

June 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 7:34 PM by Supervisor Jeff Taggart. Present were Jeff Taggart, Garret Sitts, Dwight Bruno, Donnie Smith, Heather Ross, Paul Warner, Mark Laing and Doug Weber. Also present were Brian Brock, Craig Brock, Mike Wallace, Meg and Joe Shivers, Sara Andros, Roger Reed, Gene Brown, Lisa Huyck and Bill Vangorder.

The minutes were read from the May 3, 2022 meeting. Donnie Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Heather Ross seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Donnie Smith reported for the Franklin Kellogg Trust. Nothing much new except they think they have found a new home, but it's not official yet.

Jeff Taggart reported for Planning Board. The only request they had was from Patti Taggart. She wants to do a subdivision which is already in the works. She will get paperwork updated and come back before the board.

Mark Laing reported that the highest bid for the grader was \$16,100.00 at Auctions International. Donnie Smith made the motion to accept that bid. Garret Sitts seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The Town will receive \$57,140.00 from the state above what they will receive from CHIPS.

He said the backhoe hasn't been received yet and the new pickup should be here in September.

Doug Weber said he had nothing to report.

Bill Vangorder from NBT Insurance presented the new insurance proposal for this year. The proposal is for \$31,720.36 which is a 3% increase from last year. Donnie Smith made the motion to approve the proposal. Dwight Bruno seconded the motion. All present agreed. Jeff asked Bill if he could get us estimates if we raised some of our limits.

The date for a Special meeting for more discussion of the Amendment to Zoning Law will be June 21, 2022 at 7:00 at the Town Garage.

Jeff reported that the closing on the land that was for sale went through last week.

Dwight Bruno updated us on the website. It still has a few things that need to be done before it is all ready for the public, but should be ready soon. They were waiting for the new Town Seal.

Donnie Smith talked about Solar Farms. He had spoken again to someone from another area. Franklin has opted out of a pilot program which makes the town less attractive to investors. Donnie said he would like to talk to other towns and maybe make the town regulations stricter.

Vouchers 2022-192 – 2022-234 were presented for payment.

Donnie Smith made the motion to go into executive session at 8:36 for contracts. Dwight Bruno seconded the motion.

The board returned from executive session at 9:00. With nothing further to come before the board, Garret Sitts made motion to adjourn. Heather Ross seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk