

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025
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, January 14, 2025 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Lauren Whalen, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Kendra Marcel. Abby Flynn came in at 7:10 pm. Trustee Wyatt Smith was absent.

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

Clerk Ashley Turpin presented the meeting minutes from December to the Board of Trustees. Vickie Adkins made a motion to approve the minutes from December. Kendra Marcel 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.

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless provided the Utility Supervisor Report. The back door to the Village office was replaced. Nick and Andy were able to install it. Andy will get keys made for Mayor Turpin and the Village employees. The bulk water parts should be in within the next week. Jon Lyons from Waverly looked at the furnace in the shop behind the Village office. He was able to get it running again, but the blower continues to blow without stopping. It is 35 years old. A new one is about \$1,500.00 without installation and parts. Jon said he would be happy to come help Andy install a new one if the Village bought one. Andy reminded the Board that a new locator was approximately \$6,262.98. MCC has not reached out to Andy yet. They resubmitted their paperwork and verified the bond. However, the new plans have not been submitted. The original plans had them crossing intersections and Andy asked them to change it. In addition, Andy discussed purchasing new skids for the snow blades. The rubber blade was not getting enough snow off of the ground. Joe Woods is going to see if he has some snow shoes which would help. There is a set at Woody Supply for \$1,900.00 per pair. They also have the snow wheels for more, but would need two. The Board could approve to get them depending on what Joe Woods has. Lauren Whalen made a motion to purchase snow shoes for \$1,900.00, if Joe Woods does not have a pair. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-present, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried. There are nine grinder stations around town. One in town is having a lot of issues. Nick and Andy used the Vac Trailer on it and it did not help. Andy has a bid for a company to come fix it. Vickie Adkins made a motion to approve \$1,450 to repair the elbow in the grinder station. 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. The water tower was inspected 3 or 4 years ago and there was paint chipping off inside the water tower. It was suggested that the tower be repainted on the inside to avoid further issues. The bid was \$42,000.00. The special type of paint needed is about \$400.00 per gallon. Mayor Turpin said he would like to have it done this summer, and borrow the money from the municipal account and repay it with the windmill money, next December. Andy requested to stay to discuss a concern with raises in closed session.

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 – There is nothing new to report from this committee.

Personnel – Vickie Adkins led the Board into closed session at 7:25 pm to discuss a concern regarding employee raises. The Board ended closed session and entered back into open session at 8:01 pm.

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

Utilities – The water increase from Jacksonville was 3% and usually the Village charges Alexander the same rate. The Village does not make any money off Alexander. We just help supply the water. The grinder station was already discussed during the Utility Supervisor report. Mayor Turpin added that there was a resident in town whose meter read they used 91,000 gallons of water. Andy and Nick went to the resident's house to help her locate where the problem might be and found a toilet upstairs that was running constantly.

Old Business:

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

Lauren Whalen is hoping an update will be provided at the next meeting on the memorial plaque.

Mayor Turpin said he is still waiting on a proposal and plan for the mural on the Village wall.

The back door at the office cost \$800 to be replaced. Nick and Andy did a nice job installing it.

The Board has discussed the garage or shed that was built on a Village roadway. Mayor Turpin does not have anything new to report regarding the situation at this time.

New Business:

Mayor Turpin explained the report for IDOT MFT expenditures that Benton & Associates completes for the Village. Sarah Carter made a motion to have the 2024 IDOT MFT Expenditures sent to Benton & Associates. 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.

Lauren Whalen made a motion to approve the resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code. 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.

Abby Flynn made a motion to approve the IDOT estimated maintenance costs for 2025. 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.

Vickie Adkins made a motion to approve the IDOT maintenance engineering. Kendra Marcel 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.

Lauren Whalen made a motion to approve the IDOT equipment rental schedule. Sarah Carter 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.

Mayor Turpin read a letter of resignation from Trustee Wyatt Smith to the Board. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept Wyatt Smith's resignation, with regrets. 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.

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 8:12 pm.