

February 6, 2024

The public hearing was called to order for proposed local law called Vacation Campgrounds at 6:00 pm by Donnie Smith Supervisor. The public offered a few suggestions. They were told that it would still need to come before the planning board with a public hearing for each proposal. The planning board would have full discretion for each proposal. After all had spoken, the public hearing was closed at 6:20 PM

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 6:20 PM. Present were Donald Smith, Garret Sitts, Heather Ross, Dwight Bruno, Teddie Storie, Jamie Archibald, Paul Warner and Gregg Pitula. Also present were Elizabeth DeFalco, The Reporter, Laura Leale, Mark Bennett, Kellie Renwick, Jean Downin, Virginia Bell, Roberta Hudson, Marjorie Kellogg, Bert Von Wurmb and Aaron Antonucci.

The minutes were read from the January 2, 2024 meeting. Jamie Archibald asked for one correction. Dwight Bruno made the motion to approve minutes with one correction. Heather Ross seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Jamie Archibald said they have been cleaning up the shop and reconditioning plows. All equipment is running. They plowed 22 days in January. The new truck is all set.

Heather spoke with Kelly Kingsbury about rec commission. She said not much is happening right now. They will have their budget in May.

Gregg said it was a slow month for code enforcement. He has copies of short-term rental regulations that he has been working on.

The planning board only had one subdivision. They need a new member to replace Teddie Storey.

Lori Taggart and Judy Doring spoke for KECC. They said the new owner of the school building has big plans for venues. It's going to make things difficult. They asked for someone to audit their books. Garret and Dwight agreed to do that.

Donnie asked for a motion for the County Planning Board to do the 239 review for the proposed Campground Local Law. Dwight Bruno made the motion and Teddie Storey seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Garret Sitts made a motion to hold a public hearing on March 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Treadwell Fire House for the proposed Vacation Campground Local Law. Heather Ross seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Kelly Renwick spoke about Kathy Hochul proposing a big cut in State Aid to smaller schools in New York State. Franklin would be about 25% cut. She said this would have a bad impact on our school. She encourages everyone to write to all your representatives against this proposal. There will be a public meeting Thursday at 6:30 PM at the school that she encourages everyone to attend.

Donnie asked for a motion to reappoint Tom Collier to the Board of Assessment Review. Garret Sitts made the motion. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Jamie will check for putting a sign for bus turn around at Case Hill and Jackson Hill.

Jeff McCormack asked if the cemetery could purchase a small amount of gravel for the cemetery as he's having trouble finding any.

Amber Gray had offered to upload the recordings of the Town Board Meetings on the Delaware County YouTube channel for us at no charge to the town. After discussion, it was decided to have her do it for us.

Jeff Taggart suggested that some of the town's money could be invested in short term CD's that have good rates right now. Paul said they will have to wait for CHIPS money in March.

Paul said that Teddie Storey and Dwight Bruno audited the Town books on January 30.

Donnie said that he and Dwight audited the court books also.

Vouchers 2024-39 – 2024-80 were presented for payment.

With nothing further Garret made the motion to go into executive session for contractual issues. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The board returned from executive session at 7:37 pm.

Garret made the motion to purchase the rest of the radios for the highway department in the amount of \$11,574.86. The money will come from ARPA money. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

It was decided that the Town will give the cemetery the small amount of gravel that it needs.

With nothing further to come before the board, Garret made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk