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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

Regular Board Meeting - April 14, 2021 5:30PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leg. Lindy Ellis, Lora Couture, Doris Hamm, 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 a quorum present

PUBLIC COMMENT

Legislator Lindy Ellis-Lindy reported Glazier Meats has applied for FDA funds to conduct Dairy Distributions on 2021. A second vaccine clinic will be held 4/15 at Dechantel Apartments in Saranac Lake. There will also be a POD vaccine clinic on 4/29 at Saranac Lake Free Library. There is a plan being developed to vaccinate migrant workers at their work sites. Franklin Co. OFA can vaccinate seniors at their homes if they have difficulty getting to a vaccination site. Leg. Ellis, on behalf of local skateboarders, thanked the Town for allowing winter skateboarding at Kate Mt. Pavilion

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2021 - Approved as presented. (Jarvis-Demong m/s/p) All Aye

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The board audited and approved the following claims:

General Fund	Abstract 4	Claims 70-96	\$24,034.07
Pre-Pay General	Abstract 3	Claims 3-6	\$1,659.48

Highway Fund

Abstract 4

Claim 27-48

\$17,153.36

(D.Hamm-D.Jarvis m/s/p) All Aye

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Balances on hand as of March 31, 2021**General Fund**

Checking	\$343,900.02
Savings	\$533.31
Historian	\$3,039.95
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2,068.00
Cemetery RF	\$5,607.34
CLASS	\$24,921.20
Kate Mt. CLASS	\$46,656.31

Highway Fund

Checking	\$888,667.63
Savings	\$41,678.43
Cap Proj. HW	\$49,150.36
CLASS	\$410,862.74

Landfill Clos. CR

Checking	\$4,124.73
CLASS	\$8,061.44

Fire Protection

Checking	\$181.06
CLASS	\$1,517.48

Capital Proj Bldg

CLASS	\$912.35
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(Bartiss-Demong m/s/p) All Aye

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Superintendent DeMars read the following written report:

1. Plow and sanded when needed
2. Move snow pile out of the way and back as requested by the food panty and approved by Supervisor Brown.
3. Shared Services with Franklin County signed and sent back.
4. CHIPS/ PAVENY/ Extreme Winter Recovery- NYS freed up 15 % of the 20% that was taken away last year. Paperwork was filled out and emailed in. We could see the money as soon as April 30th. (I request the Town Supervisor transfer it to the highway fund since it will be deposited in the general fund side.)
5. Had men checking roads Monday through Friday for trees, beaver activity, road issues etc.
6. Filled in potholes with crusher run on several gravel roads
7. Have had men out to straighten roads signs around town
8. So far 2 employees and myself have received both COVID shots, 2 men have received 1 shot and have to reschedule appointment for 2 men that had COVID right before their appointments and 1 person who wishes to wait until later to receive them. I anticipate starting to sweep Monday, cold patching will be done as well.
9. With the assistance of Brian Trembley of the engineering firm Barton & Loguitice, we are applying for grants under the BrigdeNY.
10. Gas & Fuel sheet given to Town Supervisor.

RESOLUTION #10 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT FOR BRIDGE NEW YORK FUNDS On a motion by Supervisor Brown, second by Councilman Hamm, BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve of the Highway Department's fund request to Bridge NY for repairs to, or replacement of, Merrill Road Bridge.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown
 Councilman Hamm
 Councilman Bartiss
 Councilman Jarvis
 Councilman Demong

Those Voting No: None

NEW BUSINESS - None**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Insurance Update- Supervisor Brown reported the garage is complete. The latest payment from the insurance company was \$169,109.64

B. CDBG-No update

C. DASNY-No update

D. Waterfront Revitalization Grant-No update

E. Assemblyman Jones' Funding-No update

F. Bigelow Road-The Highway Department will order and post "No Dumping" signs for this road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cemetery

- On March 13, Dick Jarvis met with cemetery custodians Tim and Susan Goff to discuss cemetery records. The following is information obtained:
- A "card system" previously suggested by former cemetery custodian V. Manny, was never implemented.
- Susan maintains a loose leaf note book with burial records, provided by funeral home to Bernie Cushman, grave digger, who provides to Susan. The book organizes records by cemetery and year. Lee Foster backups Bernie. Then Susan provides copy of record and any payment to town clerk.
- Death Certificates for people who died within the town are filed with the Town Registrar of Vital Statistics.
- Susan supplements records with newspaper obituaries and "Find a Grave" website. Union cemetery plots are recorded on a paper copy of survey map by Mrs. Milton Cass dated 1956. The south portion of the cemetery is surveyed by Stacey Allot, Geomatics, Map #11056, Dated August 7, 2012; map contains references to survey map by Glenn D. Odone, dated Sept. 22, 1976
- Merrillville Cemetery Map is dated July 1951, by Mrs. M. Cass. The new area to the east is on a Mylar map dated July 29, 1991 by "BAS". Franklin Falls cemetery map was surveyed by Leon Knapp and Frederick Klein, dated 1968, and includes both Franklin and St. Armand town areas.
- Copies of the only known maps of each cemetery to be reproduced for town records. Status of gates for Union and Merrillville cemeteries- To be hopefully report progress at next meeting.

B. Recreation-Summer Day Camp: Still awaiting further guidance from NYS DOH.

Kate Mt. Park: Provided comments on draft plan and awaiting ELAN final master plan which contains exciting ideas that can be implemented in the long term.

DJ surveyed April 6, cleared branches on trail, requested trash pickup and moving of picnic tables

Town Recreation Map: Searching for contractors to do finish work and legend and construction of maps, using based map prepared by APA Matt Kendall. Contacted Franklin Co. Economic Development Coro regarding their "Destination & Marketing Program, which provides grants up to \$5000 for maps like what the committee would like to produce, subject to application and competition. Next deadline would be Oct 15, 2021.

Union Falls Reservoir: The Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT) plans to build stone step access just below Franklin Falls dam. Brookfield Hydro to donate money for materials and NFCT crew to build the steps in late June. Also, the NFCT volunteer crew plans to rehab and improve the two campsites on the state land on the reservoir over this July 4th weekend. Can sign up to volunteer on NFCT website.

C. Broadband -Councilman Bartiss reported he has been in discussions with Spectrum regarding the Build Out Plan the Town provided to Spectrum during the 2017 Franchise Contract negotiations—a 15 year contract. Initially, Spectrum had not considered our plan as they deemed it too costly. Due to the Town's ongoing discussions with Spectrum, the Town's proposed Build Out Plan has been calculated by Spectrum at Councilman Bartiss' request. Councilman Bartiss has been provided an explanation as to how the figure was reached. The Town of Franklin has determined that residences per mile, actual road miles and private roads are inaccurate in Spectrum's cost analysis. Resident Lora Couture has been researching Spectrum's legal obligation in NYS with regard to the State's mandate that high speed broadband must be available and affordable to all New Yorkers. The Town Board thanked Ms. Couture for her work and for sharing her information.

D. Newsletter -The Town Clerk reported the March Newsletter has been printed and delivered via USPS EDM. Next newsletter will be sent in early June.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, Supervisor Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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