

August 14, 2023 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR TOWN OF FRANKLIN

The August monthly meeting for the Town of Franklin was called to order at 7:00pm by Dave Wesely following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present: Dave Wesely, Lori Kleiman, Katie Duckart, Sandy Smidle & Suzi Sevcik.

Katie Duckart made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Lori Kleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lori Kleiman made a motion to accept the minutes as printed from the July Town Board meeting. Katie Duckart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sandy Smidle presented the Treasure's Report, which shows a balance of \$271,409.79. Lori Kleiman made a motion to accept the Treasure's Report, Katie Duckart seconded the motion, motion carried.

Zoning administrator Suzi Sevcik noted there was one Right of Way Permit issued to TDS to lay fiber to a Cell Tower on Drumm Rd.

County Supervisor Scott Brown gave an update on the jail project. Bid came in approximately \$8 million over expected for a total of \$33 million. There may be an alternative option based on a County Jail built recently in Iowa and there is a group exploring that option. There was discussion about the highway department's construction project. There is currently wasted space and a lower number of employees than when previous facilities were built.

First Responder Suzi Sevcik noted there won't be a annual brat fry this year in September. There was a timing issue with home Packer game & corn silage harvest. There were two call last month.

In matters from visitors, Dan Van Pay inquired about extending a culvert on his driveway, Chairman Wesley left that decision up to the Zoning Administrator.

For road work, a culvert replacement on Rangeline will take place this week. Collegiate bridge's drip edge was fixed.

A Plaque was created to honor and recognize former Town Chairman. The Town of Franklin Recognizes and Thanks Dick Wochos for his over 33 years of Public Service including Town Chairman, County Supervisor and Town Supervisor, He was a 3rd Generation Town Chairman for Franklin. The Town Board and previous Town Board members will gather at a later date to present the plaque to Dick Wochos.

Discussion was made about the Salzsieder Land Division & Rezone. Katie Duckart made the motion & Lori Kleiman 2nd it to Approve the request as per the Planning Commissions recommendation that a new parcel be created with the house, and rezone the remaining parcel to A3. Additionally, adjacent parcel 31.008.29.121 of 6.67 acres would also be rezoned from A1 to A3. Motion Carried. The next steps for Salzsieders are to bring a Certified Survey map of the land division in to be signed by the Chairman or Clerk.

Lori Kleiman contacted M&E Landscaping for an additional bid for landscaping around the Town's Hall & Septic tank. A new bid was presented for \$2780.00 that includes cleaning up the septic landscaping, installing insulation, top soil and seeding as well as removing the stone on the west side of the building

and replacing that with topsoil and grass seed. Katie Duckart made the motion to accept the bid of \$2780, Lori Kleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Town of Franklin's Garbage & Recycling Pickup Contract was discussed next. Treasure Sandy Smidle made a chart of the different options presented to the Town so as to determine the best choice. After discussion, it was determined that the cost difference from Voluntary to Mandatory pickup was not worth the added value. Katie Duckart made the motion to approve Harter's Disposal as the new contractor for the next 5 years and Lori Kleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk, Suzi Sevcik presented the following information

- Revaluation is completed & notices will go out at the end of August.
- Open Book will be mid Sept, and Board of Review first week of October.
- Using the new accounting system for Disbursements – no longer using hand written "Orders".
- Budget & YTD was handed out to the Town Board for review.
- Would like to have the website redone to make it a bit more user friendly, please review other municipalities websites & come back with a wish list, we'll get bids from there.
- Move the Payroll from annually to quarterly – Motion was made by Lori Kleiman, seconded by Dave Wesley. Motion Carried

CAFO inspection date was set for August 23, 2023 starting at 5:10pm.

Town Disbursements were discussed, approved and paid.

Our next monthly meeting will be September 11, 2023 at the Franklin Town Hall.

There being no further discussion, the August Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Sevcik Town Clerk