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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

Regular Board Meeting - July 21, 2021 5:30PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leg. Lindy Ellis, Brian Hinkley—Season Laborer, Doris Hamm, Gail Huston, 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 reported the Franklin County Clerk is working toward having the Saranac Lake Department of Motor Vehicle office operational by September 1, 2021. Also, invasive Wild Parsnips have been found along Franklin County roads. Municipalities should be aware of the plant that causes a reaction similar to Poison Ivy.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF June 9, 2021 MINUTES

Approved as presented. (Jarvis-Demong m/s/p) All Aye

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The board audited and approved the following claims:

General Fund	Abstract 7	Claims 142-170	\$206,005.36
Pre-Pay General	Abstract 7	Claims 11-16	\$1,005.48
Highway Fund	Abstract 7	Claim 100-109	\$17,466.75
(D.Hamm-D.Jarvis m/s/p) All Aye			

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

Checking	\$293,242.41
Savings	\$35,382.58
Historian	\$3,041.03
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2,058.15
Cemetery RF	\$5,607.76
CLASS	\$24,923.76
Kate Mt. CLASS	\$46,661.32

Highway Fund

Checking	\$742,441.35
Savings	\$41,679.47
Cap Proj. HW	\$49,155.55
CLASS	\$410,906.59

Landfill Clos. CR

Checking	\$4,124.83
CLASS	\$8,062.31

Fire Protection

Checking	\$181.06
CLASS	\$1,517.58

Capital Proj Bldg

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

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

1. More prep work for paving on section of Fletcher Farm Rd
2. Village of Saranac Lake assisted with use of water truck to flush culverts
3. Village of Tupper Lake assisted with use of water truck to flush culverts
4. Assisted town of Black Brook with paving
5. Assisted town of Saranac with paving
6. Assisted town of Brighton with paving
7. Assisted Town of Plattsburgh with paving
8. Assisted Town of Duane with paving
9. Picked up tent at Merrisville and set up at Rec. park as requested by Supervisor Brown
10. Prep work being done on Mensink Rd
11. Cut trees several times on several roads including county roads
12. Repaired driveway entrance at Rec park as requested by Supervisor Brown
13. Installed volleyball net and boundary lines as requested (councilman Jarvis)
14. 2nd payment of snow and ice turned in
15. Gas& Fuel sheet given to Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION #19 APPROVAL TO PRESENT PREFERRED REPLACEMENT OF MINI DUMP TRUCK (550) On a motion by Councilman Bartiss, second by Councilman Jarvis, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve Highway Superintendent Jacques DeMars presenting information regarding his preferred replacement of the 550 Mini Dump Truck, through the Office of Government Services, at the August board meeting.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown
 Councilman Hamm
 Councilman Jarvis
 Councilman Demong
 Councilman Bartiss

Those Voting No: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Six Nations Iroquois Cultural Center - The Town Clerk reported she had been contacted by Six Nations CC requesting a letter of support from the Town of Franklin Town Board. Supervisor Brown reported a letter of municipal support has been sent. The Town Clerk will invite 6NICC to a future board meeting.

B. FY 2022 Fuel

RESOLUTION #20 APPROVAL TO SOLICIT SEALED BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THREE UNDERGROUND PROPANE STORAGE TANKS AT HIGHWAY GARAGE On a motion by Councilman Hamm, second by Councilman Jarvis, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the solicitation of sealed bids for the installation of three one thousand gallon underground propane storage tanks at the Highway Garage.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown
Councilman Hamm
Councilman Jarvis
Councilman Demong
Councilman Bartiss

Those Voting No: None

RESOLUTION #21 APPROVAL TO SOLICIT SEALED BIDS FOR GASOLINE, PROPANE, FUEL OIL AND DIESEL FOR FY2022 On a motion by Councilman Jarvis, second by Councilman Hamm, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the solicitation of sealed bids for the procurement of FY 2022 diesel, propane, gasoline and fuel oil.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown
Councilman Hamm
Councilman Jarvis
Councilman Demong
Councilman Bartiss

Those Voting No: None

OLD BUSINESS**A. CDBG-Friends of the North Country**

RESOLUTION #22 APPROVAL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR PROJECT FR-19-08 On a motion by Councilman Demong, second by Councilman Bartiss, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approved of the capital expenditure of \$25,480, plus administrative, project deliver and other soft costs in accordance with the Town of Franklin Housing Rehabilitation Program for project FR-19-08.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown
Councilman Hamm
Councilman Jarvis
Councilman Demong
Councilman Bartiss

Those Voting No: None

B. Insurance Update-Adjuster is working with Trident to finalize a settlement for funds expended to comply with 2020 building code.

