

Village of Franklinville

July 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the village office at 6pm. Members present were Mayor Ashley Schumaker, Trustee Carissa Vincent and Trustee Steve Pockey. Trustee Scott Hillman was absent. Others present were Shawn Jennings, Cody Hyman, Mike and Kristin Sikora, Brad Hahn, George Duncan, Bruce Pagels, Chief Robert Cintron, SPW Cary Hatch and CCEO John Helgager.

Trustee Vincent moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to accept the June 8, 2026, minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scheduled Guests-

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Vincent to enter public hearing to discuss proposed Local Law #3 of 2026-granting a partial exemption from Village real property taxes for cold war veterans. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pockey explained the definitions of cold war veteran and dates of service affected. Mayor Schumaker asked if there were any questions, there were none.

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

Trustee Vincent moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to accept and pass LL Law #3 of 2026-granting a partial exemption from Village real property taxes for cold war veterans. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Vincent to enter public hearing to discuss Local Law #4 of 2026-granting partial exemption on real property taxation for certain senior citizens. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Schumaker explained that this local law would allow property exemption to certain individuals 65 years of age or older as described in the real property tax law using an income sliding scale determining eligibility.

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

Trustee Vincent moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to accept and pass LL #4 of 2026- granting partial exemption on real property taxation for certain senior citizens. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Vincent moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to enter public hearing to discuss Local Law #5 of 2026-amending the zoning code to prohibit data centers and cryptocurrency data mines in the Village of Franklinville. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brad Hahn asked for some clarification on what would be considered a “data center”.

Mayor Schumaker stated that this is regarding commercial /industrial facilities, not home computer equipment.

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

Trustee Pockey moved to pass Local Law #5 of 2026- amending the zoning code to prohibit data centers and cryptocurrency data mines in the Village of Franklinville. All ayes. Motion carried.

Petitions and requests from the floor-

Shawn Jennings and Cody Hyman spoke on behalf of the Franklinville Fire Department. They presented a poster for the upcoming fundraiser “Bash by the Creek” featuring live music, parade, fireworks, and this year they would like to introduce a “water ball fight” competition. Mr. Jennings said it would last about 2 hours. He said he has already discussed water usage with SPW Hatch and they both agreed that it would not be an issue. He said the only location they could think of would be at the west end of Green Street near the fire hall. Mayor Schumaker thanked the department for coming to the Board and sharing their plans. To avoid possible water issues and a two-hour road closure on a residential street, she proposed holding the event in the Elementary School parking lot instead. This location provides more space for the competition and plenty of room for spectators. She spoke with Superintendent Putman before the meeting, and he confirmed the department may use the Elementary parking lot for the event. Everyone agreed this was a good solution and will move forward with the new location.

Mr. Hyman went on to tell the Board that the Franklinville Fire Department has been selected to host the 2028 Southwestern Volunteer Fireman’s convention. He said much more information would be coming soon but wanted to let the Board know now as preparations begin, this will be a community-wide event. Mayor Schumaker said once there is more information we will have a public information session where residents can learn about the event, the positive impact on our community, and general plans to ensure its success for all.

Mike Sikora said he noticed that Sherill Sciortino resigned as trustee and said he would be interested in being a trustee again.

Mr. Sikora said he noticed that the former St. Barnabas church located at the corner of Green Street and North Main Street, is being demolished and wondered what was going to be going into that area. Mayor Schumaker said the Village board’s role is only to review site plans if they are brought to the Board and at this point there have been no plans or building permit requests for that location. A demolition permit was applied for and issued through code enforcement. Any time a site plan is received, a public hearing is scheduled notifying

residents of a proposal to give everyone an opportunity to provide feedback to the board before they make a decision.

Kristin Sikora asked if the complaint form online for residents to submit remains anonymous. Mayor Schumaker said if someone FOIL's the Village for the complaint we would be required to provide the form but the code enforcement office try's it's best to keep concerns "neighborly" if possible.

George Duncan asked if someone witnesses someone doing a project without a building permit, does the Village code enforcement office encourage the witness to contact them. Mayor Schumaker said again, "We try to keep issues neighborly".

Mr. Duncan asked if the building safety inspector position had been filled yet, he said he would be interested in that position. Mayor Schumaker said it has not and interviews will be scheduled sometime in August/September.

Reports from Department Heads-

SPW Hatch said that the DPW is preparing for paving projects as well as continuing to replace sidewalks.

SPW Hatch recommends the Board hire Daniel Standish as full-time employee of the department of public works/water and sewer departments. Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Vincent to hire Daniel Standish as full-time public works/water/sewer department employee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Cintron- said the digital speed limit sign is up and working at the end of Maple Ave/Lyndon Center Rd. He said it is working very well, collecting speed data from all vehicles coming down the hill into the village. The average speed is 34mph.

Bruce Pagels asked if there could be a speed sign put at the end of Pine Street/Kingsbury Hill Rd. as people come off that hill into the village at high rates of speed. Chief Cintron said he will look into the possibility and have increased patrols at that end of the Village.

He said a felony arrest has been made on the robbery case that occurred this past spring. Chief Cintron recommends the Board hire Olivia Smith as part time police officer when her training is complete. Trustee Pocky moved, 2nd by Trustee Vincent to hire Olivia Smith as part-time police officer upon successful completion of her training. All ayes. Motion carried.

CCEO Helgager- said he has processed 17 permit applications, tobacco license letters have been sent out, and 12 violation notices have been sent out. Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Vincent to approve the tobacco license for Kwik Fill located at 66 South Main Street. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Schumaker- said the Village Board has created the “Star Award” that will be given to members of the community that use their time and talents for the benefit of the Village of Franklinville. The 2026 Village of Franklinville Star award goes to Bruce and Maggie Fredrickson for their dedication to the Ischua Valley Historical Society and the preservation of history of all things Franklinville. Thank you for all the work you both have done on behalf of Franklinville for so many years. Going forward, the entire community will be able to nominate individuals or groups for this award. The Board of Trustees will review all submissions and select the annual recipients. It truly takes a village to succeed, and this initiative is designed to celebrate and support that spirit of community.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Vincent to pay All State Clock & Bell \$5170 from the Development Fund for clock upgrades. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Schumaker said she is in the process of submitting applications for three grants, another LeTech grant, COPS Hiring grant and Smart Growth Comprehensive planning grant. Letters of support are needed from community members.

Trustee Vincent moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey authorizing Mayor Schumaker to apply for \$100,000 Smart Growth Planning grant. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Vincent moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to authorize Mayor Schumaker to apply for a \$300,000 COPS grant, this grant would provide 3 years of funding for a full-time office. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Vincent to approve June 22, 2026, bills totaling \$39,059.37 from the general fund, \$18,164.50 from the water fund, \$26,876.92 from the sewer fund and \$5875.37 from the ARPA funds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Vincent to approve July 13, 2026, bills totaling \$53,982.49 from the general fund, \$66,108.36 from the water fund, \$27,031.86 from the sewer fund, \$2115.00 from the ARPA funds, and \$2585.00 from the Development fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Vincent to enter executive session to discuss personal and adjourn immediately afterwards. All ayes. Motion carried. 7:20pm

