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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting October 9, 2013, 7pm

THIS IS A DRAFT

Board Members Present:

Supervisor Art Willman, Councilman Bradley Merrill, Councilman Donald Hamm, Councilman Cliff Smalley and, Councilman Al Berg/h3>

OTHERS PRESENT:

Highway Superintendent Jacques DeMars, Code Enforcement Officer Rob Drosdowich, Dave Morrow (Security Concepts of Plattsburgh), Rick Healy (Mahoney Notify-Plus, Inc), Curt Reynolds, Nelson Tamer (Clark Trucks), Barb Rice, Mary Ellen Keith, Doris Hamm, Derek Romeo, Ed Martin and Town Clerk Lauren LeFebvre

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Willman called the meeting to order at 7pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Town Clerk called the roll, noting the full board was present.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Mary Ellen Keith reported St. Paul's Food Pantry will be receiving either an 8x14 or 8x18 outside freezer. This will be very beneficial allow more food to be collected and kept for distribution day. The 55+ Club visited the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake. 16 people attended. Mrs. Keith also wanted to recognize the great work Glenn Swinyer does at the cemeteries.

Curt Reynolds introduced himself as a candidate for Franklin County Legislature, representing District 7. Mr. Reynolds added he is available to speak to anyone regarding the issues facing our district.

RESOLUTION #48: GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 On a motion by Councilman Smalley, second by Councilman Merrill, BE IT RESOLVED the following amounts be and the same hereby are appropriated/transferred

Transferred From:
A1420.4 \$5,000.00

Transferred To:
A1620.2 \$25,762.00

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A7310.4 \$200.00

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A8810.4 \$1,500.00

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Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Arthur Willman
 Councilman Donald Hamm
 Councilman Bradley Merrill
 Councilman Clifford Smalley
 Councilman Allen Berg

Those Voting Nay:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9/11 Reg. Mtg, 10/2 Spec. Mtg, 10/7 Budget Workshop)

Councilman Merrill requested his comment regarding being not in favor of purchasing a tandem at this time be included in the minutes of September 11, 2013. The Town Clerk agreed to include this in the September 11, 2013 minutes.

The minutes of 9/11, 10/2 and 10/7 were approved as amended. (C.Smalley-A.Berg m/s/p all aye)

AUDIT OF CLAIMS.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Highway Fund	Claims 126-134	\$160,575.03
General	Claims 192-214	\$9,033.76
Pre Pay General	Claims 27-29	\$1,352.94
Fire Protection	Claims 2	\$100.00

Motion to pay claims (A.Berg-B.Merrill m/s/p all aye)

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Balances on hand as of 9/30/13

General Fund	Checking	\$70,056.08
	Savings	\$70,454.87
	CLASS	\$87,330.28
	Historian	\$3,037.69
	Kate Mt SRF	\$12,706.02
	Cemeteries SRF	200.00
Highway Fund	Checking	\$52,191.24
	Savings	\$412,068.47
	Cap. Proj. Hwy.	\$46,528.09
	CLASS	\$538,390.67
Landfill Clo CR	Checking	\$4,014.58
	CLASS	\$34,062.90
Fire Protection	Checking	\$3,033.37
	CLASS	\$685.30
Capital Project Building	CLASS	25,440.53

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

September Receipts:	\$1207.50
Remitted to Supervisor	\$1,194.50
Remitted to Ag&Mark	\$13.00

(A.Berg-C.Smalley m/s/p all aye)

Councilman Merrill noted that non-resident cemetery plots are \$400 each but the Cemetery Custodian collected \$400 for two plots. Lauren will check with Tim Goff, Town Cemetery Custodian, on this. (B.Merrill-C.Smalley m/s/p all aye))

HIGHWAY REPORT**A. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent DeMars reported:

1. Finished prepping section of Fletcher Farm Rd.
2. Paved section of Fletcher Farm and Sinkhole Roads with the assistance of Franlin Co., Town of Brighton, Harrietstown, Santa Clara, Saranac, St. Armand and, Tupper Lake.
3. Added shoulders to Fletcher Farm Rd. Shouldered a section on Cold Brook Rd and section on Keith Rd where some scoring had occurred. Assisted by Town of Tupper Lake and Franklin Co.
4. Built up section of Kushaqua Mud Pond Rd befor Kushaqua bridge and paved that section (FEMA).
5. Added shoulders to section of Kushaqua Mud Pond Rd. where paved (FEMA).
6. Worked on Yemasee Lodge Rd turn around, added gravel (grader).
7. Worked on McManus Rd. and added gravel (grader).
8. Raked parts of Goldsmith Rd. and Alder Brook Park Rd., also rolled parts of Alder Brook Park Rd.
9. Mowing continues.
10. Replaced and added many new signs on Fletcher Farm Rd. to comply with federal mandates.
11. 2014 Ford was delivered (unit 1) on 9/12/13
12. 2004 Chevy was removed from service.
13. Hauled asphalt for Towns of Tupper Lake and Saranac.
14. Assisted Town of Tupper Lake in shouldering roads.
15. Began hauling sand for winter.
16. Sent unit 9 to Clark Truck Center for warranty work (fan clutch and exhaust leak)

B. Highway Committee Report

None

C. Highway Questions and Comments:

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Garage Entryway Bids - The board requested Supervisor Willman contact the town's attorney to inquire as to whether the business information provided by the bidders is sufficient. Bid was not awarded.

