Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 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, September 3, 2019 in the town hall. Trustees present were Lincoln Hill, Tami Thompson, Nicole Fromme and Amanda Ahlers. Trustees Josh Slaughterback and Wyatt Smith were absent.

Mayor Turpin and Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for August. Susan and Mayor Turpin reviewed the list of accounts, bank balances for the checkbooks, profits and losses, and actual balances for all four businesses. Susan answered questions from the Trustees. Tami Thompson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried. Mayor Turpin presented the Bills Paid and to be Paid was currently on hold until the next meeting.

Tami Thompson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 2019. Nicole Fromme seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Lincoln Hill-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless presented his Utility Supervisor report. Andy informed the Board there is a new water customer at the lake and there is another one being added soon. He presented the water loss report for the past seven months. The report proved the water survey helped fix leaks causing significant water loss. Andy mentioned heavy trash pick-up was originally going to be held immediately following Labor Day. However the advertising was not put out for the public in time, therefore it should be rescheduled for October 8th and 9th. The Village workers will collect one side of town one day and the other side of town the following. He suggests everyone have everything at the curb by 7 am on October 8th. Each household will only receive one pick-up. Andy also informed the Board he is working on a culvert on Main Street but waiting on parts. He has not been able to reach Jamie from Benton & Associates to discuss Lift Station 2. After much review of the reports, Andy does not believe the Lift Station needs a bigger pump. He also mentioned the sidewalks near the Methodist Church will be done by Thursday. Andy discussed the upcoming gas training and the options Jim Brown and himself could potentially have when taking the training. He reported financial figures and explanations of the courses available for training.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage - Lincoln Hill had nothing new to report. Nicole Fromme added in someone placed a concern that near Hamilton's on Main Street it is often a one lane road and very difficult to see past the parked vehicles. It becomes a hazard before and after school for kids that are walking or riding bikes. The Board discussed options in order to make it safer and easier to navigate.

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

Insurance - Tami Thompson reported that she met with Curt Reznicek and he told her to send a copy of their application from last year. She is hoping to send them out by the end of the week and the Village will have the quotes back in time for the November or December meeting.

Personnel - There is nothing to report from this committee.

Utility Reconnect - There was 5 people shut off and 2 people already paid and have been reconnected.

Utilities - There is nothing to report from this committee.

To begin with old business, Mayor Turpin received information from the attorney regarding the abandoned property legal action. The attorney said the Village can purchase a sign stating the house will be torn down in 30 days and the property owners must respond and comply within 30 days or the Village has the right to tear down the house. The Trustees agree to go ahead with the purchase of the signs. Mayor Turpin will also forward pictures on to the attorney for him to judge the properties signs will be placed on.

Mayor Turpin suggested starting the OneCall Now Alerts for those who are signed up. Tami Thompson said she is waiting on the superintendent at Franklin CUSD #1 to see if there can be a link added to the school page. Tami will also have Reitha call the company for an updated quote.

The attorney will have to make an ordinance for Skyping for Meetings and then the Village would need to add in an internet line in the conference room.

Mayor Turpin updated the Trustees regarding the Franklin Electric Franchise through Ameren. Nicole Fromme made a motion to pass the Ameren ordinance. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, and Tami Thompson-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy Fairless discussed the Lift Station in his Utility Supervisor report earlier in the meeting. Mayor Turpin said the safety at the Lift Station is very important and will need to be taken care of.

Andy Fairless also provided an update on the sidewalk at the church earlier in the meeting.

Nicole Fromme added that she saw someone mowed the railroad property. Mayor Turpin informed the Board he believed it was in the Villages best interest to avoid court due to the fees associated. However he is awaiting a response from the station master and if need be he will take further action.

Nicole Fromme made a motion to set the Trick or Treat days for October 30th and 31st from 6 to 8 pm. Lincoln Hill seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, and Nicole Fromme-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin said the Appropriation Bill will be presented at the October meeting.

Mayor Turpin informed the Board the basketball court at the park was repaved approximately 4-5 years ago and the company suggested resealing every three years. The Village could get bids if interested in resealing and repainting. The Board agreed.

Nicole Fromme made a motion to hire Jason Fuchs with GreenStar Lawn Care to seed the waterway at the Lagoons for $580.00. Tami Thompson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lincoln Hill-yes, Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Tami Thompson made a motion to accept he quote for hydroseeding the ditches on Wyatt Street from Jason Fuchs for $566.00. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Tami Thompson-yes, Nicole Fromme-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Lincoln Hill-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin added the South County Vipers are asking for monetary donations for pregame team building meals. Tami Thompson suggested $250.00. All Trustees agreed and Mayor Turpin will send them a check.

Mayor Turpin also mentioned he received a letter from Prairie Land United Way asking for donations. The Board agreed they prefer donating locally. No donation was sent to Prairie Land United Way.

Lastly, Mayor Turpin added employee reviews are coming up in December and he would appreciate feedback from the Trustees on how things have gone over the last year and how they would rate each employee. Tami Thompson also asked if the Village ever considered self-rated reviews also.

Tami Thompson brought up the idea of military banners for local veterans to be honored. Mayor Turpin suggested possibly the Lion's Den or American Legion would be interested in doing some.

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