June 2, 2026

The public hearing for a Town Law to transition the Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk and Town Supervisor terms from two years to four years was called to order at 7:00 PM. A few residents spoke regarding it might not be a good idea in case someone was elected that wasn't doing a good job and there would be nothing that could be done for four years.

After everyone spoke that wished to, the public hearing was closed.

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 7:15 PM by Don Smith Supervisor. Present were Don Smith, Teddie Storey, Dwight Bruno, Heather Ross, Garret Sitts, Paul Warner, Jamie Archibald and Gregg Pitula.

Also present were Leanne Nabinger, Nino Triarsi, Brian Brock, Craig Brock, Pat Corbett, Robert Hegel, Isiah Wright, Cindy Ackerley, Randy Bloomfield, Nick Muscurella, Beth Kievit, John Maier, Roberta Hudson, Marjorie Kellogg, Terry Huyck and Lillian Browne

The minutes were read from the May 5, 2026 meeting. Heather made the motion to accept minutes as read. Teddie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

KECC is discussing putting parking near the ball courts. Paul said it will need to be bid out. Teddie made the motion for KECC committee to put out bids to have parking put by the courts. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Jamie reported that the West Star parts truck that they were looking to buy is no longer an option. The owner decided to go a different way.

He will put the 10-wheeler back on for auction. Right now they are using it because they had a breakdown but he will do it soon.

Nothing new on stainless steel box.

They are trying to fix holes, put down some gravel and work the roads when weather permits.

Nothing from the Rec Committee.

Gregg said building permits are slow. No municipal searches last month. Had some complaints. Mainly from Thoroughbred Rd. Working on open permits.

The Planning Board had nothing last month.

Donnie presented the insurance renewal. It has only increased $2400.00. That includes adding another truck and widener. Teddy made the motion to accept the NYMER insurance policy proposal. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The resolutions were presented to increase the terms of office for Town Supervisor, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk Local Law. Donnie requested that the Town Supervisor be removed from the increase request.

Dwight made the motion to put the term increase on the ballot in November for Highway Superintendent. Garret seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Heather made the motion to put the term increase on the ballot in November for Town Clerk. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

A resolution was presented to add a line to dog license renewals for voluntary donations to the humane society that we contract with, which is Susquehanna SPCA. A separate line will be made for the contributions.

Dwight made the motion to add this. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Heather read the Old Franklin Day Proclamation, proclaiming August 29, 2026 Old Franklin Day. Teddie made the motion to accept the proclamation. Garret seconded the motion. All present agreed.

A Resolution was presented introducing a Moratorium on Data Mining Local Law. A Public Hearing was set for July 7, 2026 at 7:00 in Franklin. Garret made the motion to accept resolution for moratorium on data Mining LL and setting public hearing. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Teddie made the motion to refer the moratorium to the County for 239 review. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Randy Bloomfield and a few of his neighbors were in attendance requesting the towns help with issues on their road. Some of the issues are because it is a private road which makes it a civil matter. After lengthy discussion it was decided an attorney needs to be contacted and go before the judge to have issues addressed.

We are still looking a dog control officer to take care of dog issues.

A community member thanked the board taking caution on things that could affect the town, such as solar farms and data centers.

Another asked if their road will be paved anytime soon.

Vouchers 2026-201 - 2026-238 were presented for payment.

With nothing further to come before the board, Motion was made by Garret to adjourn at 8:25. Seconded by Heather. All present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk