

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: February 23rd, 2026 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: (1) Brody Rudrud

Minutes:

January 2026 minutes were read by Clerk

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

Treasurer's Report:

January 31, 2026, Book Balance = \$571,906.60

Outstanding Checks = \$ 11,591.92

Bank Balance = \$583,498.52

Checking as of meeting date: \$695,155.32.

Money Market: \$1019.52 (balance requirement is \$1000 and is 0.1% interest earned)

Line of Credit payoff: \$0.

Grader Loan Balance: \$323,292.61 (4.8%, \$49,736.37 payment made 1/15/26)

Firehouse Loan Balance: \$275,768.83 (5.5%, \$39,952.00 payment was due 9/16/25, paid 8/27/25)

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

Public Questions & Concerns:

None

Other:

~Gravel Bids: The board discussed and has bid wording ready to go. Tracy will get it posted for the March meeting.

~Clean Up Days: Berent has talked w/the county on dumpster availability and waiting on a call back to verify dates.

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

~Fire Agreement discussion: A draft was proposed. Shannon Clark went back to Chief Buros with some changes requested. Fire Chief Buros wants to meet with all three townships to discuss those changes. He will send out a meeting agenda with date & time. Along w/the fire agreement, our Police & Fire Commission person was discussed. We currently have Bill Anderson but he hasn't attended meetings in a long time. Berent looked back in previous meeting minutes. He has tried reaching out to Bill but no luck with a response back. We need to get someone appointed that is willing to attend the meetings and represent the Township. One mention was Bernadine Hornby.

~Patrolman Update no issues/concerns currently. Brody mentioned will need screenings this year along w/the gravel. Approx 500-750 yards roughly. Culvert Inspection project is still a work in progress. Waiting to talk/hear from Phil at the county to see what they are doing for posting roads with weight constrictions. Is there a share cost with us and the County for fixing the culverts that need to be fixed. Berent wants to talk more w/Phil and get his opinion on what steps we need to take.

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: 8:15pm