

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2022
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 6, 2022 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Sarah Carter, and Vickie Adkins. Trustees Wyatt Smith, Lauran Whalen and Amanda Ahlers were absent.

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. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for November. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Mayor Turpin-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for November. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Mayor Turpin-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless presented the Utility Supervisor Report. The court case regarding illegal operation of a four-wheeler on the Village roads has concluded. The offender did not show in court. Their fine was originally \$1,000, but due to not showing another \$250 was added, making the total \$1,250.00. Andy provided the board with a bid from Royell for a wireless security camera that could be moved around as needed. The camera is compatible with an app and would store footage for two weeks. Royell currently operates the security camera system and therefore offered a discount of \$2,407.30. The bid came to \$1,138.00. Nick and Andy are working on the picnic benches. The boards have multiple layers of paint on them that is taking hours to remove. They tried paint stripper and needed to use a large amount for a small area. Paint stripper is \$60 per gallon. There are 17 picnic tables that need refinished. Andy suggested buying the kits to redo them. He also discussed asking the wood working class at the high school if they would be interested in assembling them. The total cost to put new boards on all 17 is approximately \$1,800.00. Abby Flynn also suggested seeing if the art class wanted to paint them. Andy said there is a small operator meeting at the Emrey Center on January 19th. Andy provided bids from two businesses for a catered lunch. Lastly, he spoke with Jim from Benton's & Associates regarding the water project for 104. It's going to cost around \$412,000.00 with materials and easements. There is an additional easement that needs to be completed before work can begin.

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 – Vickie Adkins made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employee raises. The board entered into executive session at 7:26 and re-entered into open session at 7:44. Abby Flynn made a motion to do employee raises as discussed in closed session. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Mayor Turpin-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Utility Reconnect – There are some people expecting to come in and make payments in the next month.

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

Old Business:

Andy provided a brief update on the Route 104 water project. They are looking at beginning tree removal on March 10, 2023. All easements must be complete by then.

Mayor Turpin would like to have everyone's addresses for property legal action by January to start getting letters out from the attorney after the beginning of the year.

Clerk, Ashley Turpin informed the trustees of the winners for the Christmas Lighting Contest from last year. The previous years first place winner cannot win first, two years in a row.

The Village of Franklin is still contingent on purchasing additional natural gas for the winter. The other group that the Village is trying to lock-in with has not made a decision as to whether or not they are going to purchase additional gas.

New Business:

The board discussed the catered lunch for the small operator meeting. Mayor Turpin made a motion to use Hamilton's Catering for lunch on January 19. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Mayor Turpin-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin read through the Tax Levy for the trustees. He explained it is determined by the county, based off of appropriations. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Tax Levy. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Mayor Turpin-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

The board discussed the meeting dates for 2023. All meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. However, July and April will be held on the second Tuesday of the month due to Independence Day and Election Day. Mayor Turpin made a motion to have the meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, except in April and July, which will be on the second Tuesday of each month due to the holidays. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Mayor Turpin-yes. The motion was carried.

The Village employees, plus Wesley Kohler, Ashley Turpin, and Susan Smith, were discussed and voted on during the personnel discussion.

Liquor licenses will be renewed this month.

The Lions Club provided an update on the Queen of Hearts from July 9 to September 30. During that time the 50/50 made a profit of \$520.00. They made \$1,753.00 on the Queen of Hearts during that time.

The burned trailer lot is cleaned and the Village has a couple of options. A lien can be put on it and then force the sale for the lien or it could be purchased for taxes. The Village has approximately \$4,000-\$5,000 invested into the property. Mayor Turpin asked the trustees if they would rather force the sale or wait three years and see if anyone purchases it for taxes. The trustees all agree to put a lien on it and force the sale.

The Emrey Center wanted to be added to the businesses on the Village webpage and Wesley did that for them. Mayor Turpin also explained that all new businesses in the Village get their gas, sewer, and water at the Villages cost for 6 months to help get their business up and running. The Emrey Center will receive that.

Sarah Carter made a motion to adjourn. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Mayor Turpin-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.