VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEEITNG MINUTE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
6:00 PM

President Paul Turpin called the regular monthly meeting of the Village of Trustees to order at 6:00 pm on September 8, 2026, in the town hall. Trustees present in the Village Hall were Craig Miller, Lauren Whalen, Sarah Carter, Vickie Adkins, Kendra Marcel and Mike Carter.

LeAnn Johnson requested the Village to look at repairs on Dahman Road. She questioned why is Centennial and Westview streets being repaired when Dahman Road is in bad shape and needs repaired. LeAnn lives on Dahman road. The Village has already repaired Dahman Road previously, and so it was time to repair Centennial and Westview streets. Craig Miller recommended that rumble strips be put on the road to slow down the cars. President Turpin said he would talk to Joe Woods from the Road District and see what solutions they can come up for Dahman Road.

Lauren Whalen brought up that there was a grant program that may become available for 2028. It is a two-year process. We possibly could request monies to help in the repair of Dahman road. The culverts are not draining possibly due to the culvert being crushed or clogged up. Paul and Nick will take a look and see what is going on.

Treasurer Susan Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for August, 2026. She presented each of the following: business profits & losses, current balances, year-to-date balances and check details. Kendra Marcel made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August, 2026, and Sarah Carter seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes and Mike Carter-yes. Motion carried.

Vickie Adkins made a motion to accept the Bills Paid and To Be Paid for August, 2026. Craig Miller seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Mike Carter-yes and Craig Miller-yes. Motion carried.

Becky Dill presented the Board Meeting Minutes from August, 2026, to the Board of Trustees and the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting dated August 20, 2026. Craig Miller made the motion to accept the August, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes and the Special Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2026, and Kendra Marcel seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-no, Kendra Marcel-yes, Mike Carter-yes, Craig Miller-yes and Lauren Whalen-yes. Motion carried.

Lauren Whalen reported that there is a Grant Program opening up in 2028 through the Open State Land Grant Acquisition Association (OSLAGA). This is possibly something we would want to look into for projects for the park such as a splash pad, ballfield, park expansion and courts, etc. This grant program offers one-half of the amount you request with all the estimates along with all the information for the project. There are other grants available but this one was one that Lauren looked into. We also need to think about the 4th of July activities held in the Village Park. We need to discuss with the Lions Club to see what ideas, opinions and/or suggestions they may have for the park for the future of the community.

President Turpin reported that the chains had broken on one of the swing seats and needed to look into repairing the old one or purchasing new seats and chains. Craig Miller made the motion to purchase four new seats with new chains at the purchase price of $120 per seat for the park. Vickie Adkins seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Mike Carter-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes and Sarah Carter-yes. Motion carried.

Sell Lots by the Ball Shed – President Turpin brought up that Susie Ball's daughter was interested in purchasing the lots by the ball shed on Wyatt Street. An appraisal would be needed and the buyer would pay 80 percent of the cost of the appraisal. All we do with the lots is mow them. If the Board decides to sell them, we would have to open up for bids to everyone. President Turpin will seek advice from the Village attorney. A motion was made by Craig Miller and seconded by Lauren Whalen to approve the properties of the Village to be appraised. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Mike Carter-yes, Craig Miller-yes, and Lauren Whalen-yes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Building, Roads and Drainage – Nothing new to report.

Finance/Payroll – Nothing new to report.

Insurance – Nothing new to report.

Personnel – **Update on Employee** – President Turpin has had many conversations with Damian, and he has improved tremendously. His confidence has improved, and he seems to be doing much better. It is not necessary to extend looking into his job performance.

Utility Reconnect – Nothing new to report.

Utilities – Nothing new to report

Old Business

Aggregation – The Village attorney was unable to meet with President Turpin before the board meeting but they will get together as soon as possible.

Patching the Basketball Court – The Village is still waiting on a bid. We will bring this up next Spring. It is too late in the season.

Gazebo Concrete Work – The company is going to repaint the entire area with black concrete paint. When we have the roof repainted, we will have the pillars repainted with black concrete paint.

New Roof on Ed's Parts Building – The work is suppose to begin this month; however, it depends up the weather.

New Business

Lions Club Court Setup and Manhole Covers – One of the manhole covers is going to need to be lowered, but the rest of them are fine. The gas main is going to have to be moved off the Village's easement at their expense. The Lions Club will need to move the court off the easement for the gas main.

South County Vipers Advertisement Partnership – The South County Vipers for the 2026-2027 season want to have the opportunity to partner with the Village of Franklin to advertise. A motion was made by Sarah Carter and seconded by Kendra Marcel to approve a $25.00 (program only) donation for partnership with the South County Vipers. The voting was as

follows: Mike Carter-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes and Kendra Marcel-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution to Move Short Term Asset Funds to the Water Account – A motion was made by Lauren Whalen and seconded by Craig Miller to approve Resolution 2026-03 to approve the transfer of $20,000 of the Water Short Term Asset money to the Water account to repay the Waste Water account for money borrowed when water had a low account balance. The voting was as follows: Craig Miller-yes, Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes and Mike Carter-yes. Motion carried.

Chose Trick or Treat Days – It is upon us again to choose the dates and times for the Village's Trick or Treat. It was determined October 30 and October 31, 2026 from 6:00-8:00 pm. A motion was made by Craig Miller and seconded by Lauren Whalen to approve the dates of October 30 and 31, 2026 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for Trick or Treating. The voting was as follows: Lauren Whalen-yes, Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-no, Kendra Marcel-yes, Mike Carter-yes and Craig Miller-yes. Motion carried.

Annual Appropriation Bill – An ordinance making appropriations for the corporate purpose of the Village of Franklin, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of April, AD 2027 ending on the 31st day of March, AD 2028. The sums ($1,615,000.00) are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Village of Franklin, Illinois to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of said Village of Franklin, as hereinafter specified, for the fiscal year commending on the 1st day of April, AD 2027 and ending on the 31st day of March, AD 2028. A motion was made by Vickie Adkins and seconded by Sarah Carter to approve Resolution 2026-03 Appropriation Bill. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Mike Carter-yes, Craig Miller-yes and Lauren Whalen-yes. Motion carried.

Properties Appraised – The Ball property lots and old fire station need to be appraised. A motion was made by Craig Miller and seconded by Lauren Whalen to approve the properties of the Village to be appraised. The voting was as follows: Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Mike Carter-yes, Craig Miller-yes, Sarah Carter-yes and Lauren Whalen-yes. Motion carried.

Election Packets Available – The election packets are available to anyone who is interested in running for office for the Village of Franklin.

Adjournment

A motion was made Kendra Marcel and seconded by Vickie Adkins to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm. The voting was as follows: Sarah Carter-yes, Vickie Adkins-yes, Kendra Marcel-yes, Mike Carter-yes, Craig Miller-yes and Lauren Whalen-yes. Motion carried.