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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

Year-End Meeting December 21, 2022 5:30PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Dorothy Brown, Council Member Richard Jarvis, Council Member Leo Demong, Council Member Rachelle Waters and Council Member Gail Huston

OTHER PRESENT:

Paul Capone—BAR, Lindy Ellis—Franklin Co. Legislator, 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 the full board was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Capone informed the board meeting documents should be posted on the website and requested the board to have an Assessment Re-Evaluation conducted. Leg. Lindy Ellis informed the board of the progress Franklin County is making regarding broadband mapping accuracy. Leg. Ellis and Council Member Rachelle Waters have been working closely with Franklin County to submit challenges to the coverage mapping by broadband providers by the cut-off date of Jan 13, 2023.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 9, 2022 MINUTES

-Approved as presented. (Brown-Huston m/s/p) all aye

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The board audited and approved the following claims:

General Fund	Abstract 12	Claims 222-255	\$15,983.39
Highway Fund	Abstract 12	Claims 192-228	\$148,665.89

Pre-Pay General

Abstract 12

Claims 64-71

\$5,022.60

(Huston-Waters m/s/p) All Aye

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Balances on hand as of November 30, 2022**General Fund**

Checking	\$72,295.08
Savings	\$251,180.91
Historian	\$3,040.46
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2,059.03
Cemetery RF	\$5,610.15
CLASS	\$328,485.53
Kate Mt. CLASS	\$47,162.68

Highway Fund

Checking	\$241,800.42
Savings	\$180,872.97
Cap Proj. HW	\$4,201.99
CLASS	\$415,401.34

Landfill Clos. CR

Checking	\$1,112.16
CLASS	\$8,152.88

Fire Protection

Checking	\$2,436.83
CLASS	\$1,534.26

Capital Proj Bldg

CLASS	\$152,147.46
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(Jarvis-Demong m/s/p) All Aye

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

1. Plowed and sanded when needed
2. Picked up skid-steer
3. Added shoulders on Norman Ridge Rd
4. Rearranged equipment at Merrillsville to get the kitchen trailer in
5. Had men out several times to deal with down trees due to high winds
6. On going beaver activity around town
7. We are in the process of applying to BRIDGENY regarding the replacement of some large culverts within our town.
8. Due to the short amount of time before the paperwork is needed, I am requesting a resolution allowing me to pursue said grant.
9. Fuel and gas sheets were given to the Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #40 AUTHORIZING SUPERINTENDENT TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO BRIDGENY

On a motion by Supervisor Brown, second by Council Member Jarvis, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board authorizes Highway Superintendent DeMars to submit an application for grant funds through BRIDGENY and further authorizes Superintendent DeMars to sign all documents regarding this process.

Those voting aye:

Supervisor Brown
 Council Member Demong
 Council Member Waters
 Council Member Huston
 Council Member Jarvis

Those voting No:

None

NEW BUSINESS**A. Audit of Justice Records****RESOLUTION #41 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 7, 2022 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 Brown
Council Member Demong
Council Member Waters
Council Member Huston
Council Member Jarvis

Those voting No:

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy - Co. Jarvis reported the LED streetlight conversion is nearly completed. Work on energy funding and efficiency continues with Nancy Bernstein—ANKA and Energy Volunteer Rich Brandt. He also reported new NYS and US Federal energy funding programs begin in 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Newsletter - Co. Huston reported the newsletter has gone to the printer. It will be mailed before the end of December.

B. Broadband - Co. Demong and Supervisor Brown are continuing to work with Adirondack Tech to install cable lines from Onchiota to Loon Lake. Co. Waters and Leg. Ellis will proceed with challenging the current coverage mapping.

C. Recreation - Co. Jarvis reported he has checked on the trails at Kate Mt. Park and removed downed trees from the blocking the paths.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Supervisor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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