

Village of Franklin  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2022  
7:00 pm

Trustee Wyatt Smith filled in for Mayor Paul Turpin who was absent. Wyatt Smith called the regular monthly meeting of the Village of Franklin Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Vickie Adkins, and Amanda Ahlers. Trustee Lauren Anders was present via Zoom. Trustee Sarah Carter was absent.

Guest, Jim Morris from Benton & Associates was present to discuss the water main replacement for Route 104 and provide the engineering proposal. Mr. Morris went through the proposal and showed them a map. He explained the importance of getting the project completed before IDOT comes to complete their project. The pipes in town that also need replaced are old, asbestos pipes, cast pipes, and possibly lead pipes. The estimated cost for the project is \$318,000 for the 104 portion of the project. If the board approves the proposal, Benton's & Associates can begin designing, prepping easements, and more. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the engineering proposal for the Route 104 replacement. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-present, Lauren Anders-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for December. Susan discussed each businesses profits & losses, current balances, year-to-date balances and check details. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for December. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-present, Lauren Anders-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for December. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-present, and Lauren Anders-yes. The motion was carried.

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

Andy Fairless presented the Utility Supervisor Report. He stated that the property legal action cases went to court. A property on Reinbach has until March 4<sup>th</sup> to pay their fine and they have until the end of the week to clean everything up. Andy said GreenWorks will not complete the park benches project until the spring. The water loss report shows from January to October, the water loss is at 101.6% which means there is actually a 1% surplus. The Corpro contract for the water tower maintenance needs to be approved at a special meeting. The cost is approximately \$600. Andy informed the board that Panhandle is upgrading the gas line to meet their needs, however that also means the Village can complete the process for increasing the pressure at a much lower cost. The board would have to approve for USDI to survey the lines.

The Village has not received a bid for the town hall roof. Andy recapped the incident discussed at the last monthly meeting regarding the renter at the Quonset Huts.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – Vickie Adkins said the sign at East and Wyatts is turned again. She will complete a work order form.

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

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

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

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

Utilities – Wyatt Smith discussed the weather thus far this winter and the likelihood that most or all of the additional gas purchased will be used in the coming months.

Andy Fairless discussed the property legal action.

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

Andy Fairless explained the park benches installation will move forward in the spring.

Abby Flynn presented the Christmas light contest winners were the following: first place is Ashley Cordrey, second place is Adam and Monica Lush, and third place is Alex Fanning.

Clerk, Ashley Turpin provided information on the rubber mulch purchased for the park. Vickie Adkins will reach out to the company and check on pricing. Andy Fairless will ask GreenWorks to see how much additional mulch they believe is needed.

Kingery Construction has not given a new bid on the town hall roof.

Ashley Turpin will hand out the Statements of Economic Interest to be filled out.

The IDOT MFT Expenditures are on hold until Mayor Turpin returns.

The trustees briefly discussed the water main replacement. All agree it's an expensive proposal but the project on 104 has to be done and is time sensitive. It is a 5 year plan.

The trustees agreed to discuss the incident with the renter more at the next special meeting.

Amanda Ahlers made a motion to adjourn. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-present, Lauren Anders-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Village of Franklin  
Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2022  
7:00 pm

Trustee Wyatt Smith filled in for Mayor Paul Turpin. Wyatt Smith called the special meeting of the Village of Franklin Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 in the town hall. Trustees present Abby Flynn, Lauren Anders, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Amanda Ahlers.

Clerk, Ashley Turpin read through the Corpro contract. Amanda Ahlers made a motion to accept the Corpro contract for \$635.00. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-present, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Ashley read through the USDI gas survey and upgrading bid. Lauren Anders made a motion to approve the USDI Gas Surveying bid of \$3850.00. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-present, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Amanda Ahlers made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the incident with the renter. The board entered into closed session at 7:05 pm and re-entered into open session at 7:27 pm. Trustees agree to have Mayor Turpin discuss the Villages options with the attorney, regarding the renter at the Quonset Huts and set guidelines for renters.

Lauren Anders made a motion to approve the IDOT MFT Expenditures. Amanda Ahlers 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-present. The motion was carried.

Amanda Ahlers will set up a meeting for Trash Queen to come discuss their options to the Village. Ashley Turpin will make a survey to put on social media for resident's feedback.

Abby Flynn made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Lauren Anders-yes. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.