

January 2, 2024

The organizational meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Don Smith at 6:00 pm. Present were Don Smith, Garret Sitts, Dwight Bruno, Heather Ross, Teddie Storie, Jamie Archibald, Paul Warner and Gregg Pitula. Also present were Scott Ogborn, Kaitlin Ogborn, Mark Bennett, Laura Leale, Jean Downin, Aaron Antonucci, M Kellogg, Lillian DeMauro, Bert VonWurmb, Amanda Groff, Amber Gray, Meg Shivers and Carman Gillow.

Appointments were proposed as follows:

Deputy Town Supervisor – Dwight Bruno
Deputy Highway Superintendent – Dale McCall
Code Enforcement Officer – Gregg Pitula
Dog Control Officer – Mark Bennett
Court Clerk – Kristin Beers
Town Historian – Franklin Railroad Museum
Fiscal Officer – Donald Smith
Deputy Fiscal Officer – Paul Warner
Health Officer – Greg Kujawski
Deputy Town Clerk – Paula Neibanck
Town Attorney – Ryan Matt
Planning Board Chairman – Dan Schlafer
Town Board Rep Planning Bd – Leonarda Storey
Town Board Rep Rec Comm – Heather Ross
Town Board Rep Kellogg Foundation – Garret Sitts
Official Bank – Wayne Bank
Official Newspaper – The Reporter

Garret Sitts made the motion to accept all appointments as proposed. Heather Ross seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The 2024 meeting dates were listed as follows:

January – March and November, December at 6:00PM

April – October at 7:30PM

March, June, September and December at Treadwell

All Others at Franklin Garage

January 2, 2024 - 6:00 Franklin

February 6, 2024- 6:00 Franklin

March 5, 2024 - 6:00 Treadwell

April 2, 2024 - 7:30 Franklin

May 7, 2024 - 7:30 Franklin

June 4, 2024 - 7:30 Treadwell

July 2, 2024 - 7:30 Franklin

August 6, 2024 - 7:30 Franklin

Sept. 3, 2024 - 7:30 Treadwell

October 1, 2024 - 7:30 Franklin

Nov. 6, 2024 - 6:00 Franklin

Dec. 3, 2024 - 6:00 Treadwell

Jamie asked if they could have a highway committee consisting of him and 2 board members that he could meet with a few times a year.

He said they have 3 quotes for a plow for the new truck. Prices include installation. They are from Binghamton Truck Body.

V-Plow 10' flare top - complete setup	\$10,215.36
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V-Plow 9 ½ ' Flare-Top -complete setup	\$\$9520.84
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Straight Blade 9' scoop plow – complete setup \$ 9347.24

Garret Sitts made the motion to go with the V-Plow 10 ' Flare-Top for \$10,215.36. Teddie Storey seconded the motion. All present agreed. There is still \$7000.00 left from the auctioned items to use towards the plow.

Heather said she requested the Recreation Committee budget from them.

Gregg said he will email the board short term rental regulations. He said there needs to be some changes in the code book. He will take that to the planning board.

The proposed Local Law for the Solar Moratorium was presented. Teddie Storey made the motion to approve the Local Law as presented. Dwight Bruno seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Dwight Bruno made the motion to pay for the radios in the amount of \$17,904.93, from the ARPA money. Teddie Storey seconded the motion. All present agreed.

They are still working on quotes for a new generator.

A Resolution presented from Jim Basile, Assessor, for having a reappraisal cycle of five years. Garret Sitts made the motion to approve the resolution as presented and Heather Ross seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Several residents were present to talk about having campsites in Franklin. They asked if it would be possible to have a moratorium similar to the solar moratorium for campsites. The board said they would speak to the Attorney about that.

Another resident asked about updating the comprehensive plan and possibly using ARPA money to fund it.

Vouchers # 2024-1 – 2024-38 were presented for payment.

Heather made the motion to go into executive session at 7:05 pm for personnel and contractual issues. Garret seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The board returned from executive session at 7:45 pm. Dwight Bruno made the motion to pay \$.50 extra an hour over contract for highway dept. Teddie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The contract for 2024 with the Susquehanna SPCA was presented. Being the same as last year, Garret made the motion to approve the contract. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Garret made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk