

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: November 17th, 2025 Call To Order at: 7:10pm by Town Chair

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

Observers: (5) Brody Rudrud

Minutes:

October 2025 minutes were read by the Clerk.

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

Treasurer's Report:

October 31, 2025 Book Balance = \$11,870.40

Outstanding Checks = \$17,757.93

Bank Balance = \$29,628.33

Checking as of today: \$105,463.01, Money Market \$1018.24,

Line of Credit payoff: \$223,882.53

Grader Loan Balance: \$354,775.30, Firehouse Loan Balance: \$275,768.83.

~on 11.17.24 we received our ACH deposit \$87,329.59 WI Shared Revenue Pmt (this is the normal amount PLUS the Governors approve supplemental payment included and the utility aid)

Hannah will make a principal payment on the line of credit of \$60,000.

Line of Credit matures Dec 30th. Hannah will get info from Tom on rates for our Dec meeting.

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

Public Questions & Concerns:

~from a Town Resident in advance of meeting (not in attendance) – wanted to be sure the Board is aware of the MeriBell Transmission Line project in regards to the existing lines that are eligible for proposed, new lines in Franklin Township. Resident has asked the board to adopt a resolution for the township asking for more detail from Dairyland Power. The Board has heard talk of it a bit. Dairyland Power is hosting public information meeting in Westby on Thurs Nov 20th from 4-6pm at the Westby Community Center on Main St. for anyone interested. No other action was taken at this time.

Bills:

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

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

Other:

~Motion was made to adopt the 2026 proposed budget: Kurt 2nd to the motion: Matt carried: x

~WasteZero – Tracy will reach out to get price quote for next meeting on ordering more bags.

~Town Recycling Attendant: Roger has given his notice to retire from the position. Roy Howell was interested in the job. He shadowed Roger for a couple of days and is willing to do the job. Town board agreed to go ahead and hire Roy Howell. It's a tough position to find someone willing for the few hours it is. Great that we had someone interested! Keep pay at the \$17/hr. rate.

~Patrolman Update: no major concerns/issues. Brody checked into boom mower rental costs. Simpson (we can rent & operate ourselves) is \$125/hr. Vernon Co Hwy \$150/hr (w/their operator), Crawford Co Hwy \$118-\$140/hr (depending on tractor used and their operator). The board agreed to go ahead and rent from Simpsons. Plan on 40 hrs give or take to get job done. The Peterbuilt is going to LaFarge Truck Center tomorrow to be looked at. Has a couple warning lights to check on. White pick up: Logan Fortney came & picked it up. He will take tires off and bring back to us. Rest will be scrap metal price that he'll get us a check for.

From Matt—great job on getting Brookville back up to snuff.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting: Kurt 2nd by: Matt Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.