

TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Board Minutes

Date: December 15, 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, Jenni Baird

Minutes:

November 2025: Tracy forgot to bring along. Will need to read at next meeting.

Motion to accept prior meeting minutes as read: Matt, 2nd to the motion: Kurt, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>November 30, 2025,</u>	Book Balance =	<u>\$16,588.40</u>
	Outstanding Checks =	<u>\$ 4,290.16</u>
	Bank Balance =	<u>\$20,878.56</u>

Checking as of meeting date: \$64,952.17 Money Market acct: \$1,018.66

Line of Credit payoff: \$163,882.54 Grader Loan Balance: \$354,775.30 (\$51,609.94 due 3/6/26)

Firehouse Loan: \$275,768.83 (\$39,952.00 due 9.16.25, paid 8.27.25)

Received \$49,770.00 State of WI LTRIP Funding on 12.8.25.

Line of Credit Renewal is due this month. Projected interest due 12.30.25 for the Line of Credit \$5,918.50.

Hannah can do payment online. Meeting minutes need to be emailed to Tom once it is decided what we will do.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Matt 2nd to the motion: Kurt Motion carried: x

Public Questions & Concerns:

~Jennie Baird attended to have discussion on the MariBell Transmission lines. Concerns about the route and would like the board to adopt resolution asking for more information on the project. She had a resolution sample typed & ready. She feels if the board should adopt and submit it to the company, it would at least show that there is concerns from the town residents. Board discussion was had and it was decided not to sign anything at this time. Just wanting to gather information and see when Dairyland provides more information. They are currently hosting some meetings in the area for residents to go and get more info if they wish to.

Other:

~Citizens Bank line of credit renewal is due. Tom gave us a couple of options:

Option A: 1-year at 4.75%, interest due annually. No prepayment penalty. No cost to renew.

Option B: 5-year renewal of the \$500,000 line at Prime - 2.00% with a floor rate of 4%, ceiling rate of 10% during that term. Interest due annually for a minimum payment. (Floor rate means the rate cannot go below, ceiling rate is a max rate during the term). The board discussed options. A motion to accept/approve Option A was made by Matt, 2nd to the motion by Kurt, motion carried.

~Election worker list was presented to Town Chair and was approved for the upcoming Election terms.

~Waste Zero: quote was given on the same order as previous year when we ordered: 75 cartons/Franklin 33 x 39 Flat top Twist ties at \$76.88/unit price for total of \$5,766.00 shipped to our town hall. Motion to accept the quote was made by Matt, 2nd to the motion by Kurt, motion carried.

~Solid Waste garbage – it was brought to attention that our garbage is not being hauled to the Vernon Co landfill as we had asked to be done some time ago. We'll have to reach out and ask why. In the meantime, the Board would like to see some quotes from other local companies just to see where they are at on pricing compared to what we are currently paying Republic Services (formerly Town & Country). Big Hook and Pork's Dumpster Service are a couple mentioned.

~Patrolman Update: been plowing so the roadside tree trimming/ditch cleaning is going slow. Will hopefully have a break in the weather soon & will get some more done.

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: 8:00pm