

Village of Franklin
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10, 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, June 10, 2025 in the town hall. Trustees present in Village Hall were Abby Flynn, Craig Miller, Lauren Whalen, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, and Kendra Marcel.

Ashley Turpin, Clerk, swore in Trustees Lauren Whalen and Kendra Marcel.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for May. 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 May. Craig Miller seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes and Craig Miller-yes. The motion was carried. Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and To Be Paid for May. Kendra Marcel seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes and Lauren Whalen-yes. The motion was carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Andy Fairless provided the Utility Supervisor Report. He spoke with Ryan at the Morgan County Highway Department. Ryan is coming to the Village in mid-July for a week to spray patch. He will also be working on Dahman Road, Mill Street, Blaine, and the corner of Main and Prairie. The spot on Church Street will also get patched. Stefanie Ballinger from Benton Engineering spoke with Andy about South Railroad Street. It is under \$25,000 which means it does not need to be sent out for bids. There is also grant money available for roads right now. Stefanie submitted the application for the grant. They also looked into a program to help with the repairs on Dahman Road. If we receive the help, we would have to provide the money upfront and then they would reimburse it. We cannot do any chip and oil because if we would get the grant, then those would be wasted materials and time. We will have a special meeting to pass a supplemental resolution. To tile the ditch on State and Centennial, it will be just over \$3,202.91. Stefanie is working on this as well. Susan Smith touched on the water issue a bit, but all the leaks have been found. One was at MaryJo Seymour's and the other at the sink hole. The water main break on Blaine Street was repaired. In the month of April, we lost 1.1 million gallons of water and then again in March we lost another 1 million gallons. In May we lost 40,800 gallons. It should all be corrected and the bank account should also slowly straighten back out. Andy also informed the Trustees that he sent MMC a bill on May 7th with a due day of June 7th. On May 16th, Andy realized the bill did not include everything. It was over \$6,000. Andy reached out to MMC again via email yesterday to let them know that they are past due. If it is not paid, we will have to act against their bond. They are

currently in a lawsuit with Waverly. The basketball hoops in the park are coming along. Two of them are complete. Andy spoke with MidWest Asphalt about leveling the area around the hoops with asphalt after they fill in with rock and concrete. After all of that is finished, Andy will top of the hoops base with concrete to ensure they are secure. Andy said Jake Mahan is doing a great job on the pavilion. Nick and Andy will get the picnic tables washed and back to the pavilion. He provided quotes to the Trustees for skid steer forks. Used forks are \$1,150.00. Andy borrows forks from Joe Woods a lot and it would be nice to have a set available for usage. Craig Miller made a motion to purchase forks for the skid steer at \$1,150.00, used. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried. The Ford dump trucks' head bolts are broken and Morrow Brothers gave a bid of \$3,500, but the cost could increase if they find more issues after they disassemble the truck. Eventually the Village will need to purchase a new truck which was discussed previously. It will probably cost \$30,000 or more for a used one. Mayor Turpin said the Board will put the new head bolts on hold for a couple of months and decide what to do from there. Lastly, Andy informed the Board that he is leaving for vacation on Saturday and will be gone for a while. Nick will be here and GUA is available to help if the Village needs anything.

Buildings, Roads, and Drainage – Andy and Nick started working on the empty lot between The Green Wall and The Red Wall for the Lions Club. They took care of the septic that was there and then found the gas line is only buried down 16 inches and it runs down the middle of the lot. The Lions Club wanted to dig down 2 feet to build the pit into the ground and even with the surface for safety purposes. Andy said the gas line can be rerouted and trenched so it is out of the way. This would also be beneficial if the Board donated the lot and the Lion's Club put in a second court. Andy believes the Village has all the pipes and fittings needed to reroute the gas line. It is about \$400 per day to rent the trencher. Andy is confident it would be done in a day. The meters also cost about \$200 each. Andy told the Trustees he would get a list of costs together for the July meeting.

Andy mentioned there are grants available for the park and the Trustees should consider getting a grant to put a pickle ball court in the park. The Trustees liked the idea.

Jake from Mahan Painting finished the pavilion in the park. He did a great job and really cleaned it well before applying the new paint. There was one mistake on behalf of the Village. The original orange chosen was more of a yellow tint and did not look nice. Jake also mentioned it would fade and get dirty quickly. It was an additional \$250 to purchase a new orange paint.

