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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

Regular Board Meeting - September 8, 2021 5:30PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Al Hadley, Gail Huston, Rachele Waters, Doris Hamm, Dave Fadden—Six Nations Iroquois Cultural Center, 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

Dave Fadden—Mr. Fadden apprised those present of Six Nations Iroquois Cultural Center's (formally Six Nations Indian Museum) intention to expand and relocate. The Cultural Center has received its 501c3 designation. The Fadden Family has owned and operated the Six Nations Indian Museum in Onchiota since 1954 and will construct the new, larger, climate controlled facility in Onchiota. The board thanked Mr. Fadden for providing information and offered assistance when needed. The board invited Mr. Fadden to return with further updates.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF August 11, 2021 MINUTES

Minutes will be amended to reflect Tim Woodruff was in attendance. (Jarvis-Bartiss m/s/p) All Aye

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The board audited and approved the following claims:

General Fund	Abstract 9	Claims 171-192	\$6457.70
Pre-Pay General	Abstract 9	Claims 21-23	\$528.79
Highway Fund	Abstract 9	Claim 126-142	\$239,662.50
(D.Hamm-D.Jarvis m/s/p) All Aye			

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Balances on hand as of August 31, 2021

General Fund	
Checking	\$81,530.20
Savings	\$93,024.69
Historian	\$3,040.08
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2058.26
Cemetery RF	\$5,608.04
CLASS	\$24,925.18
Kate Mt. CLASS	\$46,663.74
Highway Fund	
Checking	\$725,349.79
Savings	\$41,680.18
Cap Proj. HW	\$4,156.06
CLASS	\$410,917.63
Landfill Clos. CR	
Checking	\$4,124.90
CLASS	\$8,062.95
Fire Protection	
Checking	\$181.06
CLASS	\$1,517.58
Capital Proj Bldg	
CLASS	\$912.35
((Bartiss-Jarvis m/s/p) All Aye	

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

1. Garage open house and town celebration
2. Mowing is complete. Started mowing landfill as requested by Supervisor Brown
3. Prep work section of Norman Ridge road
4. Assisted NYS DEC making access road on Goldsmith Road (to river)
5. Added material on sections of Goldsmith Road
6. Cut many leaning trees around town
7. Straightened road signs and posts around town
8. Sent in yearly certification of the road inventory
9. * 284 for section of Norman Ridge Road
10. Started working on budget paperwork
11. Requested paperwork from Labarge Ins. For the yearly inventory
12. Ongoing beaver problems
13. Gas& Fuel sheets given to Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #29 AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS On a motion by Councilman Dick Jarvis, second by Councilman Don Hamm, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve of the expenditure of up to \$90,000 for General Repairs on approximately .7 miles on Norman Ridge Road.

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown
 Councilman Jarvis
 Councilman Hamm
 Councilman Bartiss
 Councilman Demong

Those Voting No: None

Superintendent DeMars provided information requested by Councilman Hamm at the 9/8 board meeting regarding pricing for a re-manufactured Deutz BF4L2011 Engine. Foley Engines, Worcester, MA has quoted a price of

\$14,246.08. The board approved this expenditure as a Pre-Pay Highway Fund expense. Voucher will be included in the October 2021 claims which will be audited and approved at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. COVID - Supervisor Brown stated the Town of Franklin attorney has advised the Town on the laws regarding COVID testing. Up to two weeks paid time off is required when an employee reports they have been advised by NYS Public Health to isolate due to possible COVID exposure or if they themselves have been ordered to quarantine due to their own positive test result. Proof of admission into and release from isolation/quarantine (provided by Public Health) must be provided to the employer prior to returning to work.

B. FY2022 Budget Workshop - The board scheduled a budget workshop/special meeting for October 5 at 4:30pm.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Insurance - no update

B. DASNY -The \$500,000 reimbursement funds through Assemblyman Billy Jones' office is in its final stages. All documentation has been submitted.

C. CDBG -no update

D. Fuel Bids -The Town Clerk stated she has spoken with HomEnergy. HomEnergy has agreed to streamline the billing and invoicing process.

RESOLUTION #31 ACCEPTANCE OF HOMENERGY BID FOR 2022 FUEL On a motion by Supervisor Brown, second by Councilman Demong, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby accept the bid from HomEnergy to provide 2022 fuel as follows:

Propane pricing - \$1.6793 (1/2 a penny off OGS state pricing)

Gasoline - \$2.5542 (OGS state pricing)

On Road diesel - \$2.4416 (1/2 a penny off OGS state pricing)

Heating oil - \$2.2372 (1/2 a penny off OGS state pricing)

Those Voting Aye:

Supervisor Brown
Councilman Hamm
Councilman Demong
Councilman Jarvis
Councilman Bartiss

Those Voting No: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Recreation

Sign and map for trails at Kate Mt. Park were installed by Brian. Another successful summer camp program completed August 13, followed by a wonderful sunny day of shared jamming with friends at Kate Mt. Park, including music, vendors, food trucks and use of Park facilities. First draft of application for Franklin Co. Destination and Marketing Program grant provided to consultants. Submission due October 15. along the short and long loop trails.

B. Cemetery: On-going maintenance provided by Brian. Brief article for upcoming newsletter written.

C. BROADBAND - No Update

D. NEWSLETTER - Lauren has requested all submissions be received by 9/15.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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