

Village of Franklin  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 2, 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, August 2, 2022 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Lauren Anders, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Amanda Ahlers. Trustee Wyatt Smith was absent.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Andy Fairless presented the Utility Supervisor Report. Andy is off August 30 through September 6. The ICC audit was last week and everything went well. The trailer on 104 is cleaned up. The trees on the property still need taken down, but the Village does not currently have any where to dump and burn. Vandevanter came last week and did the maintenance inspection. The report was good. On lift station #4 a motor was not running so Andy called an electrical repair shop in Springfield to see if they had it. They had a part that was similar, costing \$90 so it was purchased and installed. He also ordered a spare part from Vandevanter in case this part didn't work as expected. Nick was able to fix the sprayer motor at the spray field that wasn't pumping. The back up generator is still not shutting off after it automatically comes on. Andy could only find Cummins Sales and Services out of Normal, Illinois to service the generator. It will cost \$1,500.00 which only includes their drive to Franklin and \$438 worth of labor. It does not include the part if something needs replaced or fixed. Stefanie from Benton's & Associates sent another bid for the road work. The work on Lake Drive is finished. The water tower inspection is \$3,600.00 with Benton & Associates. This inspection would check the inside of the tower. The water tower was put up in 2014. The sidewalk and tile were put in near the new storage building. Lastly, Andy said the snow plow has not been fixed yet but he will call to get it in soon.

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 were some payments made and some made payment plans.

Utilities – The motion to pay the sewer loan was tabled until a full board is present.

### **Old Business:**

Andy will repair a couple of sidewalks and the Village will have the handicap ramp put in on the curbs near Transitions and the Village Hall. Slabjackers will come back next year to continue on budget.

There is no update on the Queen of Hearts at this time.

### **New Business:**

Andy discussed the generator at Lift Station 2 in his supervisor report. The Cummins Company out of Normal is the closest company he could find to work on the generator. The trustees agree the bid is expensive. Mayor Turpin will ask Andy to get quotes on a Generac generator to compare how much it would be to replace the current generator rather than fix it.

Prior to the water tower inspection, the water will be shut off so that the water doesn't continue to flow in. They will let the water drain down and the pump will set off. Abby Flynn made a motion to inspect the water tower from Benton & Associates. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting is as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

The MFT estimate of maintenance cost was \$41,398. MFT may not be able to cover the full amount, but majority could be covered. Sarah Carter made a motion to accept the draft of the IDOT MFT proposal for maintenance cost. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Utility Pay came in and gave Reitha a demo on how the program works. A link can be added to the Village webpage that would take the customers directly to their page to pay their bill. ABS charges the Village for all of the credit card fees. Typically, it estimates \$300 per month, per Village business. The trustees table the discussion until next month to discuss as a full board.

The auditor brought up the compensation time off. After review, they said the employees must clock in and out whenever claiming to work overtime. Each employee can have a separate overtime timeclock card to use. Abby Flynn made a motion to make a resolution to update the Village policy manual for compensatory time off. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

The Village is waiting on one easement to be agreed upon and signed. If the Village cannot obtain the easement, it will cost an additional \$250,000 to move the lines for the Route 104 water project. Mayor Turpin believes the issue can be reconciled if our attorney draws up a new agreement combining both that have already been sent. The Village will be responsible for the attorney fees for the property owners' lawyer to read through and approve the easement.

Mayor Turpin had someone reach out to him in regard to the Illinois Safe Routes to School program. The program provides opportunities for different safety features to be added to towns, helping kids arrive and depart from school safely. Mayor Turpin is going to get more information to send out.

Amanda Ahlers made a motion to adjourn. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Anders-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.