C. DASNY - No update regarding Assemblyman Jones' funding or funding to upgrade Town Hall.

D. Waterfront Revitalization Grant - Nothing new to report.

E. Pollinator Garden - Supervisor Brown reported the garden has been created at Kate Mt. Park and urged everyone to visit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Recreation**

SUMMER DAY CAMP -Lauren assisted in last minute preps for opening. Weekly attendance averaged around 35 campers. Hot lunches with SLCSO menus being served daily. -Highway crew setup the town's tent stored in Merrillville garage next to south side of pavilion, and Dick & Leo added additional rope to secure tent for storms. Brian Hinkley setup new volleyball net and mowed. KATE MT. PARK -Brian Hinkley continued to stain the pavilion and storage shed when suitable weather. -Adirondack Action volunteers planted 3 hexagon planters adjacent to the veterans memorial rock with perennials favored by natural pollinators. -Trail signs were ordered from Voss Signs and are in the process of being installed, to be finished after completion of trail's side and overhead vegetation is pruned back. -Lauren continued organizing and preparing for the August 14 Music Jam. CANOE CARRY AROUND FRANKLIN FALLS - 5 members of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail on July 1&2 completed construction of stone

steps for hand launch of canoes and fishing access below the falls off the county road, opposite the existing car pulloff. Leo and Dick talked with the crew and praised their good work. DEBAR MT. UMP -Steve Guglielmi, DEC forester in charge of UMP, wrote on status of draft plan approval: " I'm sorry to say that we do not have a firm schedule set for the UMP. Folks at DEC know moving forward with the Debar UMP is important. We are working on a solution to the issue with how to address snowmobile trails in the UMP in response to a court decision." FRANKLIN OUTDOOR RECREATION AND POINTS OF INTEREST MAP/KIOSK Ezra Schwartzberg, Adirondack Research, provided an estimate of \$4,165, plus printing costs for the proposed work plan sent earlier. Copy of the estimate will be provided. Town would apply for matching grant from Franklin Co. economic development and destination office.

B. Cemetery: -Dick and Leo met with cemetery custodians Tim and Susan Goff to plan priorities for this season on June 29. A detailed report for prepared for town cemetery file. Current projects in the planning: 1- Install 3 gates at entrances to Union Cemetery. Dick prepared material estimate totaling around \$700, to be paid by Cemetery Reserve Fund or cemetery equipment A8810.2. Materials to be ordered soon. Brian Hinkley will be asked to assemble and install as available. 2- Goff's will prepare list of sunken graves. Fill of sunken graves will done with current stockpiled soil and topped with topsoil and seeded, as Brian Hinkley's time allows. 3- Owners of plots are reminded that no shrubs or trees are to be planted in the ground, since over time the roots cause problems with graves and maintenance. Cemetery Rule #11: All live plants shall be in a container and removed before Nov. 15 in year planted. Nothing shall be planted into soil." Goff's will prepare list of plots with problem vegetation. Committee will draft letter to plot owners requesting their removal of in-ground plantings by date certain and restore to natural grade.

C. NEWSLETTER - Lauren reported the fall newsletter is expected to be completed and sent by mid-September.

D. Open House/Grand Opening/Park Jam - Lauren reported she applied for and received a \$750 Explore Adirondack Frontier grant offered through Franklin County Tourism. The funds awarded are to be used for advertising.

E. Correspondence - Supervisor Brown reported a letter to the Town Board was received by resident, John Hamm, regarding the installation of gates at Union Cemetery. Discussion was held no action was taken to rescind Resolution #52 of 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At the request of Legislator Ellis, Councilman Hamm moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss infrastructure negotiations, second by Councilman Jarvis. (All Aye) The board entered into Executive Session at 7:05pm. Present in Executive Session were the full town board, Legislator Ellis and the Town Clerk. Councilman Bartiss moved to close Executive Session at 7:20pm, second by Councilman Jarvis. (All Aye)

REOPEN REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Brown called the Public Meeting back to order at 7:21 and stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #23 INCREASE SEASONAL LABORER HOURLY RATE OF PAY On a motion by Councilman Demong, second by Councilman Bartiss, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approved of the capital expenditure of \$25,480, plus administrative, project deliver and other soft costs in accordance with the Town of Franklin Housing Rehabilitation Program for project FR-19-08.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown
Councilman Hamm
Councilman Jarvis
Councilman Demong
Councilman Bartiss

Those Voting No: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Supervisor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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