

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: April 17th, 2023 Call To Order at: 7:00pm by Town Chair

Present: Berent Froiland x Kurt Lucey x Matt Connelly x Hannah Aspenson x Tracy Thelen x

Observers: Tom & Nancy Johnson, Shawn Arch, Bret & Michelle Halvorson, Ed Fanta, Brody Rudrud

Minutes:

March 2023 minutes were read by Clerk

Motion to stand as read w/correction: Matt 2nd to the motion: Kurt Motion carried: x

Treasurer's Report:

March 31, 2023 Book Balance = \$141,296.41

Outstanding Checks = \$ 527.16

Bank Balance = \$141,823.57

Checking as of today: \$141,823.57 Money Market acct: \$1,005.16 Line of Credit payoff: \$0

Sale of orange truck \$4500 cash deposited on 4.4.23

WI quarterly payment received in checking 4.3.23, \$45,001.64

Motion to stand as read: Matt 2nd to the motion: Kurt Motion carried: x

Other:

~Liquor License: Tracy updated board that so far one request for a renewal, form Furter Along LLC/Steve Lawless.

~Patrolman Update: Brody had paperwork for the cost of getting a different grader. Board comments were that it will be a lot of money, but how much more do we keep putting into the current one. It seems nickel & diming us a bit already.

Tom @ Citizens can work with us on rates & length of terms. Over 10yr period moralized, could look at like 2 year locked in rate, then renew at the new rate at that time. Kurt suggests not locking into long term right now. Matt said do you keep for 10yrs/5000 hrs then get rid of and buy new? or keep til its just no longer usable & then get a new one again like we are having to do now?. Kurt also mentioned lets be sure all other equipment is in good shape now, so hoping that will not bring extra costs. Brody said things are good as of now. Berent -what is the next step? Do we talk more & then make decision in May? Need to decide before much longer either way. Price we got is basically good for today, seems to be changing daily, not monthly like it used to be. Also down payment needed? As of right now, the paperwork indicates just needing a signature to proceed/order. Board in favor -maybe look at increasing the levy to help cover the cost too.

Motion to approve the purchase of the 2023 Grader by Kurt, seconded by Matt, motion carried.

~Clean Up days – per Berent has help lined up. Brody will run endloader on Friday. Then Matt Zitzner on Saturday. And we have Raymond Hooverson & Roger both days. Tracy said she could cover from Noon til 3 for Roger when he has to leave Saturday.

~Dairy Breakfast June 10th – the board decided to close the dump for that day. Tracy will get signs made to post. We'll keep the parking area clear in case they would like to use for a carpool/ride area. Sheriff Torgerson reached out too about parking on Monument Rock, the south side of the road only.

Public Questions & Concerns:

Johnsons/Halversons/Arch were here to ask the board to consider sealcoating Meadow View Ln this summer too. Since we'll be right there finishing off Getter Road, would make sense to just get it done at the same time. It is approx. 2/10^{ths} of a mile. Brody said the base is good, wont be much prep needed. Berent will do some checking a/Fahrner to make sure on price & if they can do it with Getter Rd project. Then May meeting we will have more info to make a decision.

Bills:

Bills are prepared by clerk & reviewed by the town board.

Motion to stand as read: Kurt 2nd to the motion: Matt Motion carried: x

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting: Matt, 2nd by: Kurt Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 8:24pm