

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: March 20, 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: 1

Minutes:

February 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:

February 28, 2023 Book Balance = \$172,199.23

Outstanding Checks = \$421,901.70

Bank Balance = \$594,100.93

Checking as of today: \$159,740.96 . Money Market acct: \$1,004.75 Line of Credit payoff: \$0

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

Public Questions & Concerns: None.

Other:

~Rural Mutual Insurance rep Kevin Bluske was here to go over the Towns insurance policy. No big changes, just the normal increase that happens each year. Kevin did mention to have Tracy send the certificate of liability insurance for each Scotts & Fahrner.

~Kurt working with Tom Weston at Citizens on the financing options for us on purchasing a new grader. Kurt was waiting on a response yet from Tom.

~Berent had some info on a grant option. Hasn't has any luck with any grant funding available at this time. And a couple of options Berent did find, we do not qualify for them. He did say the Towns Assoc. did mention State Trust Fund loan or a low interest loan as a last resort, if we cant' get something local. Kurt is in the works w/Tom at the bank now to see what our options are. Kurt should have something this week and will forward on to the rest of the board once he gets something.

~Berent said he had calls form both Fahrner and Scotts after the bid opening meeting – Wayne noticed he had an error on Thompson Rd figures – but will still need to honor the price as that is what was on the signed agreement..

~ Board asked how the process works for Levy Rate increase. Tracy will send them the information. We might need to look at increasing our levy this year going forward.

~Patrolman Update: from Brody 1) said grader needs new rear tires for more traction. (4 in the back). Avg is \$2000/piece. Board agreed we need to do what is needed to keep the machine in working order and usable. So go ahead and get the tires. 2) Mud spots in a few areas – can we get Fortney to haul some breaker & then get gravel on it, in hopes to resolve issue going forward? Board agreed yes. Spots Brody could think of right off hand were on Nelson Rd, Finely, Fortney Rd. 3) Orange dump truck: should we sell it? We don't use it. Not doing it any good just sitting here. The guys said it started right up today when they tried. Has the plow for it yet too. Board agreed we could go ahead and sell it. Just put out on along road with for sale sign in window and see what happens before trying to advertise it. Lets start at \$5500 and see what happens. 4) Seal coat – Brody mentioned for reseal tim do we go w/granite on that reseal – something to consider when we do need to do it. Kurt had talked w/Jefferson and they use granite – the limestone is a bit softer. They also purchase their chips themselves. If we purchase the chips & truck it, MIGHT save us a little bit of money – depending on trucking cost etc.

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. Me

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm