

October 9, 2023 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR TOWN OF FRANKLIN

The October 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.

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

Treasurer Sandy Smidle presented the Treasure's Report, which shows a balance of \$235,324.58. Lori Kleiman made a motion to accept the Treasure's Report, Katie Duckart seconded the motion, motion carried.

In matters from visitors, Coleen O'Brien asked about garbage pickup and also inquired about safety during next year's elections as she's a pollworker. Her request was to see what the possibility is for posting a notice on the door about no weapons allowed. Chairman Dave Wesely will research the possibility of posting such notice.

Zoning administrator Suzi Sevcik noted there were three Building Permit issued. Curt Bradley for a shed, Nathan Johnson for a shed & Copper Top Bar for a remodel.

First Responder Suzi Sevcik reported that there were two calls last month as well as the fact that we received supplies from County Rescue to replace supplies used on calls. We also have the notice from County Rescue about service for next year. It will be at a rate of \$13.98 per capita.

For road work, Rangeline Culvert replacement was completed and we will receive bridge aid for half of it. As well as Sleepy Hollow was crack sealed from Old Settlers to AB. Special Thank You to Supervisor Katie Duckart for assisting in hanging replacement road signs.

The LaVerne Selner Land Division & Rezone request was discussed. Chairman Wesley made the following motion that was seconded by Supervisor Duckart:

To approve the planning commissions recommendation:

The Town of Franklin Planning Commission held a Public Meeting regarding the Selner applications on August 7 th 2023. After much discussion it was decided by a 3-2 vote to recommend to approve the land Division as shown on the attached map to create a RS1 parcel for the home presently owned by LaVerne Selner. The lot would include the driveway leading to the residences. The lot would be approximately 2.8 acres. The lot would be zoned RS1. The objection was to the location of the driveway.

The application by Mark Selner to increase his lot size by including the remaining farm buildings in his ownership was approved. It was recommended that he change his East boundary line so as to make it perpendicular to the road. He agreed to that recommendation. The south boundary of his lot would now be 40-50 feet beyond the last farm building . These new boundaries would encompass all the farm buildings except the silo. His existing lot and this additional lot would be rezoned to A2.

The remainder of this 40 acre parcel would be rezoned to A3

With the following changes: The lot rezoned to RS1 would be approximately 3.2 acres. The Driveway is split down the middle, half owned by each parcel owner with an easement that is to be legally recorded with the Certified Survey Map. There is also a Well agreement between the two parcel owners.

The Town Website was discussed next – Clerk, Suzi Sevcik presented 3 options for redoing the town’s website.

- JB Towns Setup \$1500 – Annual Cost \$600
- TownWeb Setup \$800 – Annual Cost \$1250
- StallionMedia.com, LLC Setup \$595 - Annual Cost for web hosting \$325 (full disclosure – this entity is owned by Suzi Sevcik)

Currently the town’s website is setup by the previous clerk, who did a great job. The reasons for looking to redo the site include the fact that we’d like to have the ability to add information like calendars for town hall rental, election information, meeting minutes from previous meetings, etc. The benefit to the town of having the website is it allows them to use the site for Class 1 notices instead of having to pay to publish those notices in the newspaper, as well as to keep the town resident’s informed. Chairman Wesley made the motion to approve redoing the website using StallionMedia.com, LLC. Supervisor Kleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LRIP Funding – Chairman Wesley discussed what the funding was, what type of projects are typically given priority and what our best course of action was. Presently we don’t have any bridges that would qualify, but it was discussed by Supervisor Duckart that we should start looking at our box culverts and perhaps get an estimate from Ayres about what it would cost to have those reviewed. Chairman Wesley would reach out to Ayres to see about costs for.

The Town’s transition to Harter’s for garbage & recycling pickup was discussed. New 95-gallon bins will be staged at the town hall, and Harter’s will contract out for delivery to all residents by the end of December. All Franklin residents that currently have GFL garbage bins will be owners of those bins when the contract concludes on 12/31/23. It should be noted that Harter’s will NOT pick up garbage or recycling that’s in a GFL container.

Town Disbursements were discussed, approved and paid.

Our next monthly meeting will be November 6, 2023 at the Franklin Town Hall at 7pm

There being no further discussion, the September Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Sevcik Town Clerk