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.

Andy Fairless presented his Utility Supervisor report. Andy informed the board he's been reviewing the list of future purchases and maintenance requirements for equipment. He said the service truck is having issues and in the future the Village will be in need of a new one. He's had to use his personal truck a few times. Andy checked around on some options and pricing for a new one. The Trustees asked him to get a few more quotes with different options or brands and they will revisit the topic.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage - Trustee Abby Flynn was approached by a resident regarding the condition of the roads. Mayor Turpin and the other Trustees explained this has been an ongoing discussion. The Village is trying, but it's been a very slow process. Trustee Amanda Ahlers suggested maybe putting a weight limit on some of the roads. For now, Andy and Jim will go around and fix potholes that can be filled in. Tami Thompson made a motion to go into closed session to discuss legal action. The board re-entered into open session at 7:45 pm.

Finance/Payroll - Mayor Turpin presented the budget to the Trustees. He explained the organization and estimations on each. Mayor Turpin also said the budget will be entered into QuickBooks after it is approved.

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

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

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

Utilities - Mayor Turpin began discussion regarding utility rates. Alexander's rate is being increased by .11 cents. The gas meter charge will go up by \$1.00 due to the replacement of all meters. The sewer rate will also have a \$1.00 added to it because the account is not balancing. The sewer rate has not been raised in a long time. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the new utility rates. Wyatt Smith 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.

Abandoned Property was discussed in closed session and everything is still on hold for the property on Prairie Street.

Mayor Turpin spoke with the Hamilton's. They believe their building is too small to host the poker run and would like to use the park for the event. They would need two roads blocked around the park and the Village would need to make some changes to the liquor ordinance. The board also discussed modifying the ordinance to include verbiage for such events in the future. The Village would charge a fee per event.

The Panhandle Municipal Defense update was discussed in closed session.

Mayor Turpin has not heard back from anyone regarding the cell tower.

The IMGA Annual Meeting is coming up at the end of March. All trustees are welcome to attend.

The abandoned vehicle list will be confirmed after the 17th with the attorney and he will send letters following.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the sewer farm land bid from Josh Adkins for 5 years at \$183.96 per acre. Amanda Ahlers 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.

The basketball court in the park needs to be sealed. Andy Fairless will check into the previous quote.

The Village board will get estimates on painting for the pavilion at the park.

The Village board will also get quotes and ideas for new Village entrance signs.

Trustee Nicole Fromme provided the board with quotes on the all year banners for the Village. Tami Thompson will speak with some local organizations to see if they would like to donate. Nicole will talk with local businesses about donations.

The Village received a quote for the masonry repairs on the front of the buildings and some tuck point work. It was \$12,576 for the front. The alley side of the building was quoted at \$37,728.00. Mayor Turpin mentioned removing the brick and using a different material on the exterior.

Mayor Turpin said Jim is still waiting for the hydraulic analysis before he'll know the status on water works hill. It could be 2022 before work will be done.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.