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## Town of Franklin Special Public Hearing On Time Warner Franchise Agreement

### October 15, 2007 - 6:00 pm

The Town Board of the Town of Franklin held a duly noticed Special Board meeting and Subdivision workshop on Wednesday, October 1, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Vermontville Town Hall.

#### Board members present:

Mary Ellen Keith, Gene Goff, Walt Kretser, Tim Goff, Janet Ordway, Jean Baltzly, Al Berg, Cliff Smalley, Richard Jarvis and Town Clerk Sandra Oliver

A duly publicized public hearing concerning the Franchise Agreement with Time Warner Cable was held at the Town of Franklin Town Hall at Vermontville, NY on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 6:00 pm. The Town Clerk was present at 6:00 pm, and the Rules and Regulations on the conduct of Town of Franklin Public Hearings and a sign-in sheet were made available, although those present did not sign in. Comments were as follows:

Time Warner should establish criteria for extension of cable services on Fletcher Farm Road. When Adelphia had the franchise agreement, it required fewer residences before extending service. There are now 23 new curb cuts from Norman Ridge Road to the Franklin Falls Road.

Although high speed internet service is already available on Norman Ridge Road; Time Warner has not responded to requests for additional installations of this service on the same road.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra J. Oliver, Town Clerk

## Town of Franklin Special Special Board Meeting, Budget Workshop And Subdivision Workshop

**October 15, 2007 - 7:00 pm**

The Town Board of the Town of Franklin held a duly advertised Special Board Meeting, Budget Workshop and Subdivision Workshop on Monday, Monday, October 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Vermontville Town Hall.

### Board members present:

Supervisor Mary Ellen Keith  
Councilperson Janet Ordway  
Councilman Walt Kretser  
Councilman Gene Goff  
Councilman Tim Goff

### Others present

Budget Officer Richard Meagher Town Clerk Sandra Oliver, Al Berg, Cliff Smalley Jean Baltzly and Richard Jarvis

### CALL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Keith called the meeting to order; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; the Town Clerk called the roll, and announced the full board was present.

### BUDGET WORKSHOP

Budget Officer Richard Meagher presented the General Fund of the 2008 Tentative Budget to the Board. He explained the tentative budget is assembled from input gathered from department heads; if no information is submitted by departments, he and Supervisor Keith estimate amounts required. Mr. Meagher reviewed the General Fund portion of the 2008 Tentative Budget line by line, and revisions were made. Mr. Meagher then left the meeting. The Highway Fund will be reviewed on Monday, October 22, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

**OPEN FUEL BID** In response to the Town's advertised request for fuel bids, the only bid received was from Griffith Energy which bid as follows (2007 rates added by Clerk):

<b>Type Fuel</b>	<b>2008 Price</b>	<b>2007 Price</b>
<b>Unleaded gasoline</b>	2.4790	2.5445
<b>Diesel</b>	2.7285	2.60
<b>#2 Fuel Oil</b>	2.5885	2.52
<b>Propane</b>	1.8990/gal	4.05

Supervisor Keith reported she had inquired of Griffith why it did not submit a bid to supply fuel to the entire County of Franklin and was informed the company did not have the resources to cover the entire area. Supv. Keith stated experience with Griffith was positive - she is very satisfied with their service and with their billing system. The Board concurred Griffith, based in the southern end of Franklin County, was timely and efficient with its deliveries.

Motion to award fuel contract to Griffith Energy (W.Kretser-T.Goff m/s/p) ALL AYE

**RESOLUTION NO. 47: AWARD CONTRACT FOR FUEL TO GRIFFITH ENERGY** WHEREAS, the Town published request for bids for fuel; and WHEREAS, Griffith Energy was the sole bidder; and WHEREAS, the Town has experienced good service and competitive prices from Griffith Energy; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to continue purchase of fuel from Griffith Energy on the same terms and conditions.

Those voting aye:

Supervisor Mary Ellen Keith  
Councilperson Janet Ordway  
Councilman Walt Kretser  
Councilman Gene Goff  
Councilman Tim Goff

Those voting nay:

None

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER CABLE** Motion to approve Franchise Agreement with Time Warner Cable

**RESOLUTION NO. 48: APPROVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER CABLE** WHEREAS, the Town of Franklin had entered into a contract with Adelphia Cable for it to conduct business in the Town, Adelphia entered into bankruptcy, and Time Warner Cable is its successor; and WHEREAS, a duly noticed Public Hearing was held this date concerning the Franchise Agreement; and WHEREAS said Agreement must be executed before the end of the year; NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Franklin Town Board agrees to the terms and conditions of a 10-year franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable.

Those voting aye:

Supervisor Mary Ellen Keith  
Councilperson Janet Ordway  
Councilman Walt Kretser  
Councilman Gene Goff  
Councilman Tim Goff

Those voting nay:

None

**FRANKLIN COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION FOR PAVER** The County of Franklin will be submitting another application under shared municipal services incentive grants for funds to purchase a paver, to be used by all Franklin County municipalities.

Motion for resolution (T.Goff-W.Kretser m/s/p) ALL AYE RESOLUTION NO. 49: SUPPORT FOR SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATION BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND ALL MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT WILL SHARE THE PAVER WHEREAS, the Town of Franklin hereby supports the Shared Municipal Services Grant Application as Co-Applicant with the County of Franklin; and WHEREAS, the authorized representative to act on behalf of the governing body in all matters relating to this grant will be the Town Supervisor; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Franklin hereby supports said grant application and authorizes the Town Supervisor to act on behalf of the Town of Franklin as authorized representative.

Those voting aye:

Supervisor Mary Ellen Keith  
Councilperson Janet Ordway  
Councilman Walt Kretser  
Councilman Gene Goff  
Councilman Tim Goff

Those voting nay:

None

**SINKHOLE ROAD** The sinkhole on Sinkhole Road is once again sinking. After some discussion, the Board determined the problem has become a public safety hazard and a liability to the Town. Couns. Gene Goff and Walt Kretser suggested closing that entrance to the road. Supv. Keith will contact Highway Supt. Rascoe, who will refer the matter to the Franklin County Engineer. Road closure had been suggested before but because a schoolbus turnaround is located on the road, it had not been accomplished. However, the Board will recommend Supt. Rascoe relocate the turnaround and close the road.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE.**

International Harvester Truck Div. sent a notice regarding a safety recall on its spring brake modulating valve. The original was forwarded to Highway Supt. Rascoe.

#### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

1. In response to a query concerning why the position of Town Historian was not advertised, Supv. Keith responded the position is appointed and was in Board's sphere of responsibility.
2. Concerning the contribution of employees to their own health insurance plans, Coun. Gene Goff stated all the employees contribute 15% of the cost of their plans.

#### **SUBDIVISION WORKSHOP**

Coun. Kretser distributed a 13-page revision of the 55-page document and requested Board members to review it and to reword it so read in plain English. A special board meeting and subdivision workshop will

be held on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 7pm. Couns. Kretser and Ordway will make revisions to the 14-page document, forward to the Town Clerk, who will email same to the rest of the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm

Motion to adjourn (M.Keith-J.Ordway m/s/p) ALL AYE

Respectfully submitted, Sandra J. Oliver, Town Clerk

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