

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024
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 8, 2024 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Vickie Adkins, and Kendra Marcel. Trustees Lauren Whalen and Sarah Carter were absent.

Guest, Pamela Wall came to speak to the Board regarding murals. Pamela is an experienced painter who has painted several murals throughout her career. She provided examples of some of the murals to the Trustees. Pamela averages approximately \$17 per square foot. Her murals can be as small or as big as needed. She primes the wall before starting and uses a clear coat in the end which helps keep it clean, nice, and protects it from graffiti. The priming and finishing coat are included in the base price. Pamela went around the Village and took pictures of things that stood out to her, but would like feedback from the Board on what exactly they would like to see on the mural. Pamela can paint the mural if the weather is above 45 degrees. The Trustees said they would get a list of ideas together for her.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for September. She presented each of the following: businesses profits & losses, current balances, year-to-date balances, and check details. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for September. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and To Be Paid for September. Kendra Marcel seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Kendra Marcel-yes. The motion was carried.

Clerk Ashley Turpin presented the meeting minutes from September to the Board of Trustees. Vickie Adkins made a motion to approve the minutes from September. Kendra Marcel seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Kendra Marcel-yes. The motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless provided the Utility Supervisor Report. Andy showed the Trustees pictures of the old and new odorization station. Everything went well. It might need some adjustments on the odorant rate. Andy provided updates to his equipment needs list for the Trustees. A new locator is about \$6,262.98. As of January 1, 2025, the ICC is mandating using hydro-excavation or hand-shoveling. Andy, Nick, and Mayor Turpin looked at a vac trailer with a Jetter for \$148,000. Andy provided a quote from DitchWitch also, for \$89,000, and another for \$78,700. Vermeer had one for \$62,527. The lower priced ones do not have a Jetter and are gas versus diesel. Andy said he believes a diesel motor would be better in the long run. Standard Equipment has one for \$92,844.62 with a strong arm. Vermeer has another for \$120,771. There is a used one at Coe Equipment that is Vermeer with 246 hours on it, but we cannot get a bid until the paperwork is in from the company who is selling it. That one would not have a warranty. It will be approximately \$70,000. Andy

again expressed his concern with the new laws coming into place that the vac trailers will start to go fast and prices may increase with the high demand. Trustee, Wyatt Smith said to be careful of the GVWR and the trucks weight because 26,001 is considered CDL rating. Andy will look further into that with each of the trailers. Next Andy provided other equipment estimates: skid steer with a loader - \$45,000, mini excavator - \$49,000 for used or \$63,261.50 for new. Lastly, Andy presented information regarding the lift station pumps to the Trustees. Andy and Nick met with Buchanan Pumps in Springfield a couple of weeks ago. They had a pump truck there that they were using as a display to show how well the pump works. Nick and Andy were impressed how it ate all the materials. Andy reminded the Board that they found a mop head in the pump last year. Andy gave a bid for the pumps. The total for all lift station pumps, eight pumps, to be replaced was estimated at \$124,000. However, the Village could do them a little at a time. If they start with Lift Station 4, the most used, and put in two 10 horsepower pumps, it would be \$29,840. They are 95% efficient pumps that Andy would be able to service, unlike what we have now. Buchanan offers classes for free to train employees how to service them. Trustee Abby Flynn asked what the long-term goal was. Mayor Turpin and Andy agreed that it would be to do one or two lift stations per year or every other year. Andy informed the Board that there is also a pump out of commission at the spray field, we are using the back-up now. They are 20 horsepower motors. Buchanan said they could rebuild it for \$1,858 or get a new one for \$2,566.

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 – Curt Reznicek from Reznicek Insurance and Kyle Shell from ICRMT were in attendance to present the insurance bid from ICRMT and answer any questions the Board might have regarding their policy. Mr. Reznicek has insured the Village municipality for many years. He gave the Trustees a spreadsheet of the package prices for each year, from 2005 to present. The spreadsheet showed minimal increases to the policy in nearly 10 years. Mr. Shell reassured that ICRMT does not do anything with policy without dealing directly with the local insurance agent, Mr. Reznicek. ICRMT is one of the largest standing risk pools. They insure a lot of schools and municipalities. ICRMT is also one of the only programs that are non-assessable. They provide online services such as trainings for employees. Next, Mr. Shell highlighted some key points in the Villages' policy. The Village would be up for a property appraisal in the next year or so, as it is typically reassessed every 5 years. This ensures the Village is receiving full coverage. Another perk, is the plan covers just about anyone, committee, or group who received authorization to host something on Village ground or is assisting the Village with something. It does not cover the actual group or committee though. The Trustees then reviewed the liabilities, coverage summaries of the property, mobile equipment, other equipment breakdown, sales tax interruption, crime, and workers compensation. Mr. Shell said another perk of ICRMT is the service they offer to their customers. A huge perk is the gas liability coverage. It is automatically included and does not need to be an added liability. The only concern Mr. Shell expressed was that a few years ago the Village opted out of the State of Illinois' unemployment coverage to save on costs. If the Village would switch insurance carriers, they would need to review other options for the unemployment coverage. Mr. Reznicek added that he would like to see the Village raise their deductibles to \$2,500 or \$5,000 from \$1,000. Mr. Shell said he'd also like to get with the underwriter and play with some of the numbers for the municipality and then have Mr. Reznicek present them to the Board. The Board will also provide Mr. Shell with the top 5 to 10 businesses within the Village for sales tax compensation.

Personnel – Vickie Adkins updated the Board regarding the part-time help training. Everything is going great for Barb and she will be working in the office alone for a few days this month while Reitha is out.

Utility Reconnect – There were 8 shut-offs and another today because they did not pay their deposit from August.

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

Old Business:

Mayor Turpin read the Noise Ordinance to the Trustees. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Noise Ordinance 2004-04. Kendra Marcel seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Wyatt Smith-no. The motion was carried.

Next, Mayor Turpin provided prices for basketball backboards. Each board would be about \$550 and an extra \$200 would include the lifetime warranty. Abby Flynn made a motion to purchase 4 basketball backboards for \$550, with the 4 adaptor kits. Wyatt Smith seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Wyatt Smith-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

The reseal of the basketball court in the park will be reviewed again in the spring.

Trustee Lauren Whalen is out this month. When she returns, she will provide information regarding the memorial plaque in the park.

The new time clock was ordered today and the Village saved \$30 because it was part of Prime Days on Amazon.

Mayor Turpin has not heard back from Royell regarding the cameras in the park.

If the Board would choose to continue forward with a Solicitation Ordinance, it would not include kids going door-to-door. Companies that want to come sell their services to residents around town would first need to stop at the Village Hall and fill out an application and pay a small fee. Then the Village office could advertise on Facebook that they have been in the office and approved to solicitate. The Board agrees that they would like the attorney to move forward with writing an ordinance for solicitation.

Board Candidate Election paperwork is due in November to Clerk, Ashley Turpin.

New Business:

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

Mayor Turpin informed the Board there is a house off Highway 104 for sale. However, the landowners built a garage on a public roadway and the realtor noticed. The realtor would like the Village to vacate the alleyway to sell the property and keep the garage. The Trustees with Mayor Turpin to let the realtor know that the Village will go through with it, for a price and the

fees incurred will be the homeowners' responsibility. Mayor Turpin will reach out the attorney and the realtor.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Wyatt Smith-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.