

October 14, 2024 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 Chairman Wesely following the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Wesely made a motion to change the agenda to move the Gravel Pit to the 1st order of business. Supervisor Kleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer's Report, which shows a balance of \$187,874.38.

Zoning administrator Suzi Sevcik noted there were two ROW permits issued to WPS & 1 building permit issued for a home remodel.

First Responder Suzi Sevcik reported there were five calls this past month.

County Supervisor Scott Browne gave an update on Winter Park maintenance being done & no real update on the jail project.

Roadwork update –

- Wendt Services is starting their ditch cutting
- Chairman Wesely made a motion to post a weight limit sign on Pribyl Rd due to the deterioration of it. Supervisor Duckart seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.
- Small bridge update - Collegiate Rd bridge is now considered a small bridge because it is technically not 20' and was added to the inventory.
- Supervisor Duckart moved to sign the new rates for Jadin Snow Plowing services, Chairman Wesely seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Gravel Pits Update – Kropp pit is now owned by LKB Materials LLC which is a part of Tauschek Excavating. Concerns were brought forward about the depth they can dig, how many times of the year they'll blast, the run off from when they pump the water out, and the recycled asphalt in the pit. Derek Tauschek was there to discuss their plans for the pit, noting they can go about 14-18 feet deeper per the conditional use, they plan to blast only 2-3 times a year, they will typically use the material for their company's use & cut down on resale of gravel & that they mill the recycled asphalt to be mixed with the gravel, but do not add any additives to it.

Faith Schweiner from the Bolt Buccaneers 4-H group was present to inquire about renting the town hall for their 4-H meetings. They typically have 8 meetings a year on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Chairman Wesely made a motion to approve the rental to the 4-H group at no cost, Supervisor Kleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Election update – November 5th Election – In Person Absentee Voting will be Oct. 26th from 10-noon at the Franklin Town Hall. Public Test of the voting equipment will be Oct 29 2024 at noon.

Bridge repairs – based on the report from Ayers, it was determined that Curran Rd bridge is the priority. Supervisor Kleiman made a motion to approve the Kewaunee County's Highway Dept's proposal of up to \$10,465.53. Supervisor Duckart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Budget – There were questions on the fire dept costs because of the reassessment. Denmark Fire has proposed a new mil rate to cap the increase at approximately 10%. It was discovered that we underpaid the Tisch Mills Fire Dept and Chairman Wesely made a motion to approve the \$1,006.69 additional and Supervisor Duckart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Storm Relief – Chairman Wesely is taking care of submitting our costs for the August storm damage.

Local Gov't investment pool vs current bank account. Treasurer Smidle contacted Bank First to inquire about moving our accounts. BankFirst increased our savings rate to 4.73%.

Town Disbursements were discussed, approved and paid.

Our next monthly meeting will be November 11, 2024, at the Franklin Town Hall at 7pm

There being no further discussion, the Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Sevcik Town Clerk