

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 12, 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, November 12, 2024 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Lauren Whalen, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Kendra Marcel. Trustee Wyatt Smith was absent.

Guest Mrs. Tammy Thompson was present to ask the Village if they would be willing to purchase more lights for the Village Park display. The Lion's Club is trying to slowly add to their display and would appreciate any help in purchasing items. The Lion's Club also wanted to inquire about the lot next to The Green Wall. Mayor Turpin explained that Hamilton's was interested in it at one time, but does not know if Mr. George Hamilton decided whether he wanted it. There are two manholes, a sewer line, and a gas line that run through the property and cannot be built on. Mrs. Thompson explained that the Lion's Club discussed the possibility of putting a sand volleyball court in to bring fundraisers and events to the community throughout the year. Mayor Turpin said the manholes would make it difficult to put a court on.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless provided the Utility Supervisor Report. Andy informed the Board that the vac trailer does not need a license plate because it qualifies for a special mobile equipment exemption. If the Village were to plate it, then a CDL is required. Andy reviewed the options he presented to the Board of Trustees last week. One was \$92,000 without a warranty because it is used. Andy believes the Vermeer for \$120,771 and the Ditch Witch for \$119,174.90 are the better options and do include a one-year warranty. They can be run by one person, rather than needing two to operate. Neither have a Jetter and Andy does not see one being necessary. He said that he could borrow Waverly's if needed. Mayor Turpin said the Village gets the windmill money in December and could put that money towards the loan or purchase. The Trustees reviewed the logistics of purchasing one outright and leasing-to-own. Abby Flynn made a motion to purchase the Vermeer VX50-500 for \$120,771, outright. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was

as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried. Andy also provided an approximate price for a locator. The locator is on the five-year plan he presented in a previous meeting. The one the Village currently has is about 10 years old. It is working fine and not an emergency, but something to start thinking about. It would be beneficial to have two, so that Nick and Andy could do separate jobs at the same time. The cost is \$6,262.98. Andy then told the Trustees that Buchanan Pump provided a bid for two pumps, with installation, for \$29,840 for Lift Station 4. These are the same pumps that Andy discussed at the last meeting. Mayor Turpin said he would like to wait since the Village is purchasing the Vac Trailer. Trustees agree with Mayor Turpin. Mayor Turpin also suggested checking into other pumps as well. Andy mentioned the Lift Stations would need re-wired with the new pumps which would be an additional cost. Andy said the pipe threader for the gas system is not a good idea at this time. Nick and Andy need a lift to put up the Christmas lights around town. Abby Flynn made a motion to rent the lift from Central Rentals for \$522 for 4 hours, with drop-off and pick-up included. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried. Vickie Adkins asked if Andy would be able to do the lights this week or next. Andy said yes, they just need to clean the wall for the mural first. Sarah Carter asked for an update on Dahman Road. Andy said Ryan Deeder came out to look at it. He told Andy that there is nothing else they can do until next year when the roads are done again.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – There is nothing new to report from this committee.

Finance/Payroll – Mayor Turpin said the audit came back, but he has a question for the auditor regarding the gas profit from last year. It does not match the information that he has received from IMGGA. Therefore, he would like to clarify where the numbers are coming from. It will be discussed further at the December Board meeting to allow him time to talk with the auditor.

Insurance – The Village received two proposals. One from ICRMT for \$29,329. Another from RMA for \$18,414, including \$1,430 for an extra month because the fiscal years are slightly different and \$150 for a membership fee. The total for RMA came to \$18,414. We would also have to pay a one-time payment of \$1,200 to retroact the date in our current policy which is from 2005 for claims that could be made after moving forward on the new policy. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept RMA's insurance proposal for \$18,414. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Kendra Marcel-yes. The motion was carried. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept Ordinance 2024-05 which approved the RMA membership. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried. Sarah Carter made a motion to accept RMA Prior Acts Coverage for \$1,200. Kendra Marcel seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Lauren Whalen-yes. The motion was carried. The new insurance coverage begins December 1st.

