

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: January 15th, 2024 Call To Order at: 7:00pm by Town Chair

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

Observers: (2) Brody Rudrud, Jeremy Nagel

Minutes:

December 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:

December 31, 2023 Book Balance = \$160,569.17

Outstanding Checks = \$ 37,230.41

Bank Balance = \$197,799.58

Checking as of Jan 11, 2024: \$872,223.09. We receive the WI Quarterly payment of \$45,001.64 on 1/02/24.

Money Market acct: \$1008.95

Line of Credit payoff: \$482,500.00. This includes the monies for the grader payment, until we get the loan paperwork completed w/Citizens Bank.

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

Public Questions & Concerns: None.

Other:

~Bank loan for grader: Kurt mentioned doing a 2 yr agreement, then relook at rates. Is this an option? or do we have to lock into a longer loan term/agreement? Need to get a more defined answer from Bank. Berent also mentioned if we could maybe get a quote from Peoples State Bank – just as a comparison. Berent will work on that. No action taken at this meeting.

~Vernon County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023-2028: motion made to adopt the Vernon County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023-2028 as an official plan by Kurt, 2nd by Matt, no objections, motion carried.

~Parking lot: Residents have been asking about parking in our lot – specifically the larger semis and trailers. The board has discussed this in the past and it was decided not to allow any parking. It is a liability for our patrolman and residents who come to the dump etc. Need to get some signage up. Brody & Jeremy will work on this.

~Kurt had a resident ask about driveway – property at the corner of Gardner & Hornby roads. Kurt told him it's a county level decision not township because of the creek there etc. Explained not to do anything until talking to the County Zoning Dept.

~Fire Station update: Berent said he expressed our “not going to be able support the \$300,000 they are asking for. Berent will keep sending updates as he hears/gets them. Last he knew, they were going to get more bids by the end of February.

~Town & Country collection contract: Motion made by Kurt, 2nd by Matt, carried to sign and four-year contract having Town & Country do our collection and delivery which must be taken to the Vernon County landfill.

~Waste Zero – garbage bags. Getting low, will need to order. The board asked for a quote – get pricing for the type of bag we just had, and for the previous ones we had (pre covid).

~Patrolman Update by Brody: no new updates other than the grader is great! Worth the investment. Worked great in the latest snowstorm. Much bright lights, easier to maneuver, just everything is good about it.

~The board will now go into closed session for Patrolmen reviews. Closed session began at 7:06pm. Close session adjourned at 7:26pm.

~Board of Review Training – Berent will do this year. He is going to attend in person, one of the WTA conventions.

Bills:

Bills are prepared by the 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: 8:29pm