Mayor Turpin asked Jake if the 5 gallons of the more yellow-tinted paint could be used on the side of the 114 Main building. Jake said it would work and he would power wash, prime and paint for a total of \$950. If the Village wanted the back of the Village Hall and the 114 Main buildings painting, including the doors, it would be \$1,200. Some Trustees asked Mayor Turpin to ask Jake if he could take the paint back in to add color tint to make it more orange. Abby Flynn made a motion to have Jake Mahan paint the side of 114 Main and the back of the Village Hall with a deeper orange for \$1,200.00. Craig Miller seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes and Kendra Marcel-yes. The motion was carried.

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

Insurance – RMA came into the Village to talk with the employees about what would happen if an employee would get hurt on the job and can no longer perform their job duties, but might be able to still work by fulfilling other job duties. Mayor Turpin read the policy to the Trustees. The policy is strictly related to job-related injuries. The job will provide alternate assignments that will allow them to return, but stay within their medical restrictions. Sarah Carter made a motion to approve the return-to-work policy from RMA. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Personnel – Mayor Turpin and Vickie Adkins provided a copy of all employee reviews and goals for each position within the Village, to the Trustees. Sarah Carter made a motion to accept the worker goals and reviews. Kendra Marcel seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes and Craig Miller-yes. The motion was carried.

Utility Reconnect – Vickie Adkins provided an update to the Trustees of the number of shut-offs, people who contacted to get shut-off, those who paid, and the number of reconnections. Vickie also reported how many past due balances there were and what the amount of some of those balances are.

Utilities – There is nothing to report from this committee.

Old Business:

Trustee Abby Flynn called Display Sales and received some information and pricing about the banners we currently have and what options they have available. The vinyl banners are \$118 each and poly-canvas banners are \$174 each. The brackets are an additional \$109 each. The banners come with a 3-year warranty. The shipping cost is \$4.15 per banner and \$7.65 per hardware. Abby will check with Andy to see how many we need and if the brackets we have are reusable. The Village would be tax exempt. The Trustees picked out a couple that they liked.

Mayor Turpin said he still has not heard from her. However, walldogs.org has done several paintings in the Jacksonville area lately. It is a collective group of people who do murals.

New Business:

Mayor Turpin read the list of events for the 4th of July celebration to the Trustees. Lauren Whalen made a motion to approve the Lions Club use of the park for the events on July 2nd through July 4th. Kendra Marcel seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes and Lauren Whalen-yes. The motion was carried.

Sarah Carter made a motion to approve the Lions Club activities listed for the 4th of July celebration. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

The Lions Club needs the following streets closed for the 4th of July celebration: Wyatt Street in front of The Green Wall on the 3rd and 4th of July, the street parking in front of the Methodist Church on the 4th for the parade only, Dahman Road on July 4th for the fireworks

display, and East to West Street for the Burgoo. Lauren Whalen made a motion to approve the 4th of July Street closings as quoted by Mayor Turpin. Craig Miller seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Lauren Whalen made a motion to approve the donation of \$500 to the Lions Club for fireworks. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes and Kendra Marcel-yes. The motion was carried.

Abby Flynn made a motion to donate \$200 towards a sponsorship for the Lions Club 4th of July event of their choice. Craig Miller seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes and Abby Flynn-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin read the resolution suspending Ordinance 2005-2 Section 3 to the Trustees. Times requested were as follows: on July 3rd between 4pm and midnight, on July 4th from midnight to 2am and again from 5pm to 10pm. Lauren Whalen made a motion to suspend Ordinance 2005-2 Section 3 as requested. Kendra Marcel seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes and Craig Miller-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin summarized the fireworks document for the Trustees. The Village is not liable and the Lions Club has insurance for the fireworks display. Abby Flynn made a motion to approve signing the fireworks document. Craig Miller seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes and Lauren Whalen-yes. The motion was carried.

Abby Flynn made a motion to change the July meeting date to July 15th at 7pm. Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes and Sarah Carter-yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Turpin informed the Trustees that during the elections, a postal worker was asked to move their vehicle from in front of the polling place, the Legion, and the postal worker refused to do so. The election officials wanted the space cleared for those voting, but especially for those who are unable to walk far or are handicap. The Legion would like to have a time limit on parking in that area. Abby Flynn made a motion to put a 10-minute parking limit from the south edge of the Legion to the opposite edge near the Post Office. Kendra Marcel seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Kendra Marcel-yes, Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes and Vickie Adkins-yes. The motion was carried.

Dave Melosi contacted Mayor Turpin about getting gaming in the Junction. The Trustees are concerned there has been some illegal sales, which raises concerns about adding gaming to the facility as well. Mayor Turpin said he will look into the issue.

Stefanie Ballinger from Benton Engineering needs a special meeting date set up to discuss MFT. The Trustees agree to June 30th at 6pm.

Vickie Adkins made a motion to adjourn. Lauren Whalen seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Abby Flynn-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes and Kendra Marcel-yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.