

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: October 16th, 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: (2) Brody Rudrud, Tim Rehbein

Minutes:

September 2023 minutes were read by Clerk

One change needed: Fire Station info: 9-10million dollar project, they have a grant for 5.2 million, the 3 townships possibly responsible for the difference if no other funding is found. Nothing set in stone yet.

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

Treasurer's Report:

September 30, 2023 Book Balance = \$11,649.81

Outstanding Checks = \$13,518.32

Bank Balance = \$25,168.13

Checking as of today: \$56,862.09. Money Market acct: \$1007.68 Line of Credit payoff: \$140,000

10.2.23 ACH \$45,001 WI Quarterly Pmt. Hannah also shared the 2023 tax insert w/the board for review.

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

Other:

~Driftless Humane Society Animal Control Contract: the board decided not to do anything with it at this time.

~L.O.C Renewal w/Citizens Bank – renewal due date is 11.16.23, Hannah will reach out to Tom for the info for next meeting.

~Funding opportunities: Berent brought up topic. LRIP specifically. Matt watched a webinar, what he got out of it basically they say to contract with your county. 3 types: local (county level breaks it out and bills 50/50) discretionary (state level 36 million to split to applicants), supplemental (90/10 – 90% state, 10% township funded, covers hard surface only, no gravel.) Phil had a meeting after the webinar and he recommends applying for all of them. Berent is thinking Hinkst Hollow is our longest stretch (5.72) not seal coated yet. We should apply for supplemental for that – hope to get the majority of it funded. Other ideas: Jones Rd, Brookville Rd.

~Budget & Special Meeting dates: set for Mon Nov 20^t @ 6:30 for Budget, Special Meeting to immediately follow. Then have our regular monthly board meeting to immediately follow the special meeting.

~Patrolman Update by Brody: Grader in/ready, except the wing & plow. Back ordered. Hopefully get by 12/1.

~Berent had a question from Angela Wee – regarding family burial on family property. Who to reach out to for information on this as far as if ok to do so, how/who makes the decision etc. Board is not really sure either. Will look into it a bit more.

Public Questions & Concerns:

~ Tim Rehbein had a couple questions on obtaining a Winery Class C license. Looking to produce & whole sale from their home location. Possibly in future looking at a tasting room and maybe retail at the farm as well so Class B license. Just something they are looking into and so wanted to give the board the heads up.

~Gerald Thurin has concerns about Belgium Ridge Rd graveling. He feels that it really needs to be graveled. Gerald doesn't think the water is draining properly. Brody agrees it could use some gravel in areas, and the ditches still need to get cleaned out. Brody thinks about 30 loads would do it. Might be able to get to it yet this year maybe- be about a day or two of work. Brody will reach out and see if we can get some trucks & gravel – just see what we can do.

Bills:

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

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

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting: Matt, 2nd by: Kurt Motion carried. Meeting adjourned: 8:41pm