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## Town of Franklin Board Meetings

**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**September 14, 2016**  
**5:30pm**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilman Don Hamm

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Tim Woodruff-BVFD, Ed Martin, Paul Blaine-Code Enforcement Officer, Jacques DeMars-Highway Superintendent and Lauren LeFebvre-Town Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF August 10, 30, Sept 7, 2016 MINUTES**

The 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:

|                                  |            |                |             |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>              | Abstract 9 | Claims 182-199 | \$3,632.82  |
| <b>Highway Fund</b>              | Abstract 9 | Claims 119-136 | \$18,137.82 |
| <b>Pre-Pay General</b>           | Abstract 9 | Claims 40-44   | \$9,170.21  |
| (Smalley-Woodcock m/s/p) All Aye |            |                |             |

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Balances on hand as of March 31, 2016:

|                                 |                 |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>             | Checking        | \$36,994.72  |
|                                 | Savings         | \$148,872.35 |
|                                 | Historian       | \$3,038.71   |
|                                 | Kate MT. SRF    | \$26,269.12  |
|                                 | Cemetery RF     | \$2,201.63   |
| <b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>             | CLASS           | \$87,569.49  |
|                                 | Checking        | \$83,266.12  |
|                                 | Savings         | \$414,529.51 |
| <b>LANDFILL CLOSURE CAP RES</b> | Cap. Proj. Hwy. | \$46,655.55  |
|                                 | CLASS           | \$539,876.21 |
|                                 | Checking        | \$4,112.23   |
| <b>FIRE PROTECTION</b>          | CLASS           | \$24,131.47  |
|                                 | Checking        | \$19,808.45  |
| <b>CAP. PROJ. BLDG</b>          | CLASS           | \$686.70     |
|                                 | CLASS           | \$25,508.94  |

(Smalley-Bartiss m/s/p) All Aye

## HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeMars reported the following:

1. Continued prepping for paving.
2. Sent trucks to help pave for: Town of Brighton, St. Armand, Town of Harrietstown, Town of Tupper Lake, Village of Tupper Lake.
3. Started paving Oregon Plains Road with assistance of: Franklin County, Town of Brighton, Town of Harrietstown, Town of St. Armand, Town of Tupper Lake, Village of Tupper Lake, and Village of Saranac Lake.
4. Continued mowing
5. Hired new employee.
6. Still one man out due to injury.
7. OGS- possible chance at getting a dozer.
8. CHIPS- deposited on 9/16/16
9. Gas, fuel and maintenance logs given to Highway Committee

### 1. RESOLUTION #30 284 AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS

On a motion by Councilman Bartiss, second by Councilman Woodcock, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Franklin does hereby approve the following expenditures \$52,500 for approximately 5/10 mile commencing at Cold Brook Bridge to Cold Brook by culvert, \$48,000 for approximately 6/10 mile on Blue Spruce, \$31,000 commencing at State Route 3 to French Rd., \$28,400 commencing at the intersection of County Route 26 and Bass Lake Rd and leading to the End/Turnaround and \$32,000 on the road commencing at Rt 3 and Goldsmith Rd and leading to Goldsmith for a distance of .3 miles **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Town of Franklin Town Board does approve continuing on French Road an additional .6 miles to be included in a future 284 agreement. ALL AYE

### 2. Paving Expenditures

Superintendent DeMars brought the 2016 budget allocation for paving to the board's attention and stated he a portion of the fund balance may be needed to cover the cost of this year's paving projects.

## CODE OFFICER'S REPORT

4 Building permits and 4 Certificates of Occupancy were issued and 10 Inspections were performed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department

#### RESOLUTION #31 ACCEPTING JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY OF BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS, THE BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.**, an incorporated fire company, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, with offices located at 1635 New York State Route 3, Bloomingdale, Town of St. Armand, Essex County New York 12913, hereinafter referred to as the "Fire Company".

