

October 4, 2022

The public hearing for Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law was called to order by Supervisor Jeff Taggart at 7:30 PM. After a short discussion, the public hearing was closed.

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Jeff Taggart at 7:39 PM. Present were Jeff Taggart, Heather Ross, Garret Sitts, Donnie Smith, Dwight Bruno, Paul Warner, Doug Weber and Mark Laing.

Also present were Brian Brock, Craig Brock, Mary Crisafulli, Carol Jensen and Mike Wallace.

The minutes were read from the September 6, 2022 meeting. Dwight Bruno made the motion to approve minutes with one correction. Garret Sitts seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The Resolution for Local Law #2, to override the Tax Levy Limit, if necessary, was read. Donnie Smith made the motion to approve the resolution. Garret Sitts seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Donnie reported for the Franklin Kellogg Trust. They have moved into the Methodist parsonage. Finances are still solid.

Mark Laing reported that the paving is done for this year. With money left he would like to buy stone this year to use next year. It will save money and time.

He also asked the board to think about buying our own street sweeper. Borrowing from the county or other towns can sometimes be a problem.

Heather Ross reported for the Rec Committee. Kelly Kingsbury will now be Chairperson for the committee. The pool had a successful season. Would like to purchase a new vacuum for next year.

They will be starting the youth basketball program soon with Unadilla.

Doug reported a busy month in code enforcement.

The planning board was quiet last month, but have a few things for this month's meeting October 6.

Donnie brought up the subject of using the Covid relief monies for the Treadwell Water District. He said he has looked into it and they are their own entity, not under umbrella of the Town. After discussion Donnie made the motion to not use Covid relief money for Treadwell Water. Garret Sitts seconded the motion.

Dwight Bruno made the motion to table the Covid money until more research is done as to what it can be used for. Garret Sitts seconded the motion.

Paul Warner went over the tentative budget. It's showing a 4.2% increase.

Donnie Smith made the motion to adopt the preliminary budget. Dwight Bruno seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The preliminary budget will be available at the Town Clerk's office.

There will be a public hearing for the budget prior to the regular Town Board meeting, November 9, 2022, at 6:00 PM at the Franklin Town garage.

Vouchers 2022-387 – 2022-425 were presented for payment.

With nothing further to come before the board, Donnie Smith made the motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Heather Ross seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk