

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes

September 1, 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, September 1, 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 August. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August. Tami Thompson 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. Susan Smith presented the Bills Paid and to be Paid for August. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for August. 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 August. Tami Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from August. Amanda Ahlers 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. He was contacted recently by IDT regarding replacement heads. There is an opportunity for lower monthly cost and the replacement head updates every 15 minutes which is more frequent than what is currently running. The heads that are currently on are due to be replaced by the end of the year anyway. The trustees just asked that Andy call to see if we could trade or return the current replacement heads the Village already received. Andy presented the Morgan County Mitigation Plan for any of the Trustees to read through. He reported the gas pressure should be increased soon. He is waiting to hear from Panhandle but believes it will be done before harvest begins. September 14th is the court date for the Village regarding all of the ordinance violations. Andy will attend. He also stated one of the water loss percentage is continuing to stay low and one of the surveyors from Eden Brother's reached out to Andy to let him know they are no longer working for Eden but can still help. Andy said Wright Brothers Tree Service would be in town for a couple more weeks. They are taking parking on the Village property and offered to take down two trees near the new shop at no cost. Wyatt Smith mentioned to Andy he talked to Jeff about installing the furnace and it won't be done real soon. Andy said that was fine because he still needed to insulate.

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

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

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

Personnel - Nicole Fromme made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel pay and compensation. 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 board entered into closed session at 7:29 pm. The board returned into open session at 7:53 pm. Tami Thompson made a motion to provide \$40 for the citations served and \$75 per week for on-call, and \$300 for back pay for on-call duties. Amanda Ahlers 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.

Utility Reconnect - Mayor Turpin reported there will be some shut-offs due to no payments since March. The Village was unable to shut-off due to COVID but as of September 1 that is lifted. The Village has reached out to these 5 residents with no response.

Utilities - Wyatt Smith requested copies of the 2019 minutes. Mayor Turpin stated that 11 people would be receiving copies.

Mayor Turpin will contact the attorney this week regarding the Abandoned Property Legal Action.

The Panhandle Municipal Defense case is still going through the courts but things were shut down due to the hurricanes. FERC is hopeful it will be complete by the end of the week.

Mayor Turpin has not heard any more from the attorney pertaining to the Abandoned Vehicle legal action.

Andy Fairless has not received any additional quotes at this time for the Maintenance Building.

Four Wheeler Legal Action was discussed in closed session.

Property Clean Up was also discussed in closed session.

Mayor Turpin said he is hoping Andy will report back on sidewalk repairs after their next meter readings.

Mayor Turpin presented the Appropriation Bill. He read the beginning of the ordinance to the Trustees. Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the Annual Appropriation Bill for 2021. Lincoln Hill 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.

Amanda Ahlers made a motion to make Trick or Treat days on October 30 and October 31 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless mentioned in his supervisor report that the Morgan County Mitigation Plan was available for review. Mayor Turpin read the beginning of the resolution to the Trustees. Tami Thompson made a resolution to adopt of the Morgan County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan. Amanda Ahlers 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.

Mayor Turpin added the US Cure said the Village is eligible for COVID reimbursement. Susan Smith has tracked expenses paid throughout COVID due to COVID. She currently has a running total of \$6441.00 and still a few more to add on. The Village is eligible for up to \$25,000 by the end of the year.

Mayor Turpin also mentioned there is question regarding overtime pay when using sick days and vacation days. It will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Lincoln Hill 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 meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.