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## Town of Franklin Board Meetings

### Regular Meeting - Monthly Board Meetings July 13, 2022 5:30PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Richard Brandt, Sandy Ladd—Charlebois Trucks, Peter and Julie Woodcock, 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**

Julie Woodcock asked what the status was of a bill put forth by former Senator Betty Little allowing municipalities to set speed limits within their boundaries. The Town Clerk will research this. Supervisor Brown will contact Sen. Dan Stek's office to inquire as to the status of this bill.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF June 8 and June 21, 2022 Minutes**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Balances on hand as of June 30, 2022

**General Fund**

Checking	\$180,841.45
Savings	\$91,167.06
Historian	\$3,040.33
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2,058.77
Cemetery RF	\$5,609.44

CLASS	\$325,364.02
Kate Mt. CLASS	\$46,734.29
<b>Highway Fund</b>	
Checking	\$893,589.64
Savings	\$1,681.52
Cap Proj. HW	\$4,162.01
CLASS	\$411,553.56
<b>Landfill Clos. CR</b>	
Checking	\$1,112.11
CLASS	\$8,075.42
<b>Fire Protection</b>	
Checking	\$2,436.73
CLASS	\$1,519.69
<b>Capital Proj Bldg</b>	
CLASS	\$151,097.83
(Jarvis-Demong m/s/p) All Aye	

## APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The board audited and approved the following claims:

<b>General Fund</b>	Abstract 7	Claims 120-145	\$20,941.11
<b>Highway Fund</b>	Abstract 7	Claims 94-116	\$229,977.86
<b>Pre-Pay General</b>	Abstract 7	Claims 34-37	\$6,028.91
(Huston-Demong m/s/p) All Aye			

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

- Hauled millings from airport and used on Norman Ridge, Merrill Rd, Alder Brook Park Rd and Garden Rd.
- More prep work on section of Norman Ridge Rd and paved with the assistance of: Town of Tupper Lake, Village of Tupper Lake, Town of St. Armand, Town of Brighton, Town of Saranac, Town of Plattsburgh and Brunell paving crew  
Had men working at rec park several times
- Had men work on section of Alder Brook Park Rd: pulling stones, grading, adding millings, regrading
- Cut leaning trees on several roads  
Removed brooms and put on mowers on 2 tractors and started mowing
- Assisted Town of Brighton with shouldering
- Met with Franklin County Soil and Water about possible grant applications for bigger culvert projects
- Met with Barton and Logidice about the Swinyer Rd bridge project.
- New pickup was delivered and was registered and insured
- Hauled a load of clay for the rec park
- On going beaver activity around town
- Fuel and gas sheets were given to the Town Clerk

## NEW BUSINESS

**A. Sandy Ladd**, Charlebois Trucks, updated the board regarding Plow Truck ordering and pricing. There is an eighteen to twenty-four month waiting period between ordering, building and delivery. The cost of the 2020 plow trucks was approximately \$225,000. Sandy estimates pricing increases could reach \$300,000. The board will take this information into consideration during upcoming budget preparations.

**B. Merrillville Roof** - Quotes for repairs will be solicited.

**C. Video Surveillance at KMP** - Supervisor Brown reported she is working with Spectrum to provide wireless surveillance.

**D. Conversion of Streetlights to LED's** — Councilman Jarvis and Richard Brandt have completed a streetlight location inspection of all streetlights located in the Town of Franklin. They will continue the conversion process research.

**E. Sand Bids**- The Town Clerk stated one bid was received and is unopened. The board approved rebidding with a bid opening date of July 18, 2022, at 2pm in the Town Clerk's Office (L.Demong-R.Waters m/s/p)

## OLD BUSINESS

**A. ARRA** - Supervisor Brown reported the Town has received all the American Restoration and Recovery Act funds. Total received is \$115,281.70

**B. DASNY** - No update.

**C. Park Building-Supervisor Brown reported the major work will continue after the Summer Youth Program ends on August 12.**

**D. Pump Track** - Council Member Huston reported KC is continuing work on the project. The beginner track should be completed in July. More clay and an excavator will be necessary to complete the advanced track.

**E. CDBG** - No update.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Recreation** - Councilman Jarvis reported the kiosks are built. The Highway Department will assist with installation.

**B. Newsletter** - Council Member Huston requested all contributions be submitted to her by July 20.

**C. Broadband** - Council Member Waters is researching upcoming funding opportunities. She also reported, according to current information regarding federal funding for broadband, Starlink has received federal funds for the Loon Lake area. If we apply for any federal grants for broadband, Loon Lake is now considered "served" and cannot be included. Council Member Demong stated he, along with Supervisor Brown and the Town Clerk are meeting with Adirondack Broadband on July 14 to discuss options other than Spectrum.

**D. Youth Program** - Supervisor Brown, second by Council Member Demong, moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter at 6:45.

**Present in Executive Session** - were Supervisor Brown, Council Members Jarvis, Huston, Waters and Demong. The Town Clerk was also present. The board exited Executive Session at 7:25. (Waters-Huston m/s/p)

**Supervisor** - Brown reopened the public meeting and stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Council Member Demong moved to hold a staff meeting Monday, July 18 at 3pm with the Summer Program staff. The Town Clerk stated, because a quorum will be present at that meeting, notice must be given to the public as it constitutes as a board meeting. Notice will be provided as required by the Open Meetings Law.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Supervisor Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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