

September 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 7:30 PM by Jeff Taggart, Supervisor. Present were Jeff Taggart, Dwight Bruno, Donnie Smith, Garret Sitts, Heather Ross, Mark Laing, Paul Warner and Gregg Pitula. Also present was Jamie Archibald, Dorian Huneke, Craig Brock, Brian Brock, Lillian DeMauro, Wendy Barckhaus, Mike Shea, Julie Shea, John Maier, Gary Ott, Marjorie Kellogg, Lisa Huyck, Ryan Matt, Roberta Hudson, Virginia Bell, Terry Huyck, Barbara Menke, Peter Oberacker, Cheryl Insinga, Barbara Thompson, Jeremy Scudder, Patty Leitenberger, Courtney Dymes, and Elizabeth DeFalco.

The minutes were read from the August 1, 2023 meeting. Dwight Bruno made the motion to accept minutes as read. Jeff Taggart seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Donnie Smith reported for the Kellogg Educational Community Center. He said the financials are stable. He encourages everyone to attend the open house they are having on October 15 from 1:00 – 4:00.

Mark Laing reported that they finished paving 1.7 miles on Russell Road. They will be chip sealing that and Merrickville Road and Case Hill. They aren't doing as much this year as they don't know what is happening with the funding from the state.

Gregg Pitula says he has a few houses being built and has issued some permits. He has had several municipal searches. The planning board had asked him to check on campsites on Oak Hill Road. He went there and there was nothing there. He's also working with a company that may put solar panels on Bissell Road.

Senator Oberacker was at the meeting to introduce himself and give us an idea what he's working on. He also said he knows of some grants to help with water districts.

Cheryl Insinga was there from Coughlin & Gerhart to introduce Ryan Matt, another attorney from Coughlin & Gerhart who we will be working with.

Dorian Huneke questioned the board as to why they won't help the Treadwell Water District with some issues that need to be addressed. Jeff made the motion again to approve \$8000.00 from ARPA funds so they could see if they could fix one lead line.

After much discussion, it was determined that there has to be an engineer report before anything can be done. Dorian said she has applied for an O'Connor Foundation grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to hire an engineering firm. It was discussed that ARPA could possibly pay for the initial \$20,000.00 for engineer. Jeff withdrew his motion for \$8000.00.

It was asked what the timeline could be for help. It depends on how things come together.

It was decided that the attorney will look at our procurement policy, Dorian will contact O'Connor Foundation to get the restrictions for the grant and also the Engineers for when their availability is.

Garret made the motion to have another meeting in 2 weeks to go over all of these answers. Jeff seconded the motion. All present agreed. It will be September 19, 2023 at 7:30 at the Treadwell Fire House.

Vouchers 2023 – 351 – 2023 – 382 were presented for payment.

Donnie made the motion to go into executive session for personnel at 9:00. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The board returned from executive session at 9:20. With nothing further to come before the board, Garret made the motion to adjourn. Donnie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk