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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING

December 9, 2015

5:15pm

PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Art Willman, Councilman Don Hamm, Councilman Cliff Smalley and Councilman Al Berg

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jacques DeMars-Highway Superintendent, Rob Drosdowich-Code Officer, Lauren LeFebvre-Town Clerk, Brandon Bruce-Friends of the North Country, Ed Martin, Doris Hamm, Glenn Swinyer and Brian Snickles

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Willman called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm.

CDBG UPDATE

Brandon Bruce updated the board on the progress of the 2013 CDBG projects. Three projects have been completed and two are in progress. Approximately \$92,000 of the grant funds have been expended, \$107,682 is allocated and \$17,578 remain unallocated.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Willman closed Public Hearing at 5:40pm.

BOARD MEETING

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Willman opened the regular meeting at 5:40pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Town Clerk called the roll stating the full board was present.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 11 and 18, 2015 MINUTES

The minutes of November 11 and 18, 2015 were approved as presented. (C.Smalley-A.Berg m/s/p) **All Aye**

HUD/CDBG RESOLUTION #40

As part of the Town of Franklin NYS HCR Housing Rehabilitation Program, A Motion was made by Councilman Hamm, second by Councilman Berg, to authorize the expenditure of \$22,926.83 of Program funds for the project #FR-13-04, all inclusive of capital, project delivery and Note & Mortgage filing fees, as part of the Town of Franklin Housing Program.

All Aye

HUD/CDBG RESOLUTION #41

As part of the Town of Franklin NYS HCR Housing Rehabilitation Program, A Motion was made by Councilman Smalley, second by Councilman Bartiss, to authorize the expenditure of \$33,272.56 of Program funds for the project #FR-13-06 all inclusive of capital, project delivery and Note & Mortgage filing fees, as part of the Town of Franklin Housing Rehabilitation Program.

All Aye

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The board audited and approved payment of the following claims:

General Fund	Abstract 12	Claims 221-252	\$9,301.04
Highway Fund	Abstract 12	Claims 181-194	\$34,179.05
Pre-Pay General	Abstract 12	Claims 36-39	\$1,768.18

(A.Berg-C.Smalley m/s/p) **All Aye**

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Balances on hand as of November 30, 2015:

GENERAL FUND	Checking	\$62,446.91
	Savings	\$25,494.10
	Historian	\$3,038.30
	Kate MT. SRF	\$19,816.62
	Cemetery RF	\$2,201.13
	CLASS	\$87,402.37
HIGHWAY FUND	Checking	\$154,855.77
	Savings	\$83,332.54
	Cap. Proj. Hwy.	\$46,566.43
	CLASS	\$538,845.62
LANDFILL CLOSURE CAP RES	Checking	\$6,292.00
	CLASS	\$24,085.39
FIRE PROTECTION	Checking	\$15,571.75
	CLASS	\$685.30
CAP. PROJ. BLDG	CLASS	\$25,460.29

((A.Berg-C.Smalley m/s/p) **All Aye**

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT

Rob Drosdowich reported many solar projects have been completed, or are in process, in the Town. He expressed concern regarding solar arrays being installed on roofs and is strongly urging property owners and/or solar installation companies to consider locating the arrays separate from the house as roof installation would hamper fire/rescue crews in cases of emergency.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeMars read the following report:

1. Winter hours have been implemented as needed.
2. Plowed/ sanded when needed.
3. Continued work on McManus Road- Added some gravel and graded.
4. Driveway culvert replacement and driveway build up at the Town Garage.
5. Cleared trees in several areas of the Town.
6. Ditched and cleared out culvert at intersection of Fletcher Farm Road and Norman Ridge. Also near Oliver residence.

7. Filled potholes on dirt section of Sinkhole Rd.
8. Request \$1500 be transferred from A5010.11 to DA5142.1 (Deputy pay)
9. Gas, fuel and maintenance logs given to Highway Committee

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Park Use Policy - Supervisor Willman requested the board review the current policy with regard to other groups using Town facilities to raise funds for causes not directly related to the municipality.

B. Other - None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Excavator Update - First Niagara has approved financing the new Kubota Excavator. Payments will begin in 2016.

B. Other - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cemetery - Drainage work needs to be done on low areas in Union Cemetery on Route 3.

B. Veteran's - Councilman Bartiss will be donating four trees (possibly more) in the Spring to the Veteran's Memorial at Kate Mt. Park.

C. Celebration - December 19 12:30-2 Visit With Santa. The board thanked Ed Martin for donating his time again this year to be the Town's Santa Claus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Berg moved, second by Councilman Bartiss, that the board enter into Executive Session to discuss a Teamster's Union Grievance. Supervisor Willman closed the Open Meeting at 6:13pm and the board entered into Executive Session. Supervisor Willman reopened the regular meeting at 6:40pm and stated no action had been taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Supervisor Willman adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm. (A.Berg-C.Smalley m/s/p) **All Aye**

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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