

July 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 7:32 PM by Jeff Taggart, Supervisor. Present were Jeff Taggart, Garret Sitts, Heather Ross, Donnie Smith, Dwight Bruno, Mark Laing and Paul Warner.

Also present were Earnest Cawley, Daniel Hauptfleish, Lisa Huyck, Mariane Kiraly, Rosemary Whitaker, Whit Whitaker, Jeff McCormack, Chris Downin, Jim Robertson, Barb Robertson, Pastor Robert Wilkie, Sara Andros, Meg Shivers, Craig Brock, Todd and Kerry Holley, Greg Cromer, Phil Warish, Susan Barnett, Brian Brock and Michael Wallace.

The minutes were read from the May 24, 2022 public hearing and the June 7, 2022 Town Board meeting. Dwight Bruno made the motion to accept both minutes as read. Garret Sitts seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Greg Cromer showed everyone an aerial view of the Village and Town that he had taken. Inquired if the Town would be interested in buying any. He gave us a price list and Jeff told him we will discuss it and get back to him.

Donnie Smith reported on the Kellogg Educational Community Center. He said a new home has been found at the Parsonage of the Treadwell United Methodist Church. He also said that the blacktopping is done, the tree is down and fences are up. The electric bill has been taken out of the Trust's name at the school building.

Mark Laing reported the backhoe should be here Monday. The truck should be in Monticello on July 31. He had some estimates for the plow and sander for the new truck. Binghamton Truck Body had given a bid of \$10,500.00 for the plow and \$10,955.00 for the sander. He would like to go with these for convenience.

Mark said the state has asked that the Town uses all of the money given to them. He is thinking of paving Grange Hall, Gay Brook, Swart Hollow, Blue School and Russell Road if he can get the stone for the projects,

Heather had no updates on Recreation Commission.

Doug Weber had no updates for Code Enforcement.

The planning board hasn't had a meeting yet this month.

Jeff went over the SEQRA before the vote on a Resolution to approve a Local Law amending section 538 of the town code.

After completing the SEQRA, Jeff presented Resolution **23 - 2022 ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. #1-2022** to amend Section 538 of the Town Code entitled Commercial and Industrial location limitations. The proposed setbacks would be 250 feet on property on State and County roads, 500 feet on Town roads and 700 feet on seasonal roads. Donnie Smith made the motion to approve the resolution. Heather Ross seconded the motion. Those in favor were: Donald Smith, Heather Ross, Garret Sitts and Jeff Taggart. Against was Dwight Bruno.

Jeff presented 2 Resolutions that the county had adopted for climate council. They will be tabled until next month after the board has a chance to look at them.

Jeff also said he had gotten another quote for adding some insurance, but we didn't receive it yet in writing so will also be tabled until next month.

Pastor Wilkie from the Plymouth church asked that the large Town trucks didn't pull into their parking lot because they have recently put a septic under it. He also asked if he could come and say a prayer before each Town Board meeting.

Vouchers 2022-235 – 2022-289 were presented for payment.

Donnie Smith made a motion to go into executive session for personnel at 9:20PM. Garret Sitts seconded the motion.

The board returned from executive session at 9:55 PM.

The board approved Mark Laing to hire Kyle Ackley for the Highway Department.

With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk