

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2021
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 7, 2021 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Lauren Anders, Sarah Carter, and Vickie Adkins. Trustee Amanda Ahlers was present via Zoom.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for November. Susan discussed each businesses profits & losses, current balances, year-to-date balances and check details. Susan informed the board that she closed some of the old accounts that were sitting dormant. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for November. Lauren Anders seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for November. Wyatt Smith seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Clerk Ashley Turpin presented the trustees with minutes from November. Lauren Anders made a motion to approve the minutes from November. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

Nick Speaks presented the Utility Supervisor report on behalf of Andy Fairless. Andy was out of town at a conference. Nick stated that Green Works came to look at pouring slabs for the park benches and would prefer to wait until the spring to prevent cracking. A company came to look at the Village Hall roof and provide a quote. Initially they quoted \$40,000, however Nick and Andy asked if there were any cheaper alternatives to fix it. They have not sent that quote in yet. The ICC audit was a couple of weeks ago. All went well and there were no serious problems found. There was only one issue and it happened to be something they missed in the July audit. It was fixed immediately and now well above standard. Vickie Adkins asked Nick when the new truck is coming in. Nick said they were waiting on a part that they did not specifically ask for. Andy said they didn't need it because the light will mount to the truck without it. It should be ready soon. Vickie also mentioned that the street sign at East and Wyatts is turned the wrong direction and there is a large hole on East, between Wyatts and West. Nick said he'll fix the street sign, but unfortunately, we don't have any patch yet. The company sends the Village a notice when cold patch is ready.

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 – Amanda Ahlers made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employee pay raises. The board entered into closed session at 7:24 and re-entered into open session at 7:33. Sarah Carter made a motion to approve all personnel pay raises as presented by the Personnel Committee in closed session. Lauren Anders seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

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

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

Mayor Turpin presented the trustees with a letter from the attorney regarding the burned down trailer on 104. The Village is hoping to be able to purchase the property and clean it up.

The Panhandle Municipal Defense case is still on-going. There is nothing new to report.

Ashley Turpin informed the trustees the new website is up and running. Wesley Kohler has worked very hard on it and it is a huge difference from the old page. It looks great.

Mayor Turpin noted a letter regarding the mass communication service and utility vehicle information is ready to be sent out.

Nick Speaks discussed the park benches in his report.

Mayor Turpin will contact JREDC to ask if they can give us some insight on how they benefit the Village if a donation is made.

Amanda Ahlers is going to look at Christmas lights on Tuesday. Abby Flynn and Lauren Anders will look at Christmas lights on Wednesday. They'll get together to pick a winner.

Employee gifts were discussed in closed session.

Mayor Turpin read the Tax Levy ordinance for 2022. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Tax Levy Ordinance for 2022. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Trustees discussed the meeting dates for 2022. All of the Village meetings will be set for the first Tuesday of the month.

Trustees will start looking into purchasing additional mulch for the park.

Nick Speaks discussed the Village Hall roof bid in his report.

Mayor Turpin added that we may want to look into purchasing additional Christmas lights.

Mayor Turpin also added, he received a letter from a woman who drove by the Village on 104. She was offended of a flag hanging off of a shed on 104. The shed is off of Village limits.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Lauren Anders seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2021
6:30 pm

Mayor Paul Turpin called the special meeting of the Village of Franklin Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 20, 2021 in the town hall. Trustees present Lauren Anders, and Sarah Carter. Trustees Abby Flynn, Vickie Adkins, and Amanda Ahlers were present via Zoom. Trustee Wyatt Smith was absent.

Mayor Turpin received the application for the raffle license from Jesse Culbertson, with the annual fee of \$50, for the Lions Club. Mayor Turpin read the application to the trustees. The license will begin January 1st, 2022. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the license for the Franklin Lions Club. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Cater-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Flynn-yes. The motion was carried. Vickie Adkins' call dropped at this time.

Mayor Turpin said COVID continues to effect businesses and asked if the trustees would like to cut the license fee in half again, for The Green Wall. The full amount is \$1300, half would be \$650. Lauren Anders made a motion to reduce the liquor license for The Green Wall in half. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Cater-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Lauren Anders-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin added the Village received a \$50,000 check from the windmills. It totals the \$10,000 per windmill within the limits, per contract. Mayor Turpin suggested the trustees start thinking about what to do with the money. He believes some should be saved, but some could be used to make improvements.

In addition, the renter of the Quonset Huts asked one of the utility workers to open it after hours. When the worker said, "no," the renter became verbal and disrespectful. The worker had to ask the renter to leave his property. Mayor Turpin will be speaking with the attorney.

The Ameren bid should be in after January 10th.

Lauren Anders made a motion to adjourn. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.