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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting March 19, 2014

Board members present:

Supervisor Art Willman
Councilman Tom Bartiss
Councilman Don Hamm
Councilman Cliff Smalley

Board members absent:

Councilman Al Berg

Others Present:

Highway Superintendent Jacques DeMars, Ed Martin, Derek Romeo, Doris Hamm and Town Clerk Lauren LeFebvre

CALL TO ORDER.

Supervisor Willman called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Town Clerk called the roll noting Councilman Berg was absent but a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Martin submitted the letter to the board and requested it be included in the minutes in its entirety. The Town Clerk agreed to include it. The letter will appear at the end of these minutes.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS None

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 12, 19 MINUTES

Ed Martin stated his name did not appear as in attendance in the 2/12/14 minutes but he did attend that meeting. The Town Clerk will correct the draft 2/12/14 to reflect this. The minutes of February 12 and 19 were approved as corrected/presented. (C.Smalley-D.Hamm m/s/p) All aye

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment

General Fund	Claims 39-62	\$10,644.62
Highway Fund	Claims 34-49	\$18,690.11
Pre-Pay General	Claims 4-6	\$1,954.02

(C.Smalley-T.Bartiss m/s/p) All Aye

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Supervisor Willman reported the following balances on hand as of 2/28/14:

General Fund	Checking	\$294,812.86
	Savings	\$458.08
	CLASS	\$87,342.64
	Historian	\$3,037.81
	Kate Mt Sp Reserve Fund	\$5,307.69
	Cemeteries Sp Reserve Fund	\$200.00
Highway Fund	Checking	\$656,176.79
	Savings	\$140,515.96
	CLASS	\$538,469.23
	Cap. Proj. Hwy.	\$46,535.37
Landfill Clo CR	Checking	\$2,082.42
	CLASS	\$34,067.66
Fire Protection	Checking	\$11,068.61
	CLASS	\$685.30
Capital Project Building		\$25,443.83

(C.Smalley-T.Bartiss m/s/p) All aye

HIGHWAY REPORT**Superintendent DeMars presented the following written report:**

Plowed and sanded when needed.

Cut shoulders where needed.

Had men out with the loader pushing banks back at intersections and making loop holes for runoff.

Took slusher back to Franklin County that they lent us.

Flagged more frost heaves.

Went to Advocacy day in Albany.

Sent 2 men and backhole to Town Hall to uncover septic tank for Rotor Rooter service.

Sent one man and loader to Town Hall to remove snow off septic tank for Food Panty per Supervisor Willman's request.

Cleaned Town Hall upon request of Supervisor Willman 2/22/'14 to 3/16/'14.

Plowed, shoveled and sanded Town Hall upon request of Supervisor Willman 2/22/'14 to 3/16/'14.

Fuel, gas and maintenace sheets given to the Highway Committe.

Superintendent DeMars requested Supervisor Willman to inquire with the bookkeeper to ensure the increase in CHIPS funding was accurately reflected in the 2014 Town of Franklin Budget.

Highway Committee

RESOLUTION #12 Authorizing Town Clerk to Solicit Bids for Oil/Water Separator On a motion by Councilman Smalley, second by Councilman Hamm, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Clerk is authorized to solicit bids for an oil/water separator for the highway garage.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Arthur P. Willman, Jr.
Councilman Clifford Smalley
Councilman Donald Hamm
Councilman Thomas Bartiss

Those Voting Nay:

None

Highway Questions or Comments None

NEW BUSINESS

Health Department-Supervisor Willman stated the Town of Franklin now has a permit from the NYS Department of Health to be a certified food preparation facility. A few minor changes do need to be made; one being a 3-bay sink in the kitchen. Supervisor Willman noted he has spoken with Friends of the North Country regarding funds leftover (approximately \$3,900) from a previous Town HUD grant, over 10 years ago. FONC informed Supervisor Willman that grant has long since closed out and allocation was now up to the town's discretion. Supervisor Willman requested approval to use the funds for a 3-bay sink.

RESOLUTION #13 Authorizing Supervisor Willman to Use Remaining HUD Funds for the Purchase/Installation of 3-Bay Sink: On a motion by Councilman Hamm, second by Councilman Smalley, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the purchase/installation of a 3-bay sink using the remaining funds (approximately \$3,900) in the Town of Franklin HUD account.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Arthur P. Willman, Jr.
Councilman Clifford Smalley
Councilman Donald Hamm
Councilman Thomas Bartiss

Those Voting Nay:

None

Discussion of Board Meeting Time Tabled until Councilman Berg is present.

Solicit Bids for Road Sand Superintendent DeMars stated it would be advantageous both fiscally and time wise if the Town of Franklin solicited bids for road sand now.

OLD BUSINESS

Broadband/Newsletter Supervisor Willman reported the Town has had a good return rate for the broadband surveys from both the newsletter and online. On March 24 and 26 volunteers will be calling residents who have not returned theirs yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Supervisor Willman stated the committee has audited the Tax Collector's January financial records and found no discrepancies. The committee will audit February and March collection records in April.

Celebration Supervisor Willman announced Lauren LeFebvre is seeking volunteers for the following events: Easter Egg Hunt (April 12), Founder's Day (July 26), Haunted House (October 31) and Christmas Party (December 20)

Cemetery No report

To: Town of Franklin Town Board
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PO. Box 46 / 191 Swinney Road
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Subject: Feb. 2014 Reg. Board Meeting - "Glen Swinney"
'To be put into the Town Board meeting minutes of March 19, 2014'

I AM WRITING THIS AS A TOWNSMAN. I FEEL THAT THE ACTIONS, STATEMENTS THAT MR SWINNEY MADE THAT NIGHT WAS TOTALLY OUT OF HAND AS WELL AS CALLING MR. DEANES "A LITTLE BOY MORE THAN 5 TIMES" WAS WRONG AND FOR MR SWINNEY TO BE ALLEGEDLY ON AND ON WAS OBSTRUCTED OF GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AFTER BEING TOLD BY ACT WILLMAN TOWN SUPERVISOR TO STOP.

MR SWINNEY KAPT GOING ON THIS. MR SWINNEY IS NOT A HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE FOR HIM TO BE ALLOWED TO CALL NAMES AND YELL OVER AND OVER AT A PUBLIC MEETING IS WRONG. I FEEL IF MR SWINNEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ANSWERS FROM THE BOARD OR MR. DEANES HE SHOULD BE BANNED FROM TOWN BOARD MEETINGS, SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY FOR A PERIOD OF TIME DETERMINED BY THE TOWN BOARD.

IF MR SWINNEY DOESN'T LIKE HIS JOB OR THE COLORS OF THE SUPERVISOR. ACT WILLMAN HE SHOULD FIND ANOTHER JOB.

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS MY OPINION ONLY. THANK YOU -
Edward T. Martin

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Supervisor Willman adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm. (C.Smalley-D.Hamm m/s/p) All aye

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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