

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF FRANKLIN – JACKSON COUNTY
 Regular Town Board Meeting
 Wednesday, August 10, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
 Franklin Town Hall

- **Call to order**
 - Meeting called to order on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 @ 7:00PM CST. Present were Town Board Members Chairman Merlin Fredrickson, Supervisor Dave Brown, Treasurer Julie Brown, Clerk Bree Lien, Maintenance Person Dwight Tjerstad and eleven townspeople.
- **Approve the Agenda**
 - **Motion** made to approve the agenda as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Merlin Fredrickson. **Motion Carried.**
- **Review/Approve Minutes**
 - July 13, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting: **Motion** made to approve minutes as printed: Merlin Fredrickson. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Treasurer's Financial Report**
 - **Motion** made to accept financial report as printed with payables included in Treasurers Report: Dave Brown. Second: Merlin Fredrickson. **Motion Carried.**
- **Approve Bills to Pay & Monthly Payables Report**
 - August 10, 2022: **Motion** made to pay monthly payables as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Merlin Fredrickson. **Motion Carried.**
- **Clerk Report/Correspondence**
 - Partisan Primary Election held on August 9, 2022- 49 Voters, 5 of which were Absentee.
- **Building Permits**
 - Joseph Gingerich- Request to build a 48x120' storage shed. No land use permit provided, but applicant advised he has applied for this. Payment received. **Motion** made to approve permit contingent upon receipt of land use permit: Merlin Fredrickson. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
 - Eli Yoder- Request to build a second story to his already existing home. Has already began this project but did communicate with Town Board. Land use permit not provided but would not be needed as the structure is being built up. Inspection likely needed. Payment received. **Motion** made to approve permit subject to his home being inspected: Dave Brown. Second: Merlin Fredrickson. **Motion Carried.**
 - Fred Borntreger- Lean-to added to existing shed that was subject to a building permit. He had previously been granted a permit, however; it expired a year ago. Board agreed this would not be an issue at this time given he was compliant with the building permit.
- **Zoning**
 - Zone Change Petition 2022-28 David Haney- Request to change 1.5 acres of Zoning Map from A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for the construction of a Shed house. Per Town Ordinance, 4 acres would be required to be R-2 Residential District to construct a house. Requestor present and will contact Zoning to change this to the 4-acre requirement. **Motion** made to support this request so long as they amend the acreage to 4 acres: Dave Brown. Second: Merlin Fredrickson. **Motion Carried.**
 - Zone Change Petition 2022-31 Donald Vanderhoff- Request to change 3.34 acres of Zoning Map from A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to R-2 (Residential) District for the construction of a single-family home. Adjacent landowners attended to oppose the request citing multiple issues with this request including decreasing value of property and potential damage to the road. Also concerned about safety due to this being hunting property (purchased property due to knowing the individual who owned the property was not in the residential district and would be unable to build.) The property is near the cabin. He also did not talk with the adjacent landowners regarding his intent. Zoning request also does not meet the required 4 acreage requirement in the Town of Franklin. **Motion** made to oppose the request: Merlin Fredrickson. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Maintenance Update**
 - Dwight Tjerstad- was grading roads but rain caused wash outs. Will begin mowing operations tomorrow. Adding gravel as needed and has had to replace some signs that were stolen. Ditched Roseland Road and drained it out. Letting it dry out and then will go back and continue completing work on this road.
- **Road & Equipment Report**
 - Front tire on the tractor are down and has wear between the lugs. This should be fine for this year, but likely will need front tires replaced. The grader also has two tires with sidewall cracks. Dwight to check on prices on tires.
 - Seal coating has not started, however; concern over this not beginning until September. Has continued to be pushed off by company. Expectation is this be completed no later than Wednesday, August 31 or will postpone project until next year.
- **Citizen Concerns**
 - Recycling labor- will have substitute for recycling labor on 8/13/2022
- **Adjourn**
 - **Motion** was made to adjourn: Merlin Fredrickson. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried**