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Town of Franklin Board Meetings

Regular Meeting - Monthly Board Meetings May 11, 2022 5:30PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Cleary, Leg. Lindy Ellis, 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

Leg. Lindy Ellis brought the board up-to-date on various funding sources and providers the North Country Broadband Alliance has applied to in order to increase high-speed broadband availability and affordability in the North Country. She also reported Franklin County Highway Department has applied for the necessary DEC permits to paving sections of Co. Rt. 55. Currently, the North Country Broadband Alliance is working with Hudson Valley Wireless to provide a microwave signal to the Franklin Falls area.

Kevin Cleary-Mr. Cleary inquired as to the status of bringing high-speed broadband to the entire Town of Franklin. Mr. Cleary was informed that Starlink satellite service is the fastest connection other than cable.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF April 13, 2022 Minutes-G.Huston-L.Demong m/s/p

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

General Fund

Checking	261,645.84
Savings	\$91,165.54
Historian	\$3,040.28
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2,058.67
Cemetery RF	\$5,609.16
CLASS	\$325,025.57
Kate Mt. CLASS	\$46,685.65
Highway Fund	
Checking	\$992,900.21
Savings	\$1,681.49
Cap Proj. HW	\$4,157.69
CLASS	\$411,125.40
Landfill Clos. CR	
Checking	\$1,112.09
CLASS	\$8,067.01
Fire Protection	
Checking	\$2,436.69
CLASS	\$1,518.11
Capital Proj Bldg	
CLASS	\$150,940.64
(Jarvis-Demong m/s/p) All Aye	

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The board audited and approved the following claims:

General Fund	Abstract 5	Claims 79-90	\$2,908.04
Highway Fund	Abstract 5	Claims 62-79	\$17,567.39
Pre-Pay General	Abstract 5	Claims 23-26	\$2,409.85
(Jarvis-Demong m/s/p) All Aye			

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

1. Plow and sanded when needed
2. Posted roads with weight limit signs
3. Started taking down weight limit signs
4. Cleaned trees out of many ditch lines
5. Started brooming and picking up near houses
6. We also have their shared service agreement to be given to the Town Clerk
7. Request the Town go out to bid for road sand
8. Had one man and backhoe at request of Supervisor Brown to assist in digging test holes for septic
9. Had men out cutting trees due to heavy snows. Cut and chipped on many roads
10. Fuel and gas sheets were given to the Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #20 APPROVAL TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR 2022-23 ROAD SAND

On a motion by Council Member Demong, second by Supervisor Brown, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby authorized the Town Clerk to solicit bids for up to 13,000 tons of road sand that meet or exceed NYSDOT requirements. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the July 13, 2022 monthly board meeting.

Those Voting Aye:

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

Those Voting no: None

RESOLUTION #21 284 AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS

On a motion by Supervisor Brown, second by Council Member Huston, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve of the expenditure of up to \$190,000 for permanent improvements commencing at Fletcher Farm Road intersection with Norman Ridge and leading to Norman Ridge Road for a distance of approximately one mile.

Those voting aye:

- Supervisor Brown
- Council Member Demong
- Council Member Waters

Council Member Huston
Council Member Jarvis

Those voting no: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Road Salt Task Force - Council Member Jarvis presented a draft resolution listing concerns and recommendations to the Adirondack Road Salt Task Force. Discussion was held and it was agreed that the Town of Franklin will use the points in the draft resolution to create and submit a letter to the Adirondack Road Salt Task Force rather than adopt a resolution.

B. Seasonal Help - Supervisor Brown requested board approval to rehire Brian Hinkley (2021 Seasonal Worker). (D.Brown-R.Waters m/s/p) all aye

C. NYMIR Safety Meeting - Supervisor Brown reported she met with the Town's insurance provider, NYMIR, regarding the safety of the existing and new park equipment. Supervisor Brown and Council Member Demong will be responsible for ensuring all requirements are followed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. DASNY - Supervisor Brown reported she has contacted Dan Stek's office to follow-up on the status of the funds to repair and upgrade the Town Hall. No update has been provided yet.

B. Park Building - Supervisor Brown reported Snickles Plumbing and Heating is handling the water/plumbing and AJ Arnold is handling the carpentry, flooring, etc.

C. Pump Track - Council Member Waters reported the Town of Franklin was awarded \$2,500 through the Adirondack Community Recreation Alliance for design of a pump track (BMX bicycles) at Kate Mountain Park. Ms. Waters also reported that she has been approached by resident Anna Beattie regarding the possibility of installing a garden at Kate Mountain Park in memory of resident Rebecca LoPinto who passed away on April 7, 2021.

D. Friends of the North Country - Supervisor Brown reported the town's request for a project extension has been approved by HUD. Sup. Brown also reported HUD has determined there is NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST regarding a project recipient and a Town of Franklin employee.

E. Proposed Energy Committee - Councilman Jarvis presented a draft resolution establishing an Energy Committee and appointing resident Richard Brant as a volunteer researcher and adviser. Supervisor Brown stated she has not yet spoken with Code Enforcement Officer Derrick Martineau to inquire as to NYS Code Requirements for energy. No decision was made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Recreation - Council Member Jarvis reported edits for the verbiage on the two kiosks have been finalized. Mike Martin continues to work on the wooden frames for the kiosks. Co. Jarvis has also spoken with Laura's Custom Artworks in Lake Placid. Laura is drafting a few ideas for a new entrance sign at Kate Mt. Park.

B. Youth Program - Supervisor Brown reported she has submitted the necessary paperwork to NYSDOH for a 2022 permit to operate the program.

C. Newsletter - Council Member Huston reported the newsletter is being coordinated and will include information for residents to participate in designing new "Welcome" signs for the Town of Franklin. Ideas will be emailed to the Town Clerk.

D. Broadband - Jarvis reported, as part of the broadband initiative, Hudson Valley Wireless is working with Franklin County to provide wireless internet to unserved areas of the Town of Franklin. Triangulation tests were conducted from Mount Piscah and Norman Ridge was determined to be most beneficial to reach unserved areas of the town including Franklin Falls and Union Falls. Approximately 250 households would be served. Currently, property owned by Co. Jarvis and Barb Rottier appear to be the best location to provide the most coverage. Five other locations are being investigated. Co. Jarvis and Ms. Rottier are not opposed to a mobile tower on a trailer located on their property in the event a more advantageous location cannot be found.

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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