

# **TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes**

**Date: August 19<sup>th</sup>, 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: 17

## **Minutes:**

July 2024 minutes were read by Clerk

Motion to accept Meeting Minutes: Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Kurt Motion carried: x

## **Treasurer's Report:**

July 31, 2024 Book Balance = \$64,159.29

Outstanding Checks = \$ 1,149.77

Bank Balance = \$65,309.06

Clerk hasn't balance book yet for August so going with Treasurers number. If something change, Clerk will let the board know.

Checking as of meeting date: \$58,345.76, Money Market Balance: \$1011.89.

Line of credit balance \$449,213.28 Grader Loan (new loan) Balance: \$387,500

August Settlement was received in the amt of \$98,384.60.

Motion to accept Treasurers report: Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Kurt Motion carried: x

## **Public Questions & Concerns:**

Ridgeview Estates Residents: RE: Private Roads vs Public within their subdivision. Residents had reached out to the board about taking on the roads within the subdivision that are currently owned by Wanye & Robin Clark. This is approximately 1 mile in total. The patrolmen would need to go measure to be sure. The residents would like them to become town roads. A couple reasons being: 1) so they can be maintained & cared for on a regular basis (grading for potholes, washboards etc) 2) Wintertime, when the snow needs to be plowed. They would like to know that the Town will get them plowed so they would be assured they would have emergency services if ever needed. Berent mentioned that the Town would prefer the roads be brought up to standard town road requirements & ready for seal coat. Township requires 6-8" breaker, 3-4" gravel on top. LTrip funding would also require 24' width. The Clarks indicated that the roads were built to standard specs and so should be good to go. The best way to determine if they are currently up to standard is going to be taking a shovel & digging down in a couple areas & measure. See where things are at.

Other questions brought up: 1) does the township have someone we deal with for road work like this, ie: ditch cleaning graveling, culvert installation (Jason Fortney usually does the majority for the Township. Also Robin Davis w/Milestone. Residents will need to contact the contractor to see what needs to be done, if anything, to get them up to standard specs & ready for sealcoat. Town Board did say whoever is chosen, to be sure that contractor works with our Town Patrolmen on specs. Once that is done, Town Board will look at taking over the roads at that time. We would need to do a resolution to make/adopt those current private roads as town roads going forward. 2) Can the cost be added to their taxes as a special assessment to cover the costs? (The board would need to look into that more).

Berent will get to either Tracy to forward or to Vicki directly, what we would need the roads to be for "standard specs". Vickie agreed to be the contact and will forward on things to the residents when needed.

## **Bills:**

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

Motion to accept bills: Kurt 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Matt Motion carried: x

## **Other:**

~Fire Dept: Berent said no word on the fire agreemenht as of yet. Viroqua & Jefferson haven't heard either. One thing Berent heard was that there were some soil issues, so they were not able to start the build yet. They are having

to dig out & remove then refill. Tracy ok to go ahead & send Tom @ Citizens the meeting minutes from July to get the loan started there.

~Patrolman Update: 1) Grader issues with the motor. So it is at the dealership, getting repaired. 2) Got some more cold patch for filling holes on the sealcoat. 3) Going to start mowing things back again this week.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn meeting: Kurt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Matt Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45pm