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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

Regular Monthly Board Meeting - December 15, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Dorothy Brown, Councilman Richard Jarvis, Councilman Donald Hamm, and, Councilman Leo Demong

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilman Tom Bartiss

OTHERS PRESENT:

Doris Hamm, Jacques DeMars—Highway Superintendent, Lauren LeFebvre—Town Clerk, Roger Symonds Sr.,--Town Justice, Gail Huston—Councilperson Elect and Rachelle Waters—Councilperson Elect

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Brown called the Public Hearing to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Town Clerk called the roll noting the full board was present.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Justice Symonds administered the oath of office to newly elected or re-elected officials Dorothy Brown—Supervisor, Jacques DeMars—Highway Superintendent, Lauren LeFebvre—Town Clerk, Rachelle Waters—newly elected Town Board Member and Gail Huston—newly elected Town Board Member. The Town Clerk will administer the oath of office to Justice Symonds before January 1, 2022. All oaths of office take effect January 1, 2022.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF November 10, 2021 MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The board audited and approved payment of the following claims:

General Fund	Abstract 12	Claims 253-281	\$14,038.72
Highway Fund	Abstract 12	Claim 170-213	\$114,707.24
(D.Hamm-D.Jarvis m/s/p) All Aye			

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Balances on hand as of November 30, 2021**General Fund**

Checking	\$91,238.37
Savings	\$18,026.82
Historian	\$3,040.18
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2058.41
Cemetery RF	\$5,608.33
CLASS	\$24,926.25
Kate Mt. CLASS	\$46,666.81

Highway Fund

Checking	\$212,29.15
Savings	\$41,681.21
Cap Proj. HW	4,156.13
CLASS	\$410,956.81

Landfill Clos. CR

Checking	\$4,124.97
CLASS	\$8,063.40

Fire Protection

Checking	\$181.06
CLASS	\$1,517.59

Capital Proj Bldg

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - SSuperintendent DeMars read the following:

1. Plowed and sanded as needed
2. Request deputy pay be transferred to DA5142.1
3. Replaced numerous signs around town
4. new Dodge 5500 mini dump truck has arrived
5. removed downed trees
6. graded Bigelow Road and patched by the Post Office and on Keith Road.

On December 15 there should be CHIPS/Extreme Winter Recovery/PAVENY in the amount of \$326,669.73 deposited into a Town of Franklin account. I request this be transferred to the Highway Fund.

RESOLUTION #37 AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS

On a motion by Councilman Hamm, second by Councilman Demong, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approval of the expenditure of up to \$5,937.50 for permanent repairs to two locations on Oregon Plains Road proceeding to near Lyon Brook.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Dorothy Brown
Councilman Don Hamm
Councilman Dick Jarvis
Councilman Leo Demong

Those Voting Absent: Councilman Tom Bartiss

NEW BUSINESS**A. Teamster's Union Agreement****RESOLUTION #38 AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR BROWN TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS UNION**

On a motion by Councilman Hamm, second by Councilman Demong, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby agree to and authorize Supervisor Brown to sign the new three year contract with the Teamsters Union.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Dorothy Brown
Councilman Don Hamm

Councilman Dick Jarvis
Councilman Leo Demong

Those Voting Absent: Councilman Tom Bartiss

B. Justice Audit

Supervisor Brown announced she had audited the Town of Franklin Justice financial records and found them to be in excellent order.

RESOLUTION #39 ACCEPT JUSTICE COURT ACCOUNTING

On a motion made by Councilman Jarvis, second by Councilman Demong,
WHEREAS, Town Justice Roger Symonds, in compliance with NYS Comptroller guidelines, requested an audit of his accounts; and

WHEREAS, Town Supervisor Dorothy Brown inspected said records on December 3, 2021 bank statements and accounts, inclusive, and found them to be in good order; NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Franklin Town Board hereby accepts and approves of the accounting records maintained by Town Justice Roger Symonds.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Dorothy Brown
Councilman Don Hamm
Councilman Dick Jarvis
Councilman Leo Demong

Those Voting Absent: Councilman Tom Bartiss

OLD BUSINESS

A. DASNY - No update.

B. Assemblyman Jones' Funding - No update.

C. ARRA - Discussion will be held regarding the use of the funds after the new board members are installed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cementary - Tim and Sue Goff submitted the following year-end report: This year, there were 12 burials at Vermontville cemetery and 2 at Merrillsville -Some were existing/Family plots, others were purchased this year. We fielded many calls for purchase of plots, as well as location of existing and/or family plots; some were for genealogy and others were for future burials. This includes taking and sending pictures of specific graves and/or family plots, giving a physical address of said cemetery and sending/emailing copies of Rules and Regulations of our cemeteries.

