Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 5, 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, November 5, 2019 in the town hall. Trustees present were Wyatt Smith, Nicole Fromme, and Amanda Ahlers. Trustee Lincoln Hill entered the board room at 7:03 pm. Trustee Tami Thompson was absent.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for October. Susan reviewed the checkbook balances for all accounts, profit and loss, and balances for all four businesses. Susan is working on aligning the Village employees salaries under the appropriate businesses. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for October. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lincoln Hill-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried. Susan Smith presented the Bills Paid and to Be Paid for October. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for October. Wyatt Smith seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Lincoln Hill-yes. The motion was carried.

Clerk, Ashley Turpin presented the Trustees with a copy of the executive minutes from October 1st. The remaining minutes were sent out via email prior to the meeting. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 2019. Lincoln Hill seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes and Lincoln Hill-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless presented his Utility Supervisor report. Andy discussed the additional mulch needed for the park playground. He reported the mulch would cost just over $500 for one bag, including shipping but it is not needed until the spring. The Corrpro contract is up for renewal. The purpose of the contract is to keep the water tower from corrosion and the company comes once per year to inspect the tower. The Village must choose one of the three packages when renewing the contract. The Village typically chooses package C at $605.00. Andy also informed the Board there will be a new customer hook up for gas, water and sewer on Mill Street. He believes they can use an existing tap for gas, water will need a new tap and sewer will need to be boared under the road. Andy believes water is on the same side of the road as the building. Mayor Turpin suggested the old gas line be dug up before the December meeting and the sewer line needs to be determined prior to the meeting also. Andy will check on the water taps as well. Next Andy discussed the upcoming water sampling. The THM's are currently high. Jacksonville recently changed some of their procedures and Franklin will be tested on November 20th. Jacksonville is in violations in some areas which could be an issue for our samples if it is already contaminated with high levels prior to transfer. The EPA actually notified Andy. Franklin Elevator is having issues getting the gas pressure needed to accurately run the machinery. The Elevator employees have contacted Andy regarding the issue. USDI is looking into it and currently raised the poundage for the time being. There could be a leak somewhere. Andy then informed the Board that James Morris from Benton & Associates received different plans from the state again. They will not know until January what exactly they want to do with

Water Works Hill between Franklin and Waverly, but Andy believes they will have plenty of time. Andy then summed up his report and presented a plan for future items that he will possibly need to plan for in the next five years.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage - There is nothing to report from this committee other than the final grass seeding was done on Wyatt.

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

Insurance - Mayor Turpin led the Board into discussion regarding the two insurance providers and plans presented at the special meetings previously. The Board discussed the options and the differences between the two coverages. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept ICRMT's bid for renewing the Village insurance. Lincoln Hill seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The motion was carried.

Personnel - Lincoln Hill made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employee reviews at 7:49 pm. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Lincoln Hill-yes. The Board re-entered into regular session at 7:59 pm.

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

Utilities - Wyatt Smith asked how residents can get a rebate on installing high efficient heating and cooling systems and other household appliances. Mayor Turpin said Reitha, Village Secretary can assist them. The Board also revisited the discussion Andy brought to the table earlier in the meeting regarding the new customer on Mill Street. Wyatt Smith is concerned that there may not be live water lines running down to the customers shop area. Also the Board talked about Water Works Hill area between Franklin and Waverly. The state is still unsure of what exactly is going to happen and when but will notify Franklin in an adequate amount of time to prep. If Waverly does not provide water to the two customers at the bottom of the hill then Franklin will. Mayor Turpin also looked into the idea of immediate shut-offs for the lack of immediate payment. After much research, he did not find one ordinance that supported the idea. Most Villages and such provide a 2-3 month grace period. He suggested possibly raising deposits. He will also speak with the attorney to see what other ideas there could be.

To begin with old business, the attorney is continuing to work with landowners regarding the abandoned property legal action. The Village attorney suggested purchasing signs implying the property owner has 30 days to contact the Village and come up with a plan and if they fail to communicate within those 30 days, the Village then has the right to tear down the home.

One Call Now Alerts is currently on hold.

The attorney is working on Skyping for meetings.

Ameren and Frontier own the majority of the poles in town. An Ameren employee came to look at the poles and said they will remove the wires hanging. They will also fix the cable sitting on a customer's house on Main Street and put it underground since the pole is tilting to the side.

Mayor Turpin has received no responses from anyone regarding the railroad ties. The attorney sent a letter to someone in Beardstown. The Board discussed what options would be next to take care of them.

The Board discussed the Corrpro contract Andy Fairless mentioned during his report. Nicole Fromme made a motion to accept the Corrpro contract for $605.00. Lincoln Hill seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Lincoln Hill-yes. The motion was carried.
stripping and everything included. The Trustees agree and do not want the work to be done until the Spring. It will be added to the March agenda.

The Board agreed the additional mulch could be purchased in the spring.

Mahan's repainted the pavilion a few years ago and Trustee Tami Thompson mentioned recently it needed it again. The Board agreed to look into having it done in the spring also.

In addition, the welcome signs for Franklin as you enter town are in need of repairs and those can also be done in the spring.

Mayor Turpin read the resignation letter from Josh Slaughterback. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets from Josh Slaughterback. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Amanda Ahlers added a question at the end of the meeting regarding ordinances for or against burning in the Village. Mayor Turpin explained you can burn yard waste but nothing from inside the house.

Wyatt Smith also asked if anyone had suggestions on replacements for the open seat.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Lincoln Hill seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lincoln Hill-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.