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## Town of Franklin Board Meetings

### Regular Board Meeting - June 10, 2020 5:30PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Supervisor Dorothy Brown, Councilman Tom Bartiss, Councilman Richard Jarvis, Councilman Don Hamm and, Councilman Leo Demong

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Doris Hamm, Lindy Ellis—Franklin County Legislator, Jacques DeMars—Highway Superintendent and Lauren LeFebvre—Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Town Clerk called the roll, noting the full board present.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF REVIEW/APPROVAL OF May 13, 2020:** With regard to the May 13 minutes, Councilman Hamm stated Bonnie Webb did not call him as stated in the minutes. (D. Jarvis-T. Bartiss m/s/p) All Aye

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

<b>General Fund</b>	Abstract 6	Claims 100-120	\$13,378.40
<b>Pre-Pay General</b>	Abstract 6	Claims 19-22	\$62,192.92
<b>Highway Fund</b>	Abstract 6	Claims 94-109	\$7,325.88
D.Hamm-D.Jarvis m/s/p -All Aye			

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Balances on hand as of May 31, 2020

**General Fund**

Checking	\$450,375.70
Savings	\$441,518.50
Historian	\$3,039.69
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2,057.48
Cemetery RF	\$5,605.94
CLASS	\$249,725.14
Kate Mt. CLASS	\$46,613.19

**Highway Fund**

Checking	\$159,123.04
Savings	\$41,674.96
Cap Proj. HW	\$49,105.05
CLASS	\$410,483.19

**Landfill Clos. CR**

Checking	\$2,072.54
CLASS	\$13,049.42

**Fire Protection**

Checking	\$6,623.69
CLASS	\$11,707.72

**Capital Proj Bldg**

CLASS	\$68,859.33
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T.Bartiss-D.Hamm m/s/p-All Aye

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent DeMars submitted the following written report:

1. Continued brooming around town, picking it up in many areas All Paved roads done now
2. Limbed branches hanging over the road in many areas around town
3. Cut shoulders on section of Rock Street
4. Cleaned up trees/ brush out of the ditch lines in many sections around town
5. Patched potholes around town
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9. Patched potholes around town

**RESOLUTION #30 ACCEPT MOWING CONTRACT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY**

On a motion by Councilman Hamm, second by Councilman Demong, BE IT RESOLVED that that Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby accept the 2020 Mowing of Franklin County Roadside Contract in the amount of \$100.00 per mile for each mowing of 20 road miles.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown  
Councilman Hamm  
Councilman Jarvis  
Councilman Bartiss  
Councilman Demong

Those Voting No: None

**NEW BUSINESS****A. CDBG Environmental Review Record****RESOLUTION #31 CLASSIFICATION OF TYPE II ACTION CDBG 418HR354\_19**

A motion was made by Councilman Bartiss, second by Councilman Jarvis, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board has determined the Environmental Review Record to be classified a Type II Action (6NYCRR Section 617.4 and 617.5) for the Town's Office for Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant project #418HR345-19 Housing Rehabilitation Program. Classification of Type II Action was determined based on review of <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/32521.html>.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown  
Councilman Hamm  
Councilman Jarvis  
Councilman Bartiss  
Councilman Demong

Those Voting No: None

**B. Public Adjuster-Richard Smith** — Adjusters International, the Town's Public Adjuster, updated the board via conference call as to the status of insurance claims. Vehicles, building and contents were discussed. Mr. Smith is working with Jim Abdallah, the Town's contracted Architect, regarding the required code upgrades and projected associated costs. Mr. Smith will keep the board informed of the progress toward settling the claim.

**C. Architect Update** - Supervisor Brown informed the board that she, along with the Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk, met with Jim Abdallah and Friend Construction to discuss the highway garage plans. It was decided that the next step would be to discuss funding options with our the Attorney for the Town, Eric Gustofson, as the insurance claim has not been settled. The Town Clerk informed the board that Mr. Gustofson has advised the Town that the Supervisor's Declaration of Emergency due to the Highway Garage Fire, adopted by the board in December, cannot be utilized for a Capital Building Project. Mr. Gustofson had provided guidance in December to the Supervisor to draft a resolution referencing Emergency Purchases of equipment not rebuilding the garage. Supervisor Brown spoke with Kevin Rowland, Office of the State Comptroller, who confirmed the garage rebuild project is subject to the competitive bidding process. Mr. Gustofson informed Supervisor Brown that engaging architectural and engineering services is not subject to public bidding as special professional services is exempt under General Municipal Law. Supervisor Brown has informed Friend Construction that the Highway Garage project will go out to bid.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Leg. Lindy Ellis-Lindy reported 97 people were tested at the Adirondack Health COVID-19 Drive Thru Mobile Testing event at the Town Hall on June 13. There were no new COVID cases reported in the North County today. Our region is exceeding the NYS requirements for the number of tests administered daily. There will be a Drive Thru Dairy/Produce Distribution for everyone, regardless of income, June 13 9am-12:30pm at Saranac Lake High School.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Supervisor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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