

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: September 18th, 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: (3) Brody Rudrud, Rory Kjome, Amy Olson

Minutes:

August 2023 minutes were read by Clerk

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

Treasurer's Report:

August 31, 2023 Book Balance = \$188,135.90

Outstanding Checks = \$ 560.79

Bank Balance = \$188,696.69

Checking as of today: \$184,930.38. Money Market acct: \$1006.27 Line of Credit payoff: \$ 0

Tax insert & Abt Mailcom – can we go with ABT Mailcom again this year? It has worked out really well so far.

Board agreed to continue with Mailcom. Hannah will email us a proof of the tax insert to review before next meeting. Motion to stand as read: Matt 2nd to the motion: Kurt Motion carried: x

Other:

~Dvorsak on Gardner – emailed us about fencing attached to town bridge? Board agrees should not be attached. Berent will stop & discuss w/the land owner of fence. We would like it to be the 33' from the road, to stay w/the road right of way distance.

~Berent attended a Fire Meeting – was a discussion on the new fire station possibilities/plans etc. 9-10 million estimated cost of new building. They have 5.2 million already, so rest would be township and any other funding options we might find.

~Patrolman Update by Brody: rented the Crawford mower tractor again so they can both be mowing this next week and get everything done one more time for the fall before winter.

Public Questions & Concerns:

S. Brookville Road concerns: Kjome & Olson both came to ask when we can get this road seal-coated. Has been lots of extra traffic w/the intersection road construction- way more than usual, and has been extremely dusty/and getting very wash boarded etc. Just asking the board to consider it sooner than later as it has become a cut across and lots of traffic. Kjome claims there is funding for rural improvement via VanOrden now?? Kurt asked any thoughts on next step – Berent mentioned in past we've worked with a 2 yr cycle – trying to sealcoat every second year, graveling and base prep the year in between. Will need to make a plan and if we need to gravel etc in 2023, then more seal coat in 2025 possibly. Will look for LTrip funding again etc.

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: 8:25pm