

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 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, August 4, 2020 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Lincoln Hill, and Tami Thompson. Trustees Nicole Fromme and Amanda Ahlers were present via Zoom.

Guest, Jay Toler was present to discuss the letter he received from the Village of Franklin. Mayor Turpin explained the Village has checked with the attorney and Jay is responsible for the ditch in front of his property according to the ordinance. Jay Toler's concerns were regarding a previous incident where indents were made into the ditches from heavy equipment and does not believe the Village fixed them properly. Mayor Turpin told Jay he either mow the ditch or receive a citation and court date.

Treasurer Susan Smith provided the Treasurer's Report for July and Mayor Turpin reported on her behalf. The board discussed profits and losses on each company. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July. Lincoln Hill seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. Nicole Fromme's Zoom call dropped. The motion was carried. Mayor Turpin presented the Bills Paid and to Be Paid for July. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for July. Lincoln Hill seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. Nicole Fromme's Zoom call dropped. The motion was carried.

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

Andy Fairless presented his Utility Supervisor report. Andy gave Mayor Turpin an estimate on a water tap tool that would be beneficial to have. We currently borrow from Waverly but it is not needed frequently and would not be used a lot. The tool was approximately \$1650. Andy received word from Pridemore Garage Doors. They are having difficulty getting the small door in because of COVID putting things on back order. Andy told Pridemore to just wait and bring both doors at the same time. It was not a rush. He also stated that all of the new meters ordered are in, but the regulators are on back order. There will be 4 meters changed out and 6 regulators to help with the pressure. Lastly, Andy received a quote from Adams Heating and Air but he is still hoping to get two more quotes. He asked the Board if they had any recommendations on who to call. The trustees provided some companies to call.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage - Andy spoke with Joe Woods and Joe said there was not much the Village could do to ensure that the patching stays on Dahman Road. The best case

scenario would be for Joe to bring his roller and roll over it when the Village patched, but it will most likely come out with incimate weather. The only way to fix it is to take it all out, dig out around it, and fix it. That is a process that would need to be done with Benton & Associates. Andy added that Sue Smiths ditch is done and the culvert in front of the Brazinski's. on Main Street.

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

Insurance - Tami Thompson reported RMA does not have the ability to provide gas coverage for the Village and regarding the park closing and re-opening, the RMA agent could not say that they would've done things differently from the Village's current insurance provider. It was uncharted territory and companies were doing what they felt best to protect their liabilities.

Personnel - Nicole Fromme made a motion to go into closed session at 7:20 pm to discuss candidate interviews and the effects of the minimum wage increase. The board returned into open session at 8:09 pm. Nicole Fromme will call 3 interviewees back for a 2nd interview on Friday, August 7, 2020.

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

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

Abandoned Property legal action is moving forward. Properties containing trash have now received letters to set up court dates. The property on Prairie Street is now reopened again as well.

The Panhandle Municipal Defense update is still being negotiated.

The abandoned vehicle action is being placed on hold due to the pandemic.

The Village board reviewed the Village entrance signs. Andy has not received the updated quotes yet.

Andy Fairless has not received any additional quotes at this time. He spoke with trustees about it during his supervisor report.

Mayor Turpin explained the kids riding four wheelers illegally on the streets and sidewalks have received letters as of July 16th. Any trustee, Andy Fairless, Reitha Holtzman, Mayor Turpin and additional Village employees have the authority to write a citation. Mayor Turpin confirmed it all with the attorney.

Mayor Turpin will speak with Andy Fairless about walking the sidewalks for Slabjackers this week.

In August the Green Wall will host the Red Biker run. It will be for a 45 minute period. The bikers will stop at the Green Wall and then move on to their next location. The Green Wall asked for the road in front of the Green Wall (Wyatt) and the road next to the park pavilion to be closed (East Street). Abby Flynn made a motion to close the roads: Wyatt Street in front of the Green Wall and East Street in front of the park pavilion for the Red Ride event on August

29. 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 motion was carried.

Tami Thompson made a motion to enact section 3 of Ordinance Number 2005-2 for August 29, 2002 from 1 pm to 7 pm for the Red Ride event. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin informed the Board the gas station was sold and the new ownership takes effect at midnight on August 5, 2020. The new owners will rename is the AM/PM Franklin Inc. Stephanie Landess will remain the manager. They have completed all of their paperwork and applied for their liquor license. Abby Flynn made a motion to provide a liquor license to AM/PM Franklin Inc. Tami Thompson 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.

Mayor Turpin added that Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton sent a thank you card to the Village for all the Village has done to help out with their endeavors.

Mayor Turpin also added there is a meeting for the Wind Energy on August 11th at the court house in Jacksonville if any of the trustees would like to attend.

Lastly, Vanderverter provided a proposal to repair and rewire the grinder station at Jason Fuchs property. It will be \$2415.06.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. 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 meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.