

August 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 7:30 pm by Donald Smith, Supervisor. Present were Donald Smith, Dwight Bruno, Heather Ross, Teddie Storey, Jamie Archibald, Paul Warner and Gregg Pitula. Also present were Brian Brock, Craig Brock, Johanna Van Deusen, Nick Bandel, Carla Nordstrom and Elizabeth DeFalco.

The minutes were read from the July 2, 2024 meeting. Teddy Storey made the motion to approve minutes as read. Heather Ross seconded the motion. All present agreed.

No report from KECC.

Jamie Archibald said they are doing general repairs to roads such as digging ditches and mowing. They are also helping other towns under the shared services agreement.

The new roller has been delivered. Also, they did purchase the 2012 Western Star dump truck and it has been delivered. Will be using this week.

Heather reported for the rec committee and said the second session of swimming lessons are in full force. They will be replacing the sand filter and applying for grants to replace roof. They are exploring different fundraising ideas.

Gregg said the code enforcement has been relatively quiet. A few houses and garages. He has sent out letters to Airbnb owners. He hasn't heard back from many. Possibly will have to send certified letters. That will have to be approved by the board. He's doing a lot with the planning board.

He mentioned again that the roof over his office needs repair. Donnie will talk to railroad committee again.

He's still trying to clean up old CO's.

For the planning board, there will be a public hearing about the dog boarding and training facility on Stewart Rd. on September 5 at 7:30 PM.

There were many concerns about North Star campsites. Discussion will continue next month. A site visit is planned for some board members to review with Gregg.

Jonah Shaw from the Treadwell school project was unable to come to this month's meeting but will be there on September 5 to address a long list of concerns.

There was also a simple boundary line adjustment.

It was announced that the Treadwell Water District will receive \$960,000.00 from the 2025 US Community Project Funding with the help of Marc Molinaro, Chris Teague and Peter Oberacker.

Nick Bandell from Cedarwood Engineering spoke about the Treadwell Water District project. The project is to install 2 new wells on town owned land, water storage tank and water treatment building. He went over the SEQR parts 2 & 3. He then proposed a resolution adopting a negative declaration for the Treadwell Water District System Improvements Project. Heather made a motion to approve the resolution. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

A letter was read from Ouleout Valley American Legion Post # 1689. The Town gives the Legion \$1500.00 per year towards the purchase of flags and markers for the veterans in the cemeteries. It has never been raised in the nearly 30 years that it has been done. They are asking for increase in the endowment as their costs have tripled.

The board said it will discuss this when they are doing next year's budget.

Brian Brock asked how much of the ARPA money hasn't been appropriated yet. Paul said he didn't have the number there but it's not much.

Johanna VanDeusen thanked the board for taking the Villages concerns into consideration regarding the application for NorthStar Blueberry Farm campsites.

Vouchers 2024-305 -2024-343 were presented for payment.

A motion was made by Teddie to go into executive session for negotiations at 8:15PM. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The board returned from executive session at 8:50 PM With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk