

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: July 15th, 2024 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:

June 2024 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, 2024	Book Balance =	<u>\$18,240.14</u>
	Outstanding Checks =	<u>\$ 3,714.45</u>
	Bank Balance =	<u>\$21,954.59</u>

Checking as of meeting date: \$56,741.98 Money Market acct: \$1011.46

Line of Credit payoff: \$149,213.28 Grader Loan (new loan) Balance: \$387,500

Received the WI Quarterly Pmt on 7.2.24 \$45,001.64 (shared revenue).

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

Public Questions & Concerns: None.

Other:

~Fire House Funding loan: Tom @ Citizens. \$300,000 amortization 10yr – 5.5% 1, 2 or 3 yr, 5.59% 4/5 yrs. Motion made by Kurt to go with Citizens and do the 5.5% for 2 yrs, then redo paperwork at new interest rate at that time. (we have hopes interest rates will be going down some.) Annual payments are \$39,952.00. 2nd to the motion by Matt, motion carried. Tracy will email Tom the meeting minutes once we are ready to do the paperwork etc.

~Fire Agreement with City of Viroqua and Towns of Jefferson & Viroqua: Berent gave Fire Chief Chad Buros our wants/requests for Franklin. Chad was taking it to the council. We haven't heard anything back as of meeting night. Ideally we would like this agreement squared away before we mail them the check for the fire house, but not sure that will happen.

~Hinkst Hollow LTRIP funding: 5.7 miles approx. (includes Kolstad as state shows Hinkst goes all the way to Tigen Rd. We applied for \$331,000 for seal coat. The first declined, but now the State came back to us with a second-round option – they would pay 65%, so approx. \$221,000 of the cost (not the 75% original) They had others that declined after the fact so the original monies became available for the State to offer something else to us. Project would need to be finished by 2029, so not something we have to do asap. At least we can work on over the next couple of years – just needs to be completed by 2029. Motion to accept the State proposal of 65% paid to us for project made by Kurt, 2nd to the motion by Matt, motion carried.

~Chaseburg Farmers Coop – LP Gas bid @ \$1.59 for winter fill. Motion made to accept their bid by Matt, 2nd to the motion by Kurt, motion carried.

~Patrolman Update: Tractor is back & good to go. Will get Crawford County tractor back to them now. Gravel will probably begin this week. Keenan on Brookville, concerned about the tube between his place the Amish, doesn't seem to handle the water very good. Brody is working on this.

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: 7:48pm