

November 9, 2022

The Public Hearing for 2023 Town of Franklin Budget was called to order by Supervisor Jeff Taggart at 6:00 PM. He said he had a call from one of the American Legion members asking them not to remove their amount from the budget. After discussion it was decided to not put it back in, but if the American Legion was still in operation in September 2023, their amount could be taken from contingency fund to give them. With no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:12 PM.

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Jeffrey Taggart at 6:13 PM. Present were Jeff Taggart, Heather Ross, Dwight Bruno, Donnie Smith, Paul Warner and Mark Laing. Also present were Jeff McCormack, Jamie Archibald and Mary Crisafulli.

The minutes were read from the October 4, 2022 meeting. Donnie Smith made the motion to approve minutes as read. Heather Ross seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Donnie Smith reported for the Franklin Kellogg Trust. He said the last meeting was held at the parsonage. They are looking to make it handicap friendly. Also making it winter ready.

They have been going through things, getting organized. They will get a fireproof file cabinet for important documents. Hopefully they will be ready to have winter activities next year.

Dwight made the motion to approve giving the American Legion money from the contingency fund if they are still active in September 2023. Donnie Smith seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Donnie Smith made the motion to approve 2023 budget as presented. Heather Ross seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Mark Laing reported that the pickup truck was delivered. It is in Binghamton having the sander installed.

He had quotes for a new sweeper. They were \$84,000.00 and \$89,000.00. They wouldn't be available until next fall. He also had a quote for a 2021 for \$58,200.00. We can rent with the option to buy. 6 months rent at \$3000.00 per month with balance due at the end of the 6 months from Anderson. Heather Ross made the motion to purchase the 2021 model from Anderson as

long as there is a warranty. Donnie Smith seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Paperwork is done to submit to State for reimbursement.

They had to take one truck for repairs. No estimate yet.

Heather had no updates from Rec Commission.

There were 2 BLA at the planning board. The 2 Public Hearings need to be redone.

Jeff had a letter from Efpr Group, a firm that would help with the disbursement of the ARPA monies. The board had a few questions, so Sonja will set up a phone conference with Tom Smith to get their questions answered.

Sonja gave each board member a copy of paperwork that Randy Bloomfield had dropped off concerning Thoroughbred Rd. He will reach out after the board has a chance to look it over.

Jeff said our dog control officer has resigned. Sonja will put an ad in paper for a new one.

Vouchers 2022-426 – 2022-488.

Heather made the motion to go into executive session for personnel at 7:34 PM. Dwight Bruno seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The board returned from executive session at 7:55 PM.

With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk