

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: January 19th, 2026 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, Jeremy Nagel

Minutes:

December 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:

December 31, 2025, Book Balance = \$396,032.15

Outstanding Checks = \$ 3,702.79

Bank Balance = \$399,734.94

Checking as of meeting date: \$580,409.06.

Money Market: \$1019.09 (balance requirement is \$1000 and is 0.1% interest earned)

Line of Credit payoff: \$0. (\$5,567.98 interest payment made 12.16.25)

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)

New tax software is faster, reports are a bit different. 58 parcels have been paid online so far. This software is "real time" and up to date immediately between County & Townships.

Berent asked about over/under payments – do we have them, how do we handle. Hannah said doesn't really have many and for the one or two "under" she has had, it's only been a few cents here and there so she has just taken care of them from garbage bag/cleanup day coins.

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

Public Questions & Concerns:

None

Other:

~Fire Agreement discussion: A draft was proposed. Shannon Clark has been a vital key in helping the township get an agreement put together. Shannon has been in discussions with Fire Chief Buros to try and get final verbiage in place. He went over the draft with the board tonight. Now that the board has suggested a couple minor changes, Shannon said he will go back and talk w/Fire Chief Buros.

~Gundersen Health Contract renewal: motion to accept the renewal made by Kurt, 2nd to the motion: Matt, motion carried: x Tracy will get the signed agreement faxed over to Gundersen.

~Culver Inspections: Berent got an update report from the inspection. We have 5 in critical. We will need to post signage about weight restrictions or close the road until the culverts are replaced. Brody & Jeremy will work on getting the signage posted. In the meantime, there might be some possible funding opportunities that we can look into to help w/the cost of fixing. Berent is working w/Phil (Vernon Co Hwy) Brody & Jeremy on the next steps we need to do.

~Patrolman Update no issues/concerns currently.

~The board will now go into closed session for Patrolmen reviews. Closed session began at 7:30pm. Close session adjourned at 8:15pm. Now back into regular session.

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: 9:41pm