

February 12, 2024 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR TOWN OF FRANKLIN

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

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

Supervisor Duckart made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, moving the Ordinance discussion before the Fee Resolution, Supervisor Kleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kleiman made a motion to accept the minutes from the January Town Board meeting. Supervisor Duckart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sandy Smidle presented the Treasurer's Report, which shows a balance of \$973,417.18. Supervisor Kleiman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Supervisor Duckart seconded the motion, motion carried.

Zoning administrator Suzi Sevcik noted there were no building permits issued in Feb, however a Driveway Permit was issued to Jody Kudick on Wochos Rd. Also, there was a citizen, Nathan Sekora who inquired about having the town transfer ownership of the lane that connects his property to Bolt Rd, to him. Quarry invoices were mailed out.

First Responder Suzi Sevcik reported that there were three calls last month & our group is providing food for the Farm Toy & Craft Show at the Ag Heritage Farm on Feb 18th as a Fundraiser.

Discussion was also had about adopting a Short-Term Rental Ordinance. A draft ordinance was presented, and Supervisor Duckart brought examples from the Town of Lincoln and Red River. Chairman Wesley went through the proposed ordinance, line by line with input from both Supervisor Duckart and Supervisor Kleiman. After the draft was completed, Chairman Wesley made the motion to approve the ordinance, Supervisor Duckart seconded the motion, motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

The next discussion was on the 2024 Fee Resolution. The first fee discussed was for the Short-Term Rental. It was agreed that \$200 for an initial application and \$100 for annual renewal would be appropriate. Next, Clerk Sevcik brought up Bartending Operator licenses. They had historically been \$5 and in checking with other townships, suggestions were made to raise it to \$25, and make it valid for 2 years, which is the same term the training is valid for. The final fee discussed was the Special Assessment letter. This was currently at \$5, after discussion, an agreement was made to raise this to \$25. Discussion was had on moving to accepting only checks, but it was felt that we would still accept cash as payment. With one caveat, if a security deposit on the Town Hall was paid in cash, it could be refunded by check. Motion was made to approve the resolution by Chairman Wesley and seconded by Supervisor Duckart. Motion carried.

Bridge/Culvert Inventory/Inspection was discussed. It was determined that there are approximately 6-10 of these in our township. The options that town has are to pay a private organization \$100 per to inventory them or do it themselves filling out the 18 question DOT form. A motion was made by Chairman Wesley and seconded by Supervisor Duckart to do the inventory themselves. Motion carried.

AgLRIP was discussed. More to come on this, but a sticking point could be the need to have an engineer involved.

There was a request from the Diaz family to extend the curfew on the Town Hall on March 9th from 9pm to Midnight. This family has rented the hall before & was left in satisfactory condition. This one-time exception was approved.

Chase Pagel of K3J Holdings, LLC submitted an application for a Short-Term rental at E1742 County Road J, Kewaunee, WI 54216 and had provided all requested documentation. A short discussion followed and a motion was made by Chairman Wesley and & seconded by Supervisor Kleiman to approve the application. Motion Carried.

Scott Browne gave a summary of County Board activity. New county administrator is Jeremy Kral and Marty Tremel is the County Highway Commissioner. The WPS building is still being evaluated for possible use by the county & the Jail plan is still being reworked.

WTA District meeting dates are March 9th, Feb 16th and County Meeting Feb 19th.

Open Book will be April 11, 2024 - 5-7pm at the Franklin Town Hall.

Board of Review will be May 1, 2024 – 6-8pm at the Franklin Town Hall.

Town Disbursements were discussed, approved and paid.

Our next monthly meeting will be March 18, 2024 at the Franklin Town Hall at 7pm

There being no further discussion, the Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Sevcik Town Clerk