

October 3, 2023

A public hearing to adopt a Town Law for Tax Cap Override was called to order at 7:30 PM by Jeff Taggart, Supervisor. After a few questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 PM.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Jeff Taggart, Supervisor. Present were Jeff Taggart, Dwight Bruno, Donnie Smith, Heather Ross, Garret Sitts, Paul Warner, Mark Laing and Gregg Pitula. Also present were John Maier, Jeff McCormack, Amber Gray, Gary Ott, Craig Brock, Brian Brock, Jamie Archibald, Carol Jensen, Mike Wallace and Elizabeth DeFalco from The Reporter.

The minutes were read from the September 5 and September 19 meetings. Donnie made the motion to approve both minutes as read. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Donnie didn't make it to the KECC meeting but said the Open House on October 15 is still happening and encourages people to attend.

Heather had nothing new from Rec Committee. Jeff said the Village Clerk had asked him to sign the paperwork for the County Youth program that they had taken advantage of for funding for lifeguards.

Gregg said he had no municipal searches this month. Has issued some miscellaneous permits. He asked that the boards approve some kind of rules for Airbnb's and campgrounds. He's had questions and has no answers with no rules to go by. Garret made a motion for Gregg to talk to the attorney about getting rules and regulations finalized. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

He talked briefly about solar project on Bissell Road.

Mark said the chip sealing is done. There was about 8 miles. Most was funded by the oil company.

They will be working on paperwork to submit for CHIPS. They also have 2 guardrail projects on Russell Road.

He said funding is not good especially in Delaware and Otsego Counties. Senator Oberacker said he is working on getting better funding.

Jeff said that the lawyer came to the planning board meeting for the solar farm. He said there is nothing environmentally unsafe with solar panels.

We have the contract for Engineering Services between the Town of Franklin and Cedarwood Engineering Services. Donnie made the motion to approve the contract. Dwight seconded the motion. The majority approved. Garret will sign contract as Deputy Supervisor.

Garret made the motion to approve the new Tax Cap Law. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed. Sonja will mail paperwork to the attorney and they will file with the state.

Paul went over the preliminary budget changes.

Garret made the motion to approve the preliminary budget with one change. Donnie Smith seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The public hearing for the preliminary budget will be held November 8, 2023, 6:00 at the Franklin Town Garage.

Mark Laing submitted estimates for a new furnace in the lower building.

The estimates were:

Exclusive P & H (Boulder)	\$5200.00
Mirabito	\$4975.00 (can do next week)
Reinhart	\$5400.00 (can do by end of October)

Heather made the motion to accept Mirabito bid. Garret seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Vouchers 2023 -383 – 2023 – 420 were presented for payment.

With nothing further to come before the board, Garret made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk