

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2023
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, October 3, 2023 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Sarah Carter, and Vickie Adkins. Trustees Lauren Whalen and Amanda Ahlers were absent.

Benton & Associates was present to give an update on the Route 104 water project. Jim Morris and David Albers said the project is coming in around \$70,000 less than the estimated cost. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the application and certificate for payment to the contractor for \$35,633.65. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. Wyatt Smith made a motion to pay invoice #22010 to Benton & Associates in the amount of \$1,962.00. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless presented the Utility Supervisor Report. The ICC audit is on October 4th and should be complete by October 5th. On Thursday, Jon Lyons from Waverly is bringing the truck over to "pot hole" the gas regulator station pipes. The regulator station will have all the valves replaced next week. The remote camera is finally up and running. The office repairs are going well. The carpet was pulled up and there are original hardwoods that will be restored underneath. All of the plaster is down and Patterson's is going to do the drywall and drop ceiling. The bathroom in the office was also repaired. There was a lot of mold that needed to be treated. Andy tried to call T&K for the tree removal but has not heard back. Andy called the gentleman from Ashland who was known to do routine checks and maintenance on water systems. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons he is not working at the time. Nick and Andy ran 210,000 gallons of water to flush the water hydrants. Phil McCarthy was in the office recently helping Andy with the FEMA paperwork for disaster relief. Dahman Road will be started after harvest is complete. Andy does not want to

block the road due to farmers needing to use it frequently to harvest crops. The backup generators purchased for the office and maintenance shed will be hooked up before winter settles in. The approached and sidewalk ramps should be started soon.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – The required paperwork to have the Village shed added to the tax exempt list needed redone. That should be complete soon.

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 was a resident who had their water turned off for a bounced check and not responding to requests to make it good. The resident turned their water back on at the meter. Andy was instructed to remove the water meter and shut off the gas and lock off the gas meter. Mayor Turpin is looking into theft of services with the attorney.

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

Old Business:

The burned trailer property should be moving through the court system soon, according to our attorney.

Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the ordinance for the designated no parking zones. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Sarah Carter made a motion to accept the ordinance amending ordinance no. 2021-02, an ordinance amending ordinance no. 2003-02, an ordinance to establish rules, rates, and regulations for the operation of a water system for the Village of Franklin. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-yes. The motion was carried.

The storm that came through in June 2023 was declared a disaster by President Biden, so the Village should recoup 75% of the money spent on clean-up for the storm.

There are trees near power lines and a house off of Highway 104 and West Street that need removed. T&S Tree Removal was called, but Andy has not heard back.

Mayor Turpin spoke with Tami Thompson and the Lions Club about adding the Franklin Fourth of July as a committee under the Lions Club. However, they do not have any interest in running the Farmers Market. They would be willing to help the Village Board with it though.

New Business:

The Lion's Club is putting lending libraries up around town. One bin will be in the park with balls and other outdoor toys for kids to use in the park. There will be two lending libraries in front of the Lions Club, one for adults and the other for children. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the bins for the park from the Lion's Club. Wyatt seconded the motion. The voting was

as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to keep all closed session minutes closed. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Panhandle has been charging an extremely high transportation rate for the last 3+ years and has been ordered by the court to return the overcharges to IMGGA for distribution to the Village. Panhandle is to return the funds by the 24th of November. The Village will reimburse the attorney fees of approximately \$5,000 to the gas fund and reimburse residents their share based on their usage. Trustee Wyatt Smith said he believes most residents would prefer a check, rather than a credit to their account.

There are a lot of old cable wires hanging off of poles on Wyatt Street. Ameren took a bunch off of their poles a while back, but also missed some. Some are even on poles that were specifically put up for the cable wires. Andy Fairless will get ahold of Ameren to see if they can come back to remove the remaining wires.

Mayor Turpin reported the aggregation is 11.6% and Ameren came in a lot lower.

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