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## Town of Franklin Board Meetings

### Regular Board Meeting - March 10, 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, Glenn Swinyer, Doris Hamm, 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 a meeting was held between Franklin County and various local government representatives regarding the efforts to bring high speed broadband access to unserved areas in Franklin County. Lindy also reported that Franklin County will be holding COVID-19 vaccination clinics on 3/11 at the Franklin County Courthouse in Malone and on 3/18 at Dechantel Apartments in Saranac Lake. Also, Franklin County Solid Waste has a new CEO. A Hazardous Waste Clinic at Akwesasne in the spring.

#### REVIEW/APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021

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

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The board audited and approved the following claims:

<b>General Fund</b>	Abstract 3	Claims 55-69	\$13,690.93
<b>Pre-Pay General</b>	Abstract 2	Claims 2	\$667.658
<b>Highway Fund</b>	Abstract 3	Claim 18-26	\$11,112.40

<b>Landfill</b>	Abstract 2	Claims 2	\$2,000.00
(D.Hamm-D.Jarvis m/s/p) All Aye			

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Balances on hand as of February 28, 2021**General Fund**

Checking	\$204,955.30
Savings	\$533.31
Historian	\$3,039.93
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2,057.95
Cemetery RF	\$5,607.20
CLASS	\$24,920.21
Kate Mt. CLASS	\$46,654.38

**Highway Fund**

Checking	\$847,628.78
Savings	\$41,678.07
Cap Proj. HW	\$49,148.38
CLASS	\$410,845.96

**Landfill Clos. CR**

Checking	\$1,124.69
CLASS	\$13,061.00

**Fire Protection**

Checking	\$13,061.00
CLASS	\$1,517.43

**Capital Proj Bldg**

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

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Superintendent DeMars provided the following written report to the board as he has been directed by Franklin County DOH to quarantine due to possible exposure to COVID-19:

1. Plowed and sanded when needed
2. Had the loader out several times to make weeps
3. Cut trees out of the road that was blocking Alder Brook Road.
4. Cut other trees as needed
5. Marked frost heave areas
6. Gas & Fuel sheet given to Town Clerk.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Summer Youth Program** -The Town Clerk reported the Department of Health application renewal for the kitchen has been submitted. The Town is awaiting updated guidance from NYSDOH and CDC regarding COVID-19 safety requirements before submitting an application for the Summer Youth Program.

**B. Broadband Confidentiality Agreement**

**RESOLUTION #9 APPROVAL OF BROADBAND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT** On a motion by Councilman Bartiss, second by Councilman Jarvis, the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve entering into a confidentiality agreement between Franklin County/Town of Franklin and various broadband related providers regarding build-out plans and/or addresses included or not included in build-out plans.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown  
Councilman Demong  
Councilman Hamm  
Councilman Bartiss  
Councilman Jarvis

Those Voting No: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Garage Re-Build Update**- Supervisor Brown reported the garage is complete. The Town is now waiting for the insurance company and our private adjuster to finalize payments to be made to the Town.

**B. CDBG**-no update

**C. DASNY**-no update

**D. Waterfront Revitalization Grant**- A meeting is planned for 3/11 to discuss the final master plan for Kate Mountain Park. This plan was funded by the grant. The Town is not obligated to utilize it.

**E. Assemblyman Jones' Funding**-no update

**F. Bigelow Road**- No Dumping signs will be posted.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Cemetery**- The committee has been working with Cemetery Custodians, Tim and Susan Goff, to create a long-term plan.

**B. Recreation**-March 2021 Franklin Recreation Committee Report

- Per phone call with Steve Guglielmi, DEC forester assigned to DeBar Mt. Complex:

o DEC received the town board comments on the draft UMP

o Steve's priority is to draft the final UMP document for decisions by agencies

o Approximately 150 public comments received

o At least 2 months for decisions by DEC and APA

o He inquired if town had law restricting use of motors on Oregon Pond; Lauren advised no.

o Requested DEC "Volunteer Stewardship Agreement Policy, Application---could be used by Franklin Outdoor Recreation volunteers to help assist DEC in building and maintaining facilities within town of Franklin.

- Copy of Phil Brown's Adirondack Explorer article: "Bloomingdale's low-snow ski route" in March/April 2021 issue enclosed in package. Describes recreational use of Bigelow Road and Bog RR trails, and mentions problem of trash.

- In response to Franklin County legislature support for the land trade and proposal by Debar Lodge Institute for Debar Lodge, I wrote to Lindy Ellis advising of town of Franklin desire for prompt approval and implementation of the Debar UMP, regardless of potential delays involving Debar Lodge.

- Dick, Leo and Nancy Bernstein are working with Matt Kendall of APA on APA creation of a base map of Franklin with outdoor recreation opportunities and points of interest in town.

A virtual meeting is to be held with ELAN consultants on March 11 to review their draft plan for potential improvements to Kate Mt. Park.

**C. Newsletter**- The Town Clerk reported the deadline for submissions to the newsletter is March 15.

## OTHER

**Glenn Swinyer inquired as to the status of the grounds keeping duties for 2021.** The board advised Mr. Swinyer, by resolution in December 2020, as of January 1, 2021 grounds keeping responsibilities have been transferred to the Highway Department and under direction of the Highway Superintendent. Grounds keeping and other seasonal tasks will be performed by a seasonal laborer

## 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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