Personnel – Vickie Adkins led the Board into closed session at 7:59 pm to discuss employee reviews. The Board ended closed session and entered back into open session at 8:12 pm.

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 said the resealing of the basketball court will be discussed further in the spring.

Lauren Whalen is waiting on a bid from Jacksonville Monument. It should be an 8x10 plaque to attach to the bench.

Last week, Mayor Turpin contacted the attorney for MCC. He informed her that since they did not pay for the bond the permit was closed and a new one will need to be opened, along with the appropriate paperwork when they decided they want to come into town. MCC's attorney replied that the bond was not feasible for their client and that there are laws in the State of Illinois that protect them and allow them to put their lines in. Mayor Turpin said yes, but only if they follow the Village's ordinance. He is waiting to see what happens next.

New Business:

Mayor Turpin said the mural wall is approximately 1,000 square feet and will need two coats of primer, costing about \$17 per square foot for a total of \$7,900. The client will provide the sealer and primer. She wants a third of the payment up front, a third halfway through, and the last third at the end of the project. The board asked to include the following: actual burgoo stirrers on the road, generic church but not one from the community, roadway/map through town rather than things sporadically throughout the mural, old grocery store/where Hamilton's and Transition's is now, teenagers and cars lined at the park to hangout, fireworks, Ebrey's Standard Station sign, Flashes and Firebirds emblems, The Lion's Den, American Legion, green and red tractors. The do not want the following: Ed's Parts, a church that is in the community, the garage sale sign, or the day to night feel. The Trustees would like to see a sketched version before approving. Mayor Turpin will send Pam the updates.

At the last meeting, Mayor Turpin informed the Trustees of the residents who are selling their home, but did not realize they built their garage on a Village roadway. Mayor Turpin found out that it sits on three roadways. Mayor Turpin sent the owner a note that it would cost \$175 just for the attorney to draw up an agreement. The attorney then emailed Mayor Turpin to let him know that the clients are hiring their own attorney to make sure the proper channels are being taken. Mayor Turpin said the Trustees also need to consider what this could do in the future if the Village would ever want to expand the roadways.

Mrs. Tammy Thompson presented to the Board earlier in the meeting. Ashley Turpin explained the Board started building up the light displays and such for the Village to feel more welcoming and festive years ago, by asking local businesses to donate. Abby Flynn said unfortunately there are not many lights available on sale after Christmas anymore, but would be willing to help with a donation. Sarah Carter made a motion to give the Lion's Den \$500 for the Christmas lights display. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Kendra Marcel and Abby Flynn will judge the Christmas light displays around the Village. It will be held on December 20th and 21st, from 6 to 8pm.

Lauren Whalen made a motion to approve the Christmas parade on December 7th at 5:15 pm. Abby Flynn seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Corrpro contract for the water tower in the amount of \$720. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, and Kendra Marcel-yes. The motion was carried.

The bulk water is currently out of service. Someone came in to fill their tank and somehow got dye in their tank. When Andy and Nick tried to take the system apart to inspect where the dye was coming from, the whole thing fell apart. Andy provided the Board with estimates to fix it. It will be approximately \$1,500 to \$1,600. Andy has received a lot of feedback from the community and rural community about how much they use the fill station and how inconvenient it has been for them to have to get their supply elsewhere. Andy said the Village does not make a lot of money off the bulk water sales. It is more for convenience. He also suggested looking into adding a money or card machine. It was overlooked until recently that customers were getting their bulk water for less than the Villages water rate which does not seem fair to the paying Village residents. Lauren Whalen suggested that Andy get a full estimate or bid and then bring it back to the Board for them to review. Lauren Whalen made motion to approve the bulk water plant repairs. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, and Abby Flynn-present. The motion was carried.

Vickie Adkins made a motion to adjourn. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, and Lauren Whalen-yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.