

# **TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes**

**Date: January 16, 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: 6 Robin & Danny Connelly, Brody Rudrud, Chad Thelen, Jeremy Nagel, Ed Fanta

## **Minutes:**

December 2022 minutes were read by Clerk

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

## **Treasurer's Report:**

December 31, 2022 Book Balance = \$325,293.71

Outstanding Checks = \$ 8,722.52

Bank Balance = \$334,066.23

Checking as of today: \$649,954.62 . Money Market acct: \$1,004.43 Line of Credit payoff: \$0

Quarterly Shared Revenue payment was received on 1.3.23

Motion to stand as read: Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Kurt Motion carried: x

## **Public Questions & Concerns:**

~Robin Connelly questioned purchasing garbage bags. Hearing & noticing not everyone is using the town bags.

Berent said he will talk to Roger & remind him that everyone needs to be using the town bags.

## **Other:**

~Gundersen Health Contract renewal: motion to accept the renewal and sign made by Kurt, 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:

Matt Motion carried: x

~Brookville Cemetery – Berent had a call from Krause & the City of Viroqua. There is a gentleman that wants to purchase a couple of plots so he can be next to his family. We don't have any type of plot layout that we are aware of. Berent is going to contact the historical society and see if they have anything on record, or a contact name for the Sexton of this cemetery. Last known of any one buried in there was in 2012 last name of Abbey.

Also mentioned is that we have no pricing set in place that we are aware of either. Board discussed pricing options. Some examples given were Redmound for a single is \$400. Brody thought at his church, for a non-member is \$300 for single grave. Robin Connelly said at their church, they bill \$400 for the grave, \$100 to mark it for a total of \$500. And if they have to do it at separate times, its another \$100. Motion made by Kurt for the Town of Franklin to bill for our cemeteries \$400 for a single grave. 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Matt Motion carried: x

~Town Dump/County Meeting: Berent said as of now, no changes were made at their meeting – they didn't pass to close the landfill.

~Clean up Days – Stacie asked Berent if we had a date set for our Clean Up Days. She has April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> open and would be good date to book. Board discussed. Motion made to set Clean up Days for Friday & Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> . We need to start looking for helpers now so we have someone lined up for both days.

~Gravel & Seal Coat bids: lets get these going now so we can get a price locked in before things go up again. Board wants to get bids for both gravel & seal coat. Looking to seal coat just about 4.8 miles (Black River Rd, Swenson Rd, Getter Rd, Thompson Rd). Tracy will get the last years wording emailed to the board for updates and then will get published in the paper. Be sure to have completion date added this time. We have to publish for two consecutive weeks, with final publish the week before. Get to paper so we can have bid openings at the next meeting on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.

~Grader – Berent asked is any more thoughts on this? Lets look for some more available funding options, if any out there, for February meeting. Tracy will ask Kay (at Sterling) what program they did. They had funding for their grader & new loader. One option would be to increase the tax levy next year going forward. Brody had asked rep about the leasing option – response was they aren't really pushing the lease option. Also mentioned: our current '97 Grader – rough trade in value around \$60,000. Brand new we are looking at rough cost of \$400,000. Board decided to table until February meeting.

~Patrolman Update:

1) Brodys truck: tires on it are wider, having trouble with chains. Got new chains, but when loaded it rubbing on the inner duals. Probably need to put different tires on his truck to avoid this. Board said yes get the new tires.

2) Kurt asked if the guys had any troubles w/the our trucks in the cold spell? None for us per the guys.

~MOTION made to go into closed session for Patrolman Reviews at 7:45pm.

No other items for closed session. Motion made at 8pm to go back into regular session by Matt, 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion Kurt, Motion carried.

**Bills:**

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

Motion to stand as read: Kurt 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Matt Motion carried: x

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn meeting: Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Kurt Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 8:28pm