

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: June 17th, 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: Ed Fanta, Brody Rudrud

Minutes:

May 2024 minutes were read by Clerk

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

Treasurer's Report:

May 31, 2024 Book Balance = \$ 7,644.78

Outstanding Checks = \$29,286.99

Bank Balance = \$36,932.77

Checking as of today: \$6,218.43, Money Market: \$1011.05, Line of Credit pay off balance: \$112,213.28

Grader Loan Balance: \$387,500.00

Other info: received amortization schedule from Tom Westen for Firehouse loan of \$300,000.

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Public Questions & Concerns:

~No public present

Bills:

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

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Other:

~Liquor/Wine/Beer License: Board approved to issue Further Along LLC/Steve Lawless his licensing again this year.

Application was completed & returned with payment.

~Tracy & Kurt had someone ask about the Beaver damn down on Hornby Hollow Rd on Harold & Jean Wright property - how it is creating the water to back up right to the road. Also, complaints about the vehicles and such parked along and almost on the road at the William & Donna Clifford property. After discussion, Berent will check with the DNR on what the options are for removing the beavers (can we hire someone to trap? Do we need the landowner's consent etc.). Tracy will send a reminder letter to Dave Cognan (who lives at the Clifford property) about no parking along the road and to remove the vehicles asap.

~Hannah said Wayne Robson reached out to her about his landlock issue. Berent had info: we could look at expanding Melvin Road out, but Robson would be responsible and incur all the charges. Berent talked w/Brad (Waynes's son) and will reach out to Wayne to let him know as well.

~Fire Department new building: Berent said Fire Chief had reached out. They will be looking for payment by the end of June or early July probably. Tom Westen had given the board an amortization schedule for the \$300K. Kurt questions why interest rate went up? Even at ½% that adds up over time. Berent & Kurt are going to reach out to other banks to see what they could do for us, just to be sure we get the best option available. Kurt & Hannah will reach out to Tom to question their rate. The board's plan as of now is to adjust the tax levy beginning with 2025 for a given number of years to cover the grader & fire station payments. Once we have final bank funding decided, we will then know the dollar amount & number of years for this. The groundbreaking for the new station is June 26th. Berent will forward the email invitation to the rest of the board.

~Fire Contract renewal: Berent is working w/the other townships and the Mayor and Fire Chief on this agreement. Once something is more concrete, we will have it to review/make removals and or additions etc.

~Lone Oak Estates Road: are they public or private. The county land information officer/GIS coordinator has reached out asking for clarification. They are finding in some of the CSMs that it is noted "to be used as a private road". After board discussion, yes that has always been private roads. We do not have them listed on our Town Roads and do not get any transportation aid etc. for them. Just a note - a few times however (when we've had major snowstorms) the guys have gone after all other plowing is done and made a quick pass through to help out, however we are not required to do so. Tracy will let the county know these roads are private. Tracy also mentioned some residents requesting to come to the August board meeting to discuss this as well.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting: Kurt 2nd by: Matt Motion carried. Meeting adjourned: 8:11pm