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## Town of Franklin Board Meetings

**Regular Meeting May 15, 2019, 5:30pm**

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilman Pete Woodcock

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Doris Hamm, Dot Brown, Al Hadley, Franklin Co. Legislator Lindy Ellis, Code Officer Paul Blaine, Brad Merrill, Karen Smalley, Julie Woodcock, Rhonda and Liz Swinyer, Ed Martin, Phyllis King, Highway Superintendent Jacques DeMars 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 was present.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**Leg. Lindy Ellis** -Lindy thanked the Town for hosting an informational session presented by Franklin County Office for the Aging. 17 residents attended. Future events like this are in the planning process.

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

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS** The board audited and approved payment of the following:

<b>General Fund</b>	Abstract 5	Claims 70-91	\$10,765.39
<b>Highway Fund</b>	Abstract 5	Claims 75-102	\$10,938.44
<b>Pre-Pay General</b>	Abstract 5	Claims 19-22	\$2,927.49
<b>Pre-Pay Highway</b>	Abstract 1	Claim 1	\$6,816.79

Discussion was held regarding General Fund Claim 91 submitted by Glenn Swinyer-Grounds Keeping Contractor. The claim included \$100 for five "extra" hours. The claim was approved as submitted.

(D.Hamm-C.Smalley m/s/p) all aye

#### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Balances on hand as of April 30, 2019

##### **General Fund**

Checking	\$184,962.78
Savings	\$2,349.84
Historian	\$3,039.37
Kt. Mt SRF	\$1,852.79
Kate Mt. CLASS	\$45,797.98
Cemetery RF	\$4,904.20
CLASS	\$245,891.89

##### **Highway Fund**

Checking	\$869,041.86
Savings	\$61,177.81
Cap Proj. HW	\$48,245.62
CLASS	\$403,299.49

##### **Landfill Clos. CR**

Checking	\$1,020.36
CLASS	\$16,768.61

##### **Fire Protection**

Checking	\$5,578.98
CLASS	\$21,348.35

##### **Capital Proj Bldg**

CLASS	\$67,654.27
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(Smalley-Bartiss m/s/p) All Aye

#### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Plowed and sanded as needed
2. Had men and equipment out checking and dealing with water issues town wide, due to warming temperatures. Limbed trees on many roads, and cleared ditched of trees
3. Posted roads
4. Three men and I went to a chain saw safety class
5. Started getting equipment out of winter storage and servicing to be used
6. Hauled stone to Rec. Park for the solar project as requested by Supervisor Willman
7. Hauled sand to Rec. Park as requested by the Town Clerk for the playground
8. Patched potholes around town, cold patch on paved roads and crusher run on gravel roads
9. Picked up rocks at Rec Park
10. Swept the Town Hall area
11. Replaced several signs around town
12. Started picking up sand and brooming but both broom broke down and are currently being repaired Ongoing beaver activity several areas around town
13. Received quotes for General fund pickup (Ford dealer) (\$1,103.66) for parts
14. As Councilman Hamm requested, got N.Y.S bid on a replacement truck for the 2012 Ford 550
15. Gas, fuel and maintenance logs given to Highway Committee

**Replacement of 2012 Ford 550** Superintendent DeMars provided the Town Clerk with the NYS Mini Bid quote through NYS Office of Government Services. The Town Clerk will make copies and provide them to the board. This topic will be discussed at the June board meeting.

**CODE OFFICER'S REPORT** - Two building permits, no violations or Certificates of Occupancy were issued. Four inspections were conducted and \$361.70 in fees were collected.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Status of General Fund Equipment-** Supervisor Willman suggested selling the equipment used in the former General Fund Laborer position. Councilmen Bartiss and Smalley prefer to transfer the equipment to the Highway Department. Supervisor Willman will discuss this with Highway Superintendent DeMars. No action was taken.

**B. Historian** - Phyllis King reported she is working with resident Dick Jarvis and Kaytlin Gochenaur—Historic Saranac Lake Oral History Coordinator to create a plan to further collection and protection of Town History.

## OLD BUSINESS

**A. Solar Project Update** - Installation is complete and system is online. The Town should realize savings in a few months. The other components—fabric, cut stone and fencing—will be installed soon.

**B. Waterfront Hamlet and Revitalization Grant** - no update

**C. Town Hall Roof** - Supervisor Willman and Councilman Hamm will contact local contractors for quotes.

**D. Phone System** - The Town Clerk has solicited quotes from Tech II in Saratoga and Twinstare in Plattsburgh to compare with Blink Communications quote of \$11,986.20. Tech II, provider of current system, did not respond submit a quote. Twinstare submitted a quote of \$4,368.30.

**RESOLUTION #19 AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO PURCHASE PHONE SYSTEM FOR TOWN HALL On a motion by Councilman Smalley, second by Councilman Hamm, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk enter into an agreement with Twinstare Technologies for the purchase of 4846-NEC SL2100 phone system, including installation and training, in the amount of \$4,368.30.**

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Willman  
Councilman Hamm  
Councilman Bartiss  
Councilman Smalley

Those voting No: None

## E. UV Water System

**RESOLUTION #20 AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO HIRE SNICKLES PLUMBING AND HEATING FOR UV WATER SYSTEM INSTALLATION** On a motion by Councilman Smalley, second by Councilman Bartiss, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Willman to hire Snickles Plumbing and Heating to install a new UV Water System at the Town Hall and relocate the current one to Kate Mountain Park.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Willman  
Councilman Hamm  
Councilman Bartiss  
Councilman Smalley

Those voting No: None

**F. Freeze Alarm-Alarm was installed by Brendan Hoyer.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Building and Grounds** - no report

**B. Cemetery** - ATV's drove through Merrillsville and Franklin Falls Cemeteries. No permanent damage has been done and it has been reported to the police.

**C. Celebration** - no report

**D. Recreation** - Youth Program starts July 8.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Supervisor Willman adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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