We also worked with different funeral homes, Memorial companies(ie Plattsburgh Memorial), the gentleman that open/close graves.

Flags: We placed(Before Memorial Day weekend) and pulled(after Veterans Day) flags in all veteran brass flag holders. The old flags will be picked up in the spring by Rev Olsen to be disposed of in a military ceremony.

A question was brought to our attention this fall - Can flags in "good Condition" be reused? After 6 months of wind, rain, sun and sometimes snow, the flags are always at least faded, most cases are also torn and falling off the wooden stakes. They would stand out as being used and, we feel it would be disrespectful to the veterans that we are acknowledging for their service and sacrifice.

We use less than 200 flags a year. Donations could be asked for to raise money for the cost of flags. Future plans -
1. Trash barrel to be placed in the storage shed at Vermontville cemetery for the debris/old decorations/faded flowers that are removed throughout the year.

2. Find a better/updated way of record keeping.

3. Gates at Vermontville cemetery

4. List of graves to be filled(in/sunken) at Vermontville, Merrillsville and Franklin Falls

5. Better Signage at all Cemeteries as what is and isn't allowed to be planted(ie Trees) there.

6. Removal of former ramp next to the Storage Shed in Vermontville. **B. Recreation** - Tom Bartiss observed that the Kevin Tyler property adjacent and generally east of Kate Mt. Park(KMP), bounded by Route 3 and Lyon Brook, consisting of 21.5 acres, was listed for sale. Dick Jarvis contacted the Matt Ellis, agent for seller and Caldwell Banker Whitbeck, Tupper Lake for information: property is classified by APA as Low Intensity Use, tax map 369-1-26.3, with 136 feet of frontage on Route 3, and is bounded on the north and east by Lyon Brook along with significant area classified by APA as wetland. There is potential suitable area immediately east of the Park pavilion for use. Before town explores further, I recommend board review details and priorities of the March 2021 Park Master Plan in the near future, and determine if additional land is necessary.

- On Dec. 13, after the strong winds over the weekend, Dick Jarvis cut and removed 6 trees that had fallen across the KMP trails. Observed that people have used the trails for walking and xc skiing.

- Fall use of the KMP playground and pavilion by private groups included every Saturday during September and October from 8 am to 1 pm; and 6 days in Sept. and 6 days in Oct. from 5 to 8 pm.

- No new information from DEC regarding the draft UMP for Debar Mt. Complex.

- Josh Clague has been appointed by DEC to a new position created for the Adirondack Park as coordinator for "sustainable use of public land", to promote partnerships, resources, public education, and stewardship.

- Town received and signed the Franklin County Destination Development and Marketing Program Agreement on December 2, 2021. The 50% matching grant award is \$4,970, for development of base map with information on

outdoor recreation opportunities in the town of Franklin, to be available on 2 kiosks and town website. On November 16, 2021, the town executed a consulting agreement with Adirondack Research, LLC (Ezra Schwartzberg) to provide digital mapping and information services and printing. On Dec. 2, 2021, Dick Jarvis and Ezra Schwartzberg met with Michael Martin, Blackfly Woodworking and Metalworks, to discuss construction design and details for the 2 kiosks; Mr. Martin is preparing final specifications and contract for town review and approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Organizational Meeting will be held January 12, 2022 at 5:30pm.
Supervisor Brown has been elected to serve on the board of Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages.
Superintendent DeMars has been elected president of the Clinton/Franklin Highway Superintendent's Assoc.
Town Clerk LeFebvre has been elected president of the Clinton/Essex/Franklin Town Clerk's Assoc.

ADJOURNMENT

There bring no further business to discuss, Supervisor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm
Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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