

Village of Franklinville Board Meeting

August 10, 2026

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the village office at 6:00pm. Members present were Mayor Ashley Schumaker, Trustees Carissa Vincent, Scott Hillman, and Steve Pockey. Absent was Clerk Sage. Others present were SPW Hatch and Deputy Clerk, Martha Thorne.

Guests were Mike and Kristen Sikora, George Duncan, Lonnie Farrington, Jeff Peterson, Rebecca Messer, and Bruce Pagels

Mayor Schumaker mentioned that this meeting was being recorded.

Trustee Hillman moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey, to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2026, meeting. All ayes, Motion carried.

Scheduled guests: none

Petitions and requests from the floor: none

Reports from Department Heads

Police Department: Mayor Schumaker stated everything is operating normally in police land. The Village just applied for a \$300,000 COPS Hiring grant. This grant would allow us to hire a new full-time officer with the grant paying for up to 75% of the salary/benefits for 3 years. We are in the process of writing our grant application for the LETECH Grant. We are eligible to apply for \$100,000.00 in funding with 0 match required. We will be asking for a network of surveillance cameras, a license plate-reader, LIDAR radar unit, & new computer setups for each patrol car. Thank you to everyone that submitted a letter of support. An LPR is a more high-tech way to check plates, looking for registrations, outstanding warrants, stuff like that. And then LIDAR will allow them to be in more tucked away spots and still run radar. So, it will help with the side streets coming into the village.

SPW Hatch expanded a bit because he was at the meeting about surveillance cameras. The cameras come as like a self-contained unit with a cellular modem and a power supply. And they will be portable too. So, I think Chief Cintron's plan is to pick. Depending on the outcome of the grant, we should be able to get six of these. And he is going to pick six spots and then just if there's areas that we get a lot of complaints about as far as crime goes, they can be moved.

Public Works: Completed paving on multiple streets, sidewalk repairs are ongoing with nine properties left; new DPW hire is working and settling into his position well.

Code Enforcement: Mayor Schumaker stated code enforcement continues to be a priority. At this point, he is working through active permits. There are a couple of hotspots we are focusing on within the village. As far as regular canvassing goes, it is primarily on a complaint basis. The new complaint form is live on the website and those have been

steadily flowing in from residents which is good. There are a couple issues with chickens that we are taking care of that are getting resolved and then still just buttoning up rental property inspections for people that have not completed them. Next month, we will be reviewing any tobacco license not submitted.

Mayor Schumaker:

Trustee Vincent moved, 2nd by Trustee Hillman to approve a refund to Acct #1259 in amount of- \$787.89 due to water meter misreads. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Schumaker addressed the vacant trustee position. She stated at this time, there have been 3 residents that have expressed interest. We are not going to be appointing anyone right now. I have spoken with each person, and we will continue to encourage each person to get involved, come to meetings, and ask questions publicly and privately. That is the path we are going to pursue currently. We think it is important to keep letting residents get involved. We also think elections are important. Mayor Schumaker asked if there were any questions, concerns, or comments; there were none.

Mayor Schumaker stated we are still in the process of acquiring the American Legion property. Last month, Mayor Schumaker met with the Legion Board along with Lonnie Farrington who is here today. To refresh memories, a few years back the legion approached the village about closing their charter due to lack of interest and they wanted to give us the property. Their community purpose is to provide property and ball fields to Little League. There are processes to follow and they cannot transfer the property to us for \$1 which kind of stalled things. Between delayed attorneys and our own things this kept getting put on the back burner. Last year, we entered a lease with them to take over the financial responsibility to kind of band-aid things while we finalized the transaction.

Lonnie Farrington spoke about his potential interest in becoming a member of the legion and the concerns he had about the village taking over the property prior to the meeting with Mayor Schumaker and the Legion board. He stated those concerns were addressed. Mr. Farrington stated he wants to ensure all necessary language is added in the purchase contract and deed to ensure no parceling of the property, it will remain a park, and the Little League, men's fast-pitch league, and Legion chapter would always have access to the property.

Trustee Hillman stated that he agrees but did state that he still wants to be able to see growth and expansion of that property if appropriate.

Mr. Petersen stated that it is important that those entities all have insurance to take any liability off the village.

Mayor Schumaker summarized and acknowledged what Mr. Farrington said and stated everyone's best interest will continue to be taken into consideration and we will ensure the attorney's get all of the correct language in the contract and deed to reflect the residents

wants and best interests of both the village and each entity involved. The working plan would be that there will be language in the deed giving each entity a lease and state the lease is subject to review periodically by each entity's current elected boards. To sum up, since we have already leased the property, we will continue to maintain the building. DPW has made several fixes this year. We are looking to purchase the property for no more than \$25,000. We will finalize the amount once the attorneys have discussed and we understand what is acceptable for the larger legion organization. The Franklinville Legion wants the amount as low as possible as the purpose of this transaction is to allow their community purpose to continue because they can no longer afford to maintain the building, etc. The Legion charter is going to continue at this time.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Hillman to authorize Mayor Schumaker to enter a purchase contract for up to \$25,000 for the American Legion Property. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Schumaker mentioned the public information center and recent surveys. She stated surveys have been focused on what residents want to see, opinions, volunteer interest etc. So last month we did a survey on like resident business in the village. Kind of what residents want to see for businesses, what they think hang ups are, things like that. We had 119 responses to it, and it was really helpful feedback. I will publish a summary of it later. Tim Hortons, a chain was brought up so much. We are on board for a chain. We approved it once before. Right. The reality of it is a chain does not want Franklinville right now because of the traffic, the overhead. It is just that they are not interested right now. People have overwhelming support from the local businesses we do have, which is wonderful. Business owner survey planned for September meeting.

Village Tax Equality:

Mayor Schumaker mentioned a letter that the board has drafted over the last few months and will be reviewing and sending to the Town of Franklinville board. The purpose of this letter is to continue seeking a fairer and more equitable tax structure for village residents. Mayor Schumaker stated she and the board have done extensive research and finally understand the data and how everything flows. She expressed interest in working with the town to do what is best for our entire community (village and town-outside-village residents). Mayor Schumaker stated it is important that each tax base is acknowledged for their contributions and stated the law allows for discretion at the Town Board level based on each community's situation. The letter is attached and was discussed in detail at the meeting. The letter includes an invitation to the town to a joint meeting on September 28th. Mayor Schumaker and the board believe it is particularly important to have conversations together to be able to listen to and understand where each board comes from and allow our residents to listen and ask questions as well.

Village Court and Police: Village seeks own court after town declined shared court; Village funds all police costs, no court revenue yet. A meeting will be held on Monday September 28th at 7:00 pm.

A motion to accept the approval of bills from July 27, 2026, totaling \$29,009.49 from the General Fund, \$17,588.25 from the Water Fund, and \$25,035.45 from the Sewer Fund was made by Vincent, 2nd by Hillman. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the approval of the August 10, 2026, bills totaling \$30,293.79 from the General Fund, \$21,063.38 from the Water Fund, and \$107,965.78 from the Sewer Fund was made by Pockey, 2nd by Hillman. All ayes motioned passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hillman, 2nd by Trustee Schumaker, All Ayes. Motion carried.