Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2019
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, December 3, 2019 in the town hall. Trustees present were Tami Thompson, Nicole Fromme, and Amanda Ahlers. Trustees Lincoln Hill and Wyatt Smith entered the board room at 7:26 pm.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for November. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Paul Turpin-yes. The motion was carried. Susan Smith presented the Bills Paid and to Be Paid for November. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for November. Paul Turpin seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Paul Turpin-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion was carried.

Clerk, Ashley Turpin presented the Trustees with a copy of the executive minutes from November. The regular minutes were sent via email. Nicole Fromme made a motion to approve the minutes from November. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless presented his Utility Supervisor report. Andy reported he placed a sign on the front door of the Prairie Street residence regarding their property. Andy will put Christmas lights up on Wednesday. He has gas training this month and he'll be working on that this month. He explained how USDI will assess him. Andy also mentioned James Brown has completed his basic training courses and is ready to begin the advanced process. Mayor Turpin said he'd also like to see someone from Illinois Rural to come for some training with James before May. Andy discussed the gas pressure issue brought to the board during the November meeting. He stated the gas pressure has been an issue for 3 to 4 years. Mayor Turpin received a bid to increase it to 80 PSI. The Village is currently at 50 PSI. Jason Fuchs put in a request to clean the debris and leaves from the park. Andy said the attorney contacted him and asked about the abandoned properties. Mayor Turpin asked him about the shop on Mill Street. Andy said he took care of tracing gas, water and sewer lines and everything will be ready to hook up in the Spring. The residence will just have to pay the hook up fee. Nicole Fromme asked Andy about a trailer in town and Mayor Turpin said the attorney is going to figure out the status on it.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage - There is nothing 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 employee increases at 7:35 pm. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The Board re-entered into regular session at 7:49 pm. Nicole Fromme made a motion to approve the employee increases. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The

voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Lincoln Hill-yes. The motion was carried.

Utility Reconnect - Amanda Ahlers reported there are 5 shut offs on Wednesday.

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

To begin with old business, Mayor Turpin informed the Trustees there is a sign on the door of the abandoned property on Prairie Street. The owner will receive a letter and it will be posted in the paper.

Ameren put in a request to remove all of the wires off of the poles and also to remove the abandoned poles around town. The work will be done in the Spring.

Mayor Turpin has not received a response from the Railroad so he will be moving forward with contacting someone else who may be able to help.

The Board agreed the additional mulch will be purchased in the Spring.

Andy provided an update on the shop located on Mill Street earlier in the meeting. All utilities have been located and will be set up in the Spring.

Mayor Turpin presented the Tax Levy to the Board. Tami Thompson made a motion to approve the Tax Levy. Wyatt Smith seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion was carried.

The Board discussed the annual Christmas Lighting Contest. The first place winner will received $25, 2nd place will get $15, and third is $10. Lincoln Hill and Tami Thompson volunteered to judge. Residents must have their lights on from 6pm to 8pm on December 19th and 20th.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to purchase a $100 gift card for Village employees. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The motion was carried.

There will not need to be any road closures for the Christmas parade.

As Andy mentioned previously, the Elevator is not receiving enough gas pressure to run the dryers efficiently. USDI submitted a bid to increase the PSI. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the bid from USDI to update the input pressure to the Village. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Jason Fuchs submitted a bid from Greenstar to remove sticks, acorns, gumballs, leaves, etc. from the park for $300. It is a one time cleaning. After discussion, the Board did not see it necessary at this time.

Mayor Turpin informed the Board that Derek from Morton Buildings call and said they have a way to finance a Morton Building. Mayor Turpin will follow up with him more tomorrow.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.