

April 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Don Smith. Present were Don Smith, Garret Sitts, Dwight Bruno, Teddie Storey, Jamie Archibald, Paul Warner and Gregg Pitula. Also present were John Maier, Laura Leale, Mark Bennett, Shane Strong and Derek Gigliotti.

The minutes were read from the March 5, 2024 meeting. Teddie Storey made a motion to approve minutes as read. Dwight Bruno seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Randy Bloomfield dropped paperwork to each board member and highway superintendent pertaining to Thoroughbred Road.

Jamie Archibald opened the bids for calcium, stone trucking and heating oil and diesel. Bids are as follows:

Heating oil and diesel:

Mirabito - fluctuating price: Rack price + .3950 across the board for diesel and winter blend

Rack price + .50 for heating oil

Firm price: heating – 3.7301 Diesel – 3.6724 Winter Blend – 4.1224

Reinhardt fluctuating price: rack + .29 across the board

Firm price: heating - 3.109 Diesel – 3.285 Winter blend – 3.285

Garret made the motion to accept Reinhardt's firm prices for all. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Stone trucking:

Carver Stone Products: 12.50 per ton for trucking for all stone

Cobleskill Stone Products: 11.15 per ton trucking for all stone

Garret made the motion to accept Cobleskill Stone's bid. Teddie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Calcium:

Peckham: 1.00 per gallon

All State Construction: 1.29 per gallon

Suit-Kote: 1.25 per gallon

Vestal Asphalt: 1.285 per gallon

All delivered and applied.

Garret made the motion to accept Peckham's bid. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Garret reported for the KECC. He said they are cleaning the grounds and cleaning out the attic. They will also be putting a new roof on the garage.

Gregg reported that code enforcement is getting busier with spring coming.

A few new houses being built.

He said the Blueberry farm has been looking into putting some campsites on their property.

He needs some input for tiny homes/cabins. Need to change zoning or doing violations? Maybe talk to planning board.

Donnie asked for a motion to send the proposed short term rental law to the county for 239 review. Garret made the motion and Teddie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Garret made the motion to have a public hearing for the short-term rentals law on May 7, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Jamie presented 3 bids for 2 back up generators.

Trimbell Electric – \$21,725.00

Simonds Electric – \$25,600.00

Haynes Electric –\$23,275.00

Garret made the motion to accept Trimbell Electric bid and pay for with ARPA funds. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Jamie said it's the time of year again to rent a grader. He had 3 bids:

Abele – \$6000.00 per month

Montano – \$6200.00 per month

Milton Cat - \$7800.00 per month

Teddie made the motion to accept Abele's bid. Garret seconded the motion. All present agreed.

He said they are waiting for the rest of the radios.

They have all of the sand for next winter already.

They have received the CHIPS money from last year. \$395,752.70

Jamie has talked to the county about lowering the speed limit on Case Hill Rd to 40 MPH from St Hwy 28 to the 30 MPH zone in Treadwell.

Also lowering Jackson Hill Rd from Case Hill to Meredith Town line to 40 MPH.

We need to pass a resolution, and send letters to the county and the state. Jamie and Sonja will work on this.

Dwight made the motion to lower speed on Case Hill to 40 MPH from St. Hwy 28 to 30 MPH zone in Treadwell. Teddie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Garret made the motion to lower speed limit on Jackson Hill from Case Hill to Meredith Town line to 40 MPH. Teddie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Vouchers 2024-125 – 2024-166 were presented for payment.

Garret made the motion to go into executive session at 7:20 pm for contractual. Dwight seconded the motion.

The board returned from executive session at 8:20 pm

There were 3 bids presented for a new pickup truck to be purchased from ARPA money.

Matthews Chev. - \$62695.00 Chevrolet

Scoville Meno - \$62895.00 Chevrolet

Friendly Chrysler - \$64,496.00 Ram

Garret made the motion to approve the bid from Matthews Chevrolet for \$62,695.00 to be purchased with ARPA money. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Garret made a motion to purchase 4 single doors @\$3039. each and 1 double door @\$5735. To install on the Town Garage building. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk