

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: July 21st, 2025 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, Ed Fanta

Minutes:

June 2025 & May 2025 minutes were read by Clerk

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

Treasurer's Report:

June 30, 2025 Book Balance = \$12,537.21

Outstanding Checks = \$ 5,904.72

Bank Balance = \$18,441.93

Checking as of meeting date: \$57,394.84 Money Market acct: \$1016.53

Line of Credit payoff: \$20,000.00 Grader Loan (new loan) Balance: \$354,775.30 (\$51,609.94 paid 1/6/25)

Firehouse Loan (new loan): \$300,000 (1st pmt of \$39,952.00 due by Sept 16, 2025)

WI Quarterly Pmt for GTA received on 7.7.25 \$45,001.64

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

Public Questions & Concerns:

~Connelly Rd needs to be graded.

~John Mikkelson reached out again about the hill near his house/driveway. Hinskt Hollow Rd. Brody mentioned this is the steepest hill-grade in the township and he is up for any suggestions on how to make this road area better. They keep graveling & grading but when it rains hard, it of course washes. This is part of the seal coat project to be done in 2028.

Other:

~Fire Station: The fire Agreement with City of Viroqua and Towns of Jefferson & Viroqua is still being looked over by Viroqua & Jefferson. Getting closer to moving into the new station and opening it up.

~Solid Waste/Recycling Attendant pay. He has asked for a raise. Currently at \$15/hr. Tracy has reached out to other townships to see what they are paying for reference. Board agreed to raise our pay up to \$17/hr. beginning with the July paycheck.

~Ridgeview Estates update: Brody had talked w/Fortney and work is currently getting done. The Clarks are responsible to pay Fortney. Once we know Fortney has been paid and we have received the other paperwork (no liens etc.) we'll continue the process to obtain the road as Township roads.

~Patrolman Update: Graveling is done. Now just been grading where needed. Sealcoat holding up ok. Bleeding through in some spots but said should be ok. Will keep sanding in the hot weather where needed.

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

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting: Matt, 2nd by: Kurt Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 7:51pm