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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

Monthly Meeting: September 13, 2017 5:30PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilman Pete Woodcock

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ed Martin, Doris Hamm, Highway Superintendent Jacques DeMars, Code Officer Paul Blaine and Town Clerk Lauren LeFebvre

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Ed Martin submitted the following letter to the board, requesting it be recorded into these minutes. The board had no objection to the request.

TO: TOWN OF FRANKLIN TOWN BOARD

Sept 13, 2017

Town Supervisor: ART WILLMAN

Councilman: DON HAMM

CLIFF SMALLEY

TOM BARTISS

Pete Woodcock

From: Edward T. Martin TAXPAYER

Ref. Glen Swinger

I am requesting that you put this on record.

This is to inform you that I feel that Mr. Glen Swinger has been out of line as of yesterday approx time 9:00 am on thru to about 10:00 am at the Townhall. I talked with Mr. Swinger or I should say I was talked at by Mr Swinger. He was non-stop complaining to me about the demands about not allowing him use of equipment for the Highway Dept. He Mr Swinger stated "I'm in the Stone Union and I have rights", "I have the right to use equipment and I can operate anything they have." He also stated "Demans has a problem with me"

I look at him and make no comments!

Mr Swinger in my opinion was very angry in actions and his verbal abuse of what he was feeling.

His actions on the above date and time was on town paid time as he was working, but he was not. He was there for over 1 hour +, Mr Tom Bartiss was there and was also the focus of Mr. Swinger rage and rantings. I feel due to that facts of the past Mr. Swinger should be disciplined at the highest level - He has done this in the past to me on multi-occasions.

Thank You, Edward T. Martin

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AUGUST 9 MEETING MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented. (C.Smalley-T.Bartiss m/s/p) all aye

APPROVAL OF CLAIMSThe board audited and approved payment of the following:

General Fund	Abstract 9	Claims 157-175	\$7,615.95
Highway Fund	Abstract 9	Claims 134-145	\$57,928.47
Pre-Pay General	Abstract 9	Claims 27-35	\$4,341.38
((C.Smalley-T.Bartiss m/s/p) all aye)			

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Balances on hand as of August 31, 2017:

GENERAL FUND	Checking	\$22,500.36
	Savings	\$82,219.47
	Historian	\$3,038.87
	Kate MT. SRF	\$40,425.88
	Cemetery RF	\$2,302.30
HIGHWAY FUND	CLASS	\$238,570.44
	Checking	\$104,096.32
	Savings	\$325,550.90
	Cap. Proj. Hwy.	\$46,911.57
	CLASS	\$392,147.60
LANDFILL CLOSURE CAP RES	Checking	\$4,737.38
	CLASS	\$19,246.59
FIRE PROTECTION	Checking	\$7,921.19
	CLASS	\$20,757.98
CAP. PROJ. BLDG	CLASS	\$65,783.47

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Jacques DeMars read the following report:

1. Garden Rd- Ditched a section. Graded, added gravel and then regraded.
2. Patched potholes around town-
3. Cut shoulders: Rock Street, Norman Ridge and Alder Brook Road.
4. More mowing done-
5. Assisted Town of Duane in paving
6. Assisted Franklin County in cutting shoulders on Co. Rt. 26
7. Assisted Village of Saranac Lake- hauled gravel
8. Met with Franklin County legislatures several times to discuss upcoming snow and ice contract as well as several other topics.
9. Had men out several times to clean up down trees after high winds.
10. Had another meeting with FEMA reps. In regards to blizzard in March.
11. Raked and rolled McManus Rd.
12. Ongoing beaver problems- continuous cleaning out of many culverts.
13. Gas, fuel and maintenance logs given to Highway Committee

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31-

3 Building Permits, 0 Violations, 2 Certificates of Occupancy, 6 Inspections and \$152.50 Collected Fees.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **2018 Budget Workshop** - October 3 at 5:30pm

B. **2018 Salaries for Elected Officials**

RESOLUTION #35 SET SALARIES FOR 2018 ELECTED OFFICIALS

On a motion by Councilman Smalley, second by Councilman Bartiss, BE IT RESOLVED there will be no increases in the yearly salaries for elected officials for budget year 2018.

Those voting aye:

Supervisor Willman
Councilman Hamm
Councilman Smalley
Councilman Bartiss

Those voting no: None

C. 2018 Salaries for Newly Elected Officials - The board discussed salaries for newly elected officials. As Supervisor Willman, Town Clerk Lauren LeFebvre and Town Justice Roger Symonds are unopposed in the upcoming election, salaries for those positions will be discussed at a later date. Discussion was held regarding newly elected town board members. As the town board salary is established in one budget line, Supervisor Willman will contact the Association of Towns regarding this procedure. Changes, if any, will be established prior to adoption of the 2018 budget. It should be noted that Health Insurance is not offered to ANY Town of Franklin elected officials.

RESOLUTION #36 PAY SCALE FOR NEWLY ELECTED 2018 OFFICIALS

On motion by Councilman Don Hamm, second by Councilman Smalley, BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby set the yearly salary for a newly elected Highway Superintendent at \$46,000 annually.

Those voting aye:

Supervisor Willman
Councilman Hamm
Councilman Smalley
Councilman Bartiss

Those voting no: None

OLD BUSINESS - None

A. **Community Building** - Supervisor Willman reported Town of Franklin voters approved bonding for up to \$700,00 for the construction of a Community Building to be built at Kate Mountain Park. The Town Clerk will work with Eric Gustafson regarding the next steps in the process. Supervisor Willman will deal with financial issues.

B. **Solar Project** - RFP's are under review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

A. **Cemetery** - The Town Clerk wishes to confer with Councilman Smalley at a mutually convenient time.

B. **Building** - Discussed above

C. **Celebration** - Lauren announced the Children's Christmas Party will be held December 16 1pm-2:30pm at the Town Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

Councilman Bartiss moved, second by Councilman Hamm, to enter into Executive Session at 6:25pm to discuss a matter relating to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal of a particular individual. (m/s/p all aye)

Present in Executive Session: Supervisor Willman, Councilman Bartiss, Councilman Hamm and Councilman Smalley.

Supervisor Willman moved, second by Councilman Smalley, to exit Executive Session at 6:44pm. (m/s/p all aye)

Supervisor Willman reopened the public meeting at 6:45 and stated no decision was made in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Willman adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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