**WHEREAS**, there has been duly established a fire protection district known as the Town of Franklin Fire Protection District, embracing the territory in said Town as more fully described in the resolution and order establishing such district and duly adopted by the Town Board of said Town on December 6, 1960; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., is an incorporated fire company maintaining adequate and suitable apparatus and appliances for the furnishing of fire protection in the Town of Franklin Fire Protection District, and as such is authorized to provide the fire protection contemplated by Town Law §184; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Company has requested a transfer in jurisdiction from the Town of St. Armand in Essex County, New York to the Town of Franklin in Franklin County, New York to enable more efficient communication between dispatch and the Fire Company and;

**WHEREAS**, on September 7, 2016 the Town of Franklin and the Town of St. Armand met with Bloomingdale Fire Company to discuss said transfer and;

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2016 a majority of the voting membership of the Fire Company voted to transfer jurisdictional authority from the Town of St. Armand, Essex County, New York to the Town of Franklin, Franklin County New York and;

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2016 the Town of St. Armand voted to approve the transfer of jurisdiction to the Town of Franklin, Franklin County, New York;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby accept and authorize Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Company, Inc jurisdictional transfer from the Town of St. Armand in Essex County, New York to the Town of Franklin in Franklin County, New York.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Franklin will assume the jurisdictional change and all responsibilities of said change as of 12:00am on January 1, 2017.

Those Voting Aye: ALL AYE

#### **B. Fire Protection**

Tim Woodruff explained BVFD is preparing paperwork to get an equipment loan, not to exceed \$260,000, for the purchase of a new truck. The lending institution and IRS require the Town of Franklin to acknowledge in writing Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code this loan and further acknowledge the Town of Franklin is under no financial obligation regarding this loan. Mr. Woodruff presented the necessary form for Supervisor Willman's signature. The board approved Supervisor Willman signing the document on behalf of the Town. (T.Bartiss-P.Woodcock m/s/p) ALL AYE.

#### **C. Community Building**

The board approved the Town Clerk's solicitation of bids for Architectural Services for a new community building to be located at Kate Mountain Park.

#### **RESOLUTION #32**

On a motion by Councilman Smalley, second by Councilman Bartiss, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the Town Clerk's solicitation of bids for Architectural Services for the design of a new community building to be located at Kate Mountain Park. ALL AYE

#### **D. RESOLUTION #33**

On a motion by Councilman Bartiss, second by Councilman Woodcock, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the Town Clerk's solicitation of bids for diesel, gasoline and propane for the upcoming year. ALL AYE

#### **E. 2017 Municipal Insurance**

#### **RESOLUTION #34**

On a motion by Councilman Woodcock, second by Councilman Smalley, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the Town Clerk's solicitation of bids for 2017 Municipal Insurance. ALL AYE

#### **F. FX Brown**

The Town has received a proposal from Princeton Hydro, LLC for Post-Closure Landfill Monitoring currently performed by FX Brown. Supervisor Willman requested time to do a closer cost comparison before bringing this before the board for discussion. The matter will be put on the October agenda.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Debar Trails**

Supervisor Willman is sending correspondence to DEC officials and the Governor's office regarding the need to work on this 30 year old project

#### **B. Garage Painting RFP**

The Town Clerk stated no proposals were submitted for this project. Supervisor Willman has contacted four local painting contractors requesting proposals for this project, adding the work would not begin until the spring of 2017.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. Cemetery**

Councilman Smalley has been in contact with Cemetery Custodian Tim Goff. Tim is having difficulty with local funeral directors burying people prior to contacting him. This is leading to non-residents being buried without the non-resident fee being paid to the town. Tim also asked that the board strengthen the "resident" definition in the policy. The Town clerk will work with the cemetery committee on this matter.

#### **B. Veterans**

No Report.

**C. Celebration**

Lauren reported the following events: 2nd Annual Golf Tournament, Sept 18, Saranac Inn. Pumpkin Heaves October 15, Lasagna Dinner November 19 and Visit With Santa December 17.

**D. Recreation**

No Report.

**E. Building-**

Covered earlier.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

none

**Supervisor Willman set a Budget Workshop for October 18 at 5:30pm. Dinner will be provided.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the board, Supervisor Willman adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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