

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 1, 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, August 1, 2023 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Lauren Whalen, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Amanda Ahlers. Trustee Wyatt Smith was absent.

Benton & Associates was present to give an update on the Route 104 water project. Jim Morris and David Albers said all the mains are in the ground and the contractor will go back to clean up everything before the project is complete and the final pay application is presented. At this point, the project is close to \$60,000 under budget. It was a very successful project and everyone was willing to lend a hand and help however needed. Vickie Adkins made a motion to approve the change order for the materials returned to help lower the cost of the project, in the amount of \$5,059.50. Amanda Ahlers seconded the vote. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried. Abby Flynn made a motion to approve the contractors pay application #2. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried. Vickie Adkins made a motion to approve the Benton & Associates invoice in the amount of \$25,495.80. Amanda Ahlers seconded the vote. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Lauren Whalen-yes. The motion was carried.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless presented the Utility Supervisor Report. The bid for the office repairs will need to be rebid. Andy cannot reach the person who said they would provide a bid a couple of months ago. Andy reached out to a couple of companies regarding the fence repair at the water tower. One company was several weeks out and the other was three weeks before they could give him a bid. Gerald Wilson from the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department is going to clean the dirt

off the church alleyway tomorrow so Andy can see what exactly needs done to fix it. Andy received a bid from **MaGuire's** Wastewater Solutions for \$2,100.00 to vacuum out all four lift stations, with the exception that Andy and Nick will assist them. He also provided a bid for a generator for the shop. It is from Sam's Club for \$1,049.00. It is a Generac GP8000E portable generator with an electric start. He already purchased a generator for the Village office. There is no update on the basketball backboards, but hopes to provide more information next month. Mayor Turpin and Andy met with Phil McCarty last week regarding FEMA funds from the big storm that blew through the area in late June. Mr. McCarty is confident the Village would qualify for natural disaster funds. Andy will present the Village's case to FEMA on Friday. Andy also said the limb pick-up and dump is going well. He has had one incident where someone dumped materials that they were not supposed to, during Village hours. Andy said Treece's should be getting ahold of him as the fall season approaches to do the approach in front of the fire station and the ones on the sidewalks. Trustee, Vickie Adkins asked for an update on the Lake Drive and Dahman Road repairs. Andy stated that the Highway 104 project just finished. They plan to begin working on Lake Drive and if the weather cooperates it should be done in a week or two. After that he will get ahold of Sarah Carter and Vickie to discuss what areas need to be torn out and replaced on Dahman.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – Andy provided an update on the church alleyway in his report. The trustees discussed an alleyway near Morris Street that is not regularly maintained by the Village. The residents who reside on each side of the alleyway disagree on where their property lines are. Due to the dispute, one resident put an electric fence up in the alleyway. Mayor Turpin spoke with the residents and the attorney. The Village sewer system runs through the alley and nothing should be placed in the alleyway. The fence was removed and both residents are having their properties surveyed. The Village will possibly rock the alleyway. Mayor Turpin also spoke with the attorney about the alleyway off Wyatt Street. Mayor Turpin will get additional pictures for him.

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

Insurance – Andy provided an update in his report regarding the water tower fence. Trustee, Sarah Carter spoke with an insurance agent about getting a quote, however the company cannot provide gas insurance. Sarah dropped the conversation as all agree gas insurance is a necessity.

Personnel – Amanda Ahlers made a motion to go into executive sessions to discuss employee performance. The board entered executive session at 7:50 and re-entered into open session at 7:58.

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

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

Old Business:

Mayor Turpin spoke with the attorney about the burned trailer and he is going to follow-up with him this next month. Mayor Turpin is also going to call animal control about a raccoon issue in Toler Bend.

As Andy reported, there were no bids for the office repairs.

The new ordinances are not complete currently.

Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the bid from MaGuire's Waste Water solutions to vacuum the lift stations for \$2,100.00. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Lauren Whalen made a motion to accept the bid for a Sam's Club Generac Generator for \$1,049.00. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Amanda Ahlers-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion as carried.

New Business:

Andy discussed the disaster declaration in his report. Mayor Turpin said it seems promising that the Village could receive funds. Andy is presenting the Villages case to FEMA on Friday, in Jacksonville.

Mayor Turpin read the resolution to move windmill money. Sarah Carter made a motion to move the windmill money for resolution 2023-2. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Amanda Ahlers-yes. The motion was carried.

Andy hopes to have more information regarding the basketball backboards for the park next month.

Mayor Turpin read the resolution for the NSF check policy. The trustees would like to discuss increasing the fee for bounced checks at the next meeting. Abby Flynn made a resolution to accept Resolution 2023-04 NSF Check Policy. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Vickie Adkins made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Ahlers seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Amanda Ahlers-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.