

February 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 6:00 by Donald Smith, Supervisor. Present were Donald Smith, Garret Sitts, Heather Ross, Dwight Bruno, Teddy Storey, Paul Warner, Jamie Archibald and Gregg Pitula. Also present were Randy Bloomfield, Laura Leale, Mark Bennett, Eric Huneke and Elizabeth DeFalco.

The minutes were read from the January 7, 2025 meeting. Dwight made a motion to accept minutes as read. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Jamie reported for the highway dept that they had been busy with plowing, sanding and salting. They plowed 23 days in the last month.

He said next month he will bring bids to replace the 2016 pickup. This is keeping with the rotation plan.

The rec committee is meeting February 10 so hopefully will have an update next month.

Planning board has met yet this month.

Gregg said he has had several calls inquiring about permits but no one has actually started yet. He's had a few Airbnb inspections. He will be sending letters for permits that have expired or will be expiring soon.

Donnie said he has had several inquiries as to why the county has agreed to give money to a forensic team. It pertains to the lawsuit from the Reporter. It was ordered by the judge and they needed to comply.

Randy Bloomfield was inquiring if a decision had been made about if the Town of Franklin would take over Thoroughbred Road if it was brought up to specs. He would appreciate an answer either way. Heather made a motion that the board will talk about it in executive session and get back to him in a timely manner. Teddie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Eric Huneke brought us up to date on the Treadwell Water District problems. On January 18 they realized they had a leak because it drained the reservoir. They have been diligently working to find where the leak is. They have the specific area on Church Street and now can try to find and fix it.

Vouchers 2025-53 - 2025-92 were presented for payment.

Dwight made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 6:29 pm. Garret seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The board returned from executive session at 7:20 pm. Teddie made a motion to accept the audit that Teddie and Dwight did on the Town's books. No issues were found. Garret seconded the motion. All present agreed.

With nothing further to come before the board, Heather made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Garret seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk