

Village of Franklin  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 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, May 3, 2022 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Amanda Ahlers. Trustee Lauren Anders was absent.

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

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

### **Committee Reports:**

Andy Fairless presented the Utility Supervisor Report. The manholes in town were recently evaluated to see how much they need to be raised on the roads. Andy received a bid from two companies: IMCO Utility Supply Co. and Shultzee for 14 manholes. IMCO's bid was less, coming in at \$1830.00 to \$2130.00. The Village received a bid for the roof on Village Hall and the Insurance building next door, from Blackhawk for \$45,000. The Village also received one from Meijer for \$53,000. Andy and Mayor Turpin informed the board the roof in the back office of the Village Hall is now caving in and concrete is falling into the building. Eric Sampson from GreenWorks should call Andy back soon about installing the park benches. The gentleman cleaning the trailer up on 104 should be back tomorrow. Andy and Nick can help him move the frame. As for sidewalk repairs, there is going to be concrete left from GreenWorks that can be used. Andy is waiting on a list from Trustee, Lauren Anders. Slabjackers came and the total cost came in at \$1,995.00. Andy said there is a need for another camera to be installed in the park. The ones currently up in the area needed do not have a lot of adjustment left to face it in the direction needed to see. Installing the camera would help eliminate the large amount of trash being left behind. Andy also spoke with Coy Fire Extinguishers and for 12 extinguishers the bid is \$1,302.00. That is not including the repairs on the ones the Village currently owns. On May 17<sup>th</sup> a representative from IPMG Workers Comp Insurance is coming to Mr. Rezenicek's insurance office to discuss a new grant available to help pay for safety gear, construction stop signs, and more that might be needed in municipalities. Andy also reported that there was a court date for a 4-wheeler offense scheduled yesterday, and the rider did not show. The lawyer charged

for 2 offenses. These two will not be on a payment plan as the rider is already on one for another offense and has not paid the last two times. Lastly, the plow for the dump Ford 550 has an 8-foot blade that is not in good condition. The metal is warped and it needs a new one before next winter. Andy is not sure if the blade can be removed and a new one can be installed.

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 – There is nothing new to report from this committee.

Utility Reconnect – Abby Flynn reported there are several residents on payment plans and several due to drop off payments within the next day. There is one resident she has not heard from.

Utilities – Mayor Turpin said the tillable ground near the spray field was measured out and found to be less than a half-acre. The Village will reimburse Josh Adkins for a half-acre due to the tower that was put up. It will be for the last two years.

### **Old Business:**

The park benches will be installed soon.

Mayor Turpin and the trustees discussed the roof issues. All agree something needs to be done soon. Concrete coming through the ceiling is not safe. Andy will vacate his office.

The gentleman cleaning the burned trailer on Highway 104 has until May 23<sup>rd</sup> to finish cleaning it up. The Village guys are willing to help him lift and remove the frame.

Mayor Turpin called a reference from Republic. It was a smaller community, comparable to the Village of Franklin. The contact shared there were problems with the service in the beginning, after signing a contract with them. However, it is better now. He stated several residents did not want to be locked into the contract in the beginning, but majority are happy with it now. Mayor Turpin said he didn't have a lot of negative things to say, but he also didn't have a lot of great things to say either. Mayor Turpin informed the trustees there were not many responses from the questionnaire sent out to residents. All of the trustees agree, with little feedback from the community, they prefer to table the discussion and it can be brought up again in the future if needed.

Trustee Amanda Ahlers said there is a sidewalk on Mill Street, one on East Street, and another in front of the bank that all need replaced or put in. Trustee Lauren Anders will provide a list next month.

### **New Business:**

Mayor Turpin told the board he is concerned that the Village may need extra help while the water main project on Highway 104 is happening this summer. Andy and Nick may need to help quite a bit with project and things like mowing could get pushed back. The trustees suggest holding off for one more month to see if the Village receives a start date for the water main project.

Mayor Turpin said the permitting for the water main project on Highway 104 was sent in. That process usually takes about 3 to 4 weeks. Mayor Turpin said we still have not heard anything from the State of Illinois in regards to the grant application the Village submitted and sent in \$5,000.00 for.

Clerk Ashley Turpin passed around the Municipal Maintenance Expenditure Statements and List of Warrants for MFT. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the 2021 MFT Expenditure Statement and List of Warrants. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the bid for the manhole covers for \$1830.00 to \$2130.00. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin will have the attorney draw up the paperwork for the old Dixie mower so it can be put out for bid. He'll also have the two park benches added.

For the new camera in the park, as Andy discussed in his report, the board will review the idea again after receiving a bid.

In addition, Mayor Turpin said Darin Seymour asked if the all-school reunion could have food vendors in the park on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Lions Club will ask the roads to be closed on June 30<sup>th</sup> to set up the park. Mayor Turpin will clarify if the vendors will be serving alcohol. All of the needs can be discussed and voted on during the June meeting.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.