D. Inline Alarm Q&A - Rick Healy and Dave Morrow answered questions from the board regarding the proposals each as submitted for the installation and monitoring of an inline alarm system at the Highway Garage. Bid was not awarded.

C. 2014 Fuel Bids - Home Energy was the sole bidder and provided the following quotes.

Option #1 State Bid Per Gallon (as of 10/04/13)

Unleaded Gas	\$2.9814
Propane	\$1.4727
#2 Fuel	\$3.1695
On-Road Diesel Reg	\$3.2532
On-Road Diesel Prem	\$3.30.32

(price will fluctuate, Home Energy will charge ¼ cent below state bid price for all products except propane, which will be 2 cents less than state bid.)

Option #2 Fixed Price

Unleaded Gas	\$2.9970
Propane	\$1.6900
#2 Fuel	\$3.3150
On-Road Diesel Reg	\$3.3800
On-Road Diesel Prem	\$3.4300

Option #3 Daily Discounted (as of 10/4/13)

Unleaded Gas	\$2.9656
Propane	\$1.5640
#2 Fuel	\$3.2420
On-Road Diesel Reg	\$3.3150
On_Road Prem	\$3.3650

(B.Merrill-A.Berg m/s/p all aye)

RESOLUTION #49 As the Town of Franklin has solicited bids for 2014 Fuel and has received a qualified bid from Home Energy Services Be It Resolved that the Town of Franklin accepts and selects the ¼ cent below state bid price for all products except propane, which will be 2 cents less than state bid.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Arthur Willman
Councilman Donald Hamm
Councilman Bradley Merrill

Councilman Clifford Smalley
Councilman Allen Berg

Those Voting Nay:

None

CHATEAUGAY CORRECTINAL FACILITY CLOSURE (B.Merrill-D.Hamm m/s/p all aye)

RESOLUTION #50 - Resolution Opposing the Closure of the Chateaugay Correctional Facility Whereas, The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision plans to close the Chateaugay Correctional Facility in 2014; and Whereas, The Town of Franklin strongly opposes the closing of the Chateaugay Correctional Facility as it will have a detrimental effect to the economy of Franklin County and its residents as it employs 111 employees; and Whereas: The Town of Franklin fully knows the devastating effect of a correctional facility closure with the closing of Camp Gabriels; and Whereas: Franklin County cannot afford to lose any more jobs in any community; NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Franklin strongly opposes the closure of the Chateaugay Correctional Facility and urges the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to reverse their decision on the closure of the facility.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Arthur Willman
Councilman Donald Hamm
Councilman Bradley Merrill
Councilman Clifford Smalley
Councilman Allen Berg

Those Voting Nay:

None

OLD BUSINESS.

A. 2014 TANDEM Councilman Hamm requested the board consider rejecting all bids received for the purchase of a new 2014 tandem and consider re-bidding the 2014 Tandem as, in his opinion, the specifications provided to bidders were geared toward Internationals, thereby limiting the Town's options. Councilman Hamm recommended the Highway Committee work with the Highway Superintendent to create a new specification package and that the Town Clerk create a cover sheet in which bidders will provide one, concise grand total price. (A.Berg-B.Merrill m/s/p all aye)

RESOLUTION #51 The Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby reject all bids opened on September 11, 2013 for the purchase of a new 2014 Tandem and does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to publicize a second solicitation for bids using specifications created by the Highway Committee and Highway Superintendent.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Arthur Willman
Councilman Donald Hamm
Councilman Bradley Merrill
Councilman Clifford Smalley
Councilman Allen Berg

Those Voting Nay:

None

Defibrillator Training - No update

Land Inventory - No update

Oil-Water Separator - No update

Water Treatment System - Culligan has installed the new system and it is working properly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit - Supervisor Willman stated he will be auditing the Justice financial records with Judge Symonds within the next few weeks as required by law.

Celebration - The Town Clerk will be organizing a Haunted House for Halloween 2014.

Cemetery - The committee recognized the good work being done by Glenn Swinyer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

2014 Budget Workshop 10/15 7pm
Food Pantry 10/24
Election Day 11/5

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, Supervisor Willman adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm. (B.Merrill-D.Hamm m/s/p all aye)

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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