

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: February 17th, 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: (1) Brody Rudrud

Minutes:

January 2025 minutes were read by Clerk

Motion to accept Meeting Minutes: Matt 2nd to the motion: Kurt Motion carried: x

Treasurer's Report:

January 31, 2025	Book Balance =	<u>\$637,953.63</u>
	Outstanding Checks =	<u>\$ 1,525.34</u>
	Bank Balance =	<u>\$639,478.97</u>

Checking balance as of meeting date: \$717,993.75. Line of credit balance \$0.

Money Market Balance: \$1014.44, Grader Loan Balance \$354,775.30, Firehouse Loan Balance \$300,000.

Motion to accept Treasurers report: Matt 2nd to the motion: Kurt Motion carried: x

Public Questions & Concerns:

~Kurt had a comment from a resident on Brookville Rd. Wants it seal coated of course. Also mentioned the water is not flowing as it should at the bridge. Need to get under bridge cleaned up etc.

~Matt has comment from resident on Monson Rd – needs grading/claims we never grade it, muddy spots/needs gravel the spring.

Bills:

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

Motion to accept bills: Matt 2nd to the motion: Kurt Motion carried: x

Other:

~Viroqua Area School reps were here to explain and answer any questions regarding the upcoming Referendum on April's election ballot.

~Fire Dept: per Berent, Township Chairmen (Viroqua, Jefferson & Franklin) discussed what they'd like to have in the agreement. One question was billing residents for fire calls etc. Still working/the Fire Chief on the agreement.

~Book Audits for Treasurer/Clerk done. All good, no concerns. The board approved and signed off.

~Gravel Bids: The board discussed and has bid wording ready to go. Tracy will get it published in paper for the March meeting. We are also going to do a seal coat bid for the reseal of our first roads.

~Grader Loan: time for renewal. From Citizens – it will stay at the same as it is now – 5.5% for 1 or 2 yr, 5.25% for 3,4,5 yr plan. A quote from another bank is currently at 4.7% for 1 yr, 4.5% for 5 yr, 4.85% 9 yr. the Board discussed and decided they want to reach out to Citizens and see if they would be able to match or at least come down to the 4% range – if Citizens can come down to the 4% range, then we'll stay with Citizen's bank. If they can't, then we'll need to change to the other bank quote that we have. Motion to stay with Citizens if they can come down to somewhere in the 4% range otherwise change to the other bank made by Matt, 2nd to the motion by Kurt, motion carried.

~Clean Up Days: Berent has talked w/the county on dumpster availability – April 25th & 26th are open. Motion made to have clean up days on April 25th & 26th, 8am til 3pm both days or until dumpsters are full. In the meantime, we'll need to reach out to get some help again as we normally do.

~Patrolman update from Brody: May have found a truck possibly (in Eastman). Waiting on the guy to get back to him with a price. 2014/70k miles/would need a new box or flatbed put on. Hopefully, he will hear from him this week. Per the Board, table until March meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:51pm