

Village of Franklin  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 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, June 7, 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.

Jim Morris from Benton & Associates was in attendance. He presented the board with an update regarding the work IDOT is expected to do on Route 104. Benton & Associates can begin the work once they receive the permit from IDOT and the easements are completed. Jim suggested the Village purchase the materials in advance. Mayor Turpin and Jim will meet again after the easements are completed to discuss purchasing materials and putting out bids for contractors. Jim also presented the board with the invoice from Benton & Associates for the plans, permits, and bidding specs. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the invoice from Benton & Associates for \$38,028.85. 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.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for May. 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 May. Sarah Carter 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. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and to be Paid for May. 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 May. Sarah Carter made a motion to approve the minutes from May. Wyatt Smith 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.

### **Committee Reports:**

Andy Fairless presented the Utility Supervisor Report. Stefanie Ballinger from Benton & Associates came to the Village last week and looked at a section of Morris Street that needs fixed. It couldn't be done last year because a tree was in the way. She also looked at Main Street and Lake Drive. The total quoted for those three areas is \$44,635.00. Dahman Road will also need some sections dug up and replaced with new concrete. Andy said Vandevanter should be in contact soon to check out the spray field pump that needs repaired. They will also need to look at Lift Station 2 because the generator will not shut-off. Andy received a bid from Coy's Fire Extinguishers for \$693.00; after Coy's inspected the current extinguishers and suggested additional due to OSHA regulations. Andy reported the total water loss for the year-to-date report is 1.15%, the month of May was .21% total. Trustee Wyatt Smith asked Andy to keep up

with the park prior to all of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events coming. Trustee Vickie Adkins asked Andy about the manhole covers. Andy said they are using a special patch, but already went through two bags, so they are going to see how well the patch holds before purchasing a large supply.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – Vickie Adkins mentioned there are several holes around town that still need patched.

Andy and Nick began rocking an alleyway off of Wyatt Street after the board voted to not close the alleyway. They've rocked the alley twice and each time the alley ends up with large ruts soon after. Mayor Turpin will talk with the closest resident to see if they have any information regarding the issue. If it continues, the attorney suggests legal action as it is destruction of government property.

The guttering on the sidewalk in front of Transitions Salon is falling apart and becoming a concern for the owner and customers. The trustees discussed putting in a walk way ramp to allow easy access for the elderly and disabled. They would also like one in front of the Village office. Mayor Turpin added that the volunteer fire department has to use the alleyway because they do not have a drive off of the sideway to just pull out straight. The board discussed they would pay for half of the costs if the fire department would pay for half.

Trustee Wyatt Smith asked about the roof bid received. Mayor Turpin needed to discuss the bid with the attorney. It will be added to the agenda in July.

Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the MFT estimated maintenance cost for an estimated cost of \$44,635.00. Amanda Ahlers 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.

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 is only one shut-off for non-payment.

Utilities – Mayor Turpin said Vandevanter has not been out yet. So, the village does not have a bid for the Lift Station 2 generator at this time. The same goes for the spray field pump repair.

In addition, Mayor Turpin explained to the board that he found an error on his personal utility bill, realizing the \$5 meter charge was not on the bill. The error cost the Village \$1500 per month, the last few months. It was fixed in the system and should be billed correctly next time.

### **Old Business:**

Sarah Carter made a motion to accept the bid for an additional camera for the park, for \$693.00. 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 said the gentleman who began cleaning up the trailer on 104, quit cleaning it and it is now past his allotted time. Therefore, the Village employees will get a dumpster and clean it up. The Village will get a lean on the property and then eventually sell it.

Mayor Turpin said Andy and Nick will begin the sidewalks. Trustee Lauren Anders will get a complete list to them when she gets back from vacation.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the bid from Coy's Fire Extinguishers for 12 new extinguishers for \$1,302.00. Abby Flynn 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.

The board tabled the discussion regarding summer help until they know more about the projected start date from IDOT.

### **New Business:**

Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the air conditioner purchase for \$7,422.60. Amanda Ahlers 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.

Mayor Turpin informed the board that a resolution to sell the old mower can be done if another municipality or school purchases it. If the Village sells it to the public, it must be put in the paper for bids.

The Lions Den submitted a report regarding the Queen of Hearts. The first quarter earned \$949.00. The winner won \$1,924.00 and netted \$1,426.00. The 50/50 beneficiary for the month of March was the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department, which received \$237.00. The April beneficiary was the Franklin Cemetery, which received \$128.00.

Sarah Carter made a motion to close East Street between West and Wyatt, and also close Wyatts Street between East and Main, on June 30<sup>th</sup> until 8 am on July 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Abby Flynn made a motion to approve a donation to the Lions Club for fireworks, in the amount of \$500.00. Amanda Ahlers 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.

The fireworks cannot be held within the Village limits this year due to complication with access to the location they are normally displayed.

The trustees do not have any issues with vendors using the park on July 2<sup>nd</sup> for the all-school reunion.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to suspend section 3 of ordinance 2005-2, for the days of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and July 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2 pm until 2 am, each of the stated dates. Sarah Carter 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.

The trustees discussed the snow plow blade that Andy mentioned. They would like to see pictures of the equipment before moving forward.

UCI sent a letter indicating the new pricing. The contract will need approved, but is not on the agenda due to Clerk, Ashley Turpin and Mayor Paul Turpin receiving the info too late. Therefore, a special meeting will be held.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Sarah Cater-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.