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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

Regular Town Board Meeting
May 11, 2016
5:30pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Art Willman, Councilman Tom Bartiss, Councilman Pete Woodcock and Councilman Cliff Smalley

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilman Don Hamm

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jacques DeMars-Highway Superintendent, Julie Woodcock, Paul Blaine-Code Officer, Melinda Hadley-Town Historian, Lauren LeFebvre-Town Clerk

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 Hamm absent and a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Willman read aloud a letter to the board received from resident/board member Don Hamm stating he would like to see the Town enact an ordinance or rule that protects neighboring properties of proposed non-residential projects that could affect the values of the neighboring properties.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2016 MINUTES

Minutes were approved as presented. (Smalley-Woodcock m/s/p) All Aye

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The board audited and approved payment of the following claims:

General Fund	Abstract 5	Claims 92-107	\$11,034.15
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Highway Fund	Abstract 5	Claims 55-74	\$11,334.06
Pre-Pay General	Abstract 5	Claims 19-22	\$1,605.61
(Smalley-Woodcock m/s/p) All Aye			

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Balances on hand as of April 31, 2016:

GENERAL FUND	Checking	\$148,530.57
	Savings	\$148,867.35
	Historian	\$3,038.51
	Kate MT. SRF	\$21,963.83
	Cemetery RF	\$2,201.41
	CLASS	\$87,458.23
HIGHWAY FUND	Checking	\$266,550.23
	Savings	\$414,515.58
	Cap. Proj. Hwy.	\$46,606.84
	CLASS	\$539,312.71
LANDFILL CLOSURE CAP RES	Checking	\$4,804.12
	CLASS	\$24,106.30
FIRE PROTECTION	Checking	\$19,807.64
	CLASS	\$685.46
CAP. PROJ. BLDG	CLASS	\$25,482.34
(Smalley-Bartiss m/s/p) All Aye		

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeMars reported the following:

1. Plow and sanded when needed.
2. Started brooming our roads.
3. Cut some brush/ trees on Plank Rd.
4. Cleared trees and brush out of the right of way on several roads.
5. Cleared out pole barn for work to be done there.
6. Replaced failed culvert on Garden Rd.
7. Cold patched several roads.
8. Potholes on gravel roads- filled with material (Merrill and Yamassee Lodge roads.)(Goldsmith- added material and used grader)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Open Sealed Bids for 2016-17 Road Sand-Two bids (Trudeau and Greymont) were received and opened.

RESOLUTION #22

On a motion by Councilman Woodcock, second by Councilman Smalley, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Franklin accepts the bids from BOTH Trudeau Sand and Gravel (\$4.50/Ton) and Greymont (\$3.25/Ton Manufactured Road Sand) and authorizes Superintendent Jacques DeMars to purchase up to 12,000 tons total from either or both vendors at his discretion: ALL AYE

B. Pick-up Truck NYS Contract Quotes

Superintendent DeMars reported the 2017 Model are coming out and quotes will be forthcoming before the June board meeting.

C. Building Committee

Supervisor Willman set the date for a Special Board Meeting/Workshop with the Building Committee on May 18, 2016 at 5:30pm.

D. Mowing Contract with Franklin County

RESOLUTION #23

On motion by Councilman Smalley, second by Councilman Woodcock, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the 2016 mowing contract stating the Town of Franklin will be reimbursed \$100 per mile for the mowing of Franklin County Roads located in the Town of Franklin: ALL AYE

E. Town of Brighton Support

Supervisor Willman received request from the Town of Brighton for a resolution supporting Brighton's effort to put forth a state-wide referendum as to whether the former Camp Gabriels property should be exempt from the "Forever Wild" provision of the NYS Constitution which would allow the property to be sold unencumbered to any private concern.

RESOLUTION #24

On a motion by Councilman Cliff Smalley, second by Councilman Pete Woodcock, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Franklin Town Board, Franklin County New York does hereby support the Town of Brighton's request for the New York State Legislature to put forth a state wide referendum to exempt the former Camp Gabriels Correctional Facility property for the "Forever Wild" provision of the New York State Constitution; therefor allowing the property to be sold unencumbered to any private concern: ALL AYE

OLD BUSINESS**A. Bigelow Road**

Highway Department is beginning work to smooth the road. Supervisor Willman to meeting with NYS DEC to discuss cleaning up the illegal dumping and preventing additional dumping. Signage, cameras and fines will be discussed. Supervisor Willman will report back at June board meeting.

B. Pole Barn Doors

The garage doors have been installed as per bid specifications by North Country Garage Doors and a contractor will be hired to install a traditional "man" door.

C. CDBG/Friends of the North Country

Five of eight projects have been completed. The remaining three are in the final stage which is construction. Projects are on schedule to be completed by the June extension date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Cemetery**

The Town Clerk ordered 400 American Flags to be placed for Memorial Day.

B. Veterans

There will be a Veterans Memorial Service at the beginning of the Founder's Day Celebration on July 30.

C. Celebration

Founder's Day planning is well under weigh. Volunteers are always welcome.

D. Recreation

Kickball Tournament June 26 at Kate Mountain Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Town of Franklin congratulated Mary Ellen Keith on being named 2016 Outstanding Senior by the New York State Legislature.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, Supervisor Willman adjourned the meeting at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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