

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 10, 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, September 10, 2024 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Wyatt Smith, Sarah Carter, and Vickie Adkins. Trustee Lauren Whalen and Kendra Marcel were absent.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for August. She presented each of the following: businesses profits & losses, current balances, year-to-date balances, and check details. Abby Flynn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August. Wyatt Smith 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. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and To Be Paid for August. Abby Flynn 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.

Clerk Ashley Turpin presented the meeting minutes from August to the Board of Trustees. Vickie Adkins made a motion to approve the minutes from August. Abby Flynn 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.

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless provided the Utility Supervisor Report. The last section on Dahman Road was completed last week. The Odorization Station parts are in. The project will begin at the end of September or beginning of October. Jon Lyons from Waverly is coming over to help prep the project before the company arrives. Andy presented two bids for the asphalt on the basketball court in the park. The first bid from Midwest Asphalt was \$1,850. The second bid was from CASCO for \$5,292. Recently, the Village received several calls regarding gas leak concerns. There were 19 calls in total from Saturday morning through Monday morning. Andy and Nick suspect there was an issue from the Odorization Station not letting enough odor out. They had to dig up a valve to add the needed odorant, but it would not open even after they put a cheater bar on. So, they did more work to get more odor into the system. Shortly after, the elevator turned on their gas to test their system after having maintenance performed. Andy and Nick believe pulling all that gas sent too much odor through the system, leading to multiple calls. There were about 4 or 5 actual leaks and most were from hot water heaters or dryers. Andy ended with about 18 hours of overtime. Nick could not help as much because the Village only had one CGI tool to detect the gas leaks with. Andy received a bid from Utility Safety and Design, Inc. for \$2,147. It uses the same calibration technology as the one the Village already has. Vickie Adkins made a motion to obtain a new CGI for \$2,147. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Lastly, Andy provided the Trustees with a list of equipment needs. He explained what each piece of equipment was for and it's priority. Sarah Carter asked Andy if he could give estimates on all the items so the Board could budget for some of them if needed. Andy said he would do so.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – Ashley Turpin said she will check with a couple of people to see about getting a mural painting on the side of 114 Main.

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

Insurance – Mayor Turpin indicated Eric Little from RMA said he would have the bid at the October meeting. Curt Reznicek said he was in the process and should have it by the October meeting as well.

Personnel – The training for Barb Barber is going well for Reitha and Barb. The Village is fortunate to have the two.

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

Utilities – Wyatt Smith asked if there was any more information regarding the idea of a flat rate versus cost plus O&M. Mayor Turpin said he is waiting until after we go through our high gas usage seasons before reviewing it again.

Old Business:

The attorney is getting an ordinance together regarding the jake braking. The Village will put a sign up on the Woodson-Franklin Blacktop as well.

Mayor Turpin informed the Board that the Village has enough money to replace the backboards in the park. A resident mentioned reaching out to the Children's Foundation in Jacksonville. However, Mayor Turpin said he has a hard time asking for funds when the Village has them. He would rather see those funds go towards someone who needs them. He also provided a couple of bids. He will research a couple more options for the next Board meeting and present them.

Andy provided bids in his report for the reseal of the basketball court in the park. Abby Flynn made a motion to have Midwest Asphalt resurface the asphalt in the park, in the spring. 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.

The memorial plaque for in the park will be discussed further next month when Lauren Whalen returns.

Mayor Turpin provided details regarding two options for a new time clock. Sarah Carter made a motion to purchase the Diseleri for \$89. Wyatt Smith 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.

Andy informed the Board about the Odorization Station in his report. The rebuild will happen at the end of September or beginning of October.

The Board voted on a building for Lot 14-36-200-005 during the August meeting. However, that bid did not include doors. The cost is now \$13,394 with doors, and lower than the original bid. There is no tax. Wyatt Smith made a motion to accept the American Steel Carports, Inc. building bid for a 26x30 for \$13,394. 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.

Mayor Turpin and Andy have not heard back from Joe regarding additional cameras in the park.

New Business:

Mayor Turpin has received reports of soliciting in town and some of which the solicitors are being rude to residents. If interested, the Village could put an ordinance in place that would require people who are soliciting to come into the Village Hall first and complete a form. Then, the Village could inform the residents that they are in town. Wyatt asked if ordinances like that would affect kids selling things or companies like Schwan's. Mayor Turpin will get some examples and bring them for the October meeting.

Mayor Turpin handed out a letter from Tracy, the attorney in Effingham who the Village worked with regarding the ordinance put in place in preparation of MCC coming into town. Metro counter offered with a \$100,000 bond. The Trustees said they agree with Tracy and would like to keep the bond at \$250,000. Unfortunately, Metro's reputation proceeds them. Abby Flynn made a motion to keep the bond for the MCC work in the Village of Franklin at \$250,000. Vickie Adkins 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.

Clerk, Ashley Turpin handed out the Board candidate petitions and asked that they be returned by November 12th. There are additional petitions in the Village office for residents who are interested in running as well. Those are also due by November 12th.

Abby Flynn made a motion to have Trick or Treat days on October 30th and October 31st, from 6pm to 8pm. Sarah Carters 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.

Mayor Turpin presented the Appropriations Bill. This year is significantly less than last year, but can be adjusted if needed. Wyatt Smith made a motion to approve the Appropriations Bill for \$1,177,000. Abby Flynn 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.

Wyatt Smith made a motion to adjourn. Sarah Carter 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 8:06 pm.