

Village of Franklinville

May 24, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the village office at 7:00pm. Members present were Mayor Harvey Soulvie, Trustees Ashley Schumaker, Mike Sikora, Steve Pockey and Scott Hillman. Others present were SPW Cary Hatch, Shawn Jennings, Emil Westfall, Alex Schumaker, and Brad Sick.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Schumaker to accept the May 10, 2021 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scheduled Guests-

Shawn Jennings was here as a representative of the fire department. He stated that the fire department needed a new water line at the fireman's field (across the street from the fire hall on North Main Street) and talked with SPW Hatch regarding the water line. Mr. Jennings thanked SPW Hatch for getting the line repaired so quickly as they needed it for a May 29th carnival/car show, however the fire department organization does not want to receive a water bill for any water used. Mr. Jennings said if the village must charge for water, they (fire department) would need to include a water charge with a "renters" agreement when using the firemen's field. Mayor Soulvie said the village must charge for the water used at events, the fire department would be charged the village customer rate. Mr. Jennings will pass that information on to the fire department representatives.

Mr. Jennings continued to ask what the fire department would need to do to obtain the village owned land (tennis courts) behind the fire department. He said the department has been parking their vehicles on the courts for some time and they would like to own the property outright. Mayor Soulvie said the Village would like to "swap" a like amount of land with the department across the street so new tennis courts could be installed next to the basketball courts that are currently there. Mr. Jennings said he will pass along the information to fire department members.

Brad Sick, Larson Design Group- updated board members on the water and sewer projects. He also announced the Village of Franklinville was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$1.25 million to be used for construction purposes for sewer system improvements. Additional BAN funds will need to be applied for to cover current outstanding costs. The intention is to roll the BAN over to be include in the grant costs. LDG is continuously looking for additional funding for water and sewer projects. Mr. Sick said LDG needs the village board to decide if they want to continue with the design phase of the water project. He said when seeking grant funding it is always best to have "shovel ready projects" which means completed through the design phase, many times grants specify the funds are only for construction. Of course, that means there is always a probability that the village will have to pay for the design work out of reserves and/or annual budget and if a grant isn't received the project could "be setting on a shelf". The board requested some time to decide.

Reports from Department Heads-

Mayor Soulvie- recommends the Board appoint Emil Westfall as Code Enforcement Officer. Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Hillman to appoint Emil Westfall as Code Enforcement Officer at \$16.50 per hour, 10 hours per week. Mr. Westfall will have 18 months to complete the required training and must actively participate in training on a regular basis within the 18-month period. All ayes. Motion carried. Board members welcomed Mr. Westfall.

Trustee Schumaker moved, 2nd by Trustee Hillman to cancel the June 28th, July 26th, and August 23rd meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

SPW Hatch said the DPW has done several water line replacements recently and have been working on getting brackets up for the school banners. They will then begin focusing on sidewalk replacements and preparing for a wastewater tank structural inspection.

Clerk Sage requested to meet in executive session to discuss personnel. Trustee Hillman moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to enter executive session with Clerk Sage. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Schumaker moved, 2nd by Trustee Hillman to go back into regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Schumaker moved, 2nd by Trustee Sikora to accept the May 24, 2021 bills totaling \$74,903.72 from the General Fund, \$18,302.69 from the Water Fund, \$17,776.30 from the Sewer Fund and \$4665.00 from the Capital Streets reserve. All ayes. Motion carried.