

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF FRANKLIN – JACKSON COUNTY
 Regular Town Board Meeting
 Wednesday, August 16, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
 Franklin Town Hall

- **Call to order**
 - Meeting called to order on Wednesday August 16, 2023 @ 7:00PM CST. Present were Town Board Members Chairman Merlin Fredrickson, Supervisor Tom Clark, Treasurer Julie Brown, Clerk Bree Lien, Maintenance Person Dwight Tjerstad, and six (6) townspeople.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approve the Agenda**
 - **Motion** made to approve the agenda as printed: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Review/Approve Minutes**
 - July 12, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting: **Motion** made to approve minutes as printed: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Treasurer's Financial Report**
 - **Motion** made to accept financial report as printed with amended payables included in Treasurers Report: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Approve Bills to Pay & Monthly Payables Report**
 - August 16, 2023: **Motion** made to pay monthly payables as printed: Tom Clark. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Clerk Report/Correspondence**
- **Building Permits**
 - Seth Everson- Request to build 56X56 storage shed attached. Land use permit provide. Will be North of existing shed. **Motion** made to approve permit as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
 - Eli Yoder- Did not submit building permit. Advised board member he will submit for September meeting.
 - Bruce Johnson- Request to build a log cabin home. Limited details available. No land use permit provided. To be tabled until additional information and Land Use Permit received.
 - Jarrod Hoff- Request to build a pole shed for farm equipment. No land use permit provided. **Motion** made to approve contingent upon receipt of the Land Use Permit: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **FEMA**
 - Review of FEMA e-mail regarding administrative costs. Clerk will look through documents available as some dates/hours are recording. Chairman to contact previous Chairman Allen Grinde regarding any records he may have. Clerk will have this submitted by 8/21/2023.
- **ProVision Partners**
 - Review of bid submitted by ProVision Partners of \$1.49/gallon on propane for 2023-2024 heating season. **Motion** made to accept bid and contract propane with ProVision Partners for the 2023-2024 heating year contingent upon if Consolidated Energy can match the price: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Zoning**
 - Zone Change Petition 2023-35: David Osley- Request to change 4.3 acres, 4/15 acres, and 4.0 acres (16.68 acres) of the R2 (Residential) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) District for the ability to have horses. **Motion** made to support the Zone Change Petition: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
 - Zone Change Petition 2023-33: Samantha Hammes- Request to change 4 acres of the R2 (Residential) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) District for the ability to have horses. **Motion** made to support the Zone Change Petition: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
 - Zone Change Petition 2023-28: Joe Kauss- Request to change 5.58 acres of the A1 (Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential) District for the addition of a single-family home. **Motion** made to support the Zone Change Petition: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Maintenance Update**
 - Dwight Tjerstad Report- Has been cutting trees throughout the township. Will cap culvert on Trump Coulee tomorrow. Discussion on laying gravel on roads. Dwight is encouraged to move forward with purchasing gravel if needed. Discussed getting estimate for Gordon Road. Battery being replaced in the big truck.
- **Road & Equipment Report**
 - Act on bids for culvert replacement on Twesme Road- bids resubmitted. Review of bids. **Motion** made to accept bid from Nelson Diesel & Dozing for \$5740 to replace culvert with work to begin within two weeks of bid approval: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Citizen Concerns**
 - Chris Hardie reported on Claire Road parcel issue and surveyor Ethan Remus recommended the best fix would be to ask the Town to deed the strip to Chris and other property owner, Jeff Good, then he can prepare a new accurate description for the road and then would deed this land back to the Town. Has requested this be on the agenda in September but wanted to bring it to the board's attention prior to the meeting so the board can take appropriate action in researching this issue if needed. Board approves surveyor prepare description as discussed to bring forward to September meeting.
 - Discussion regarding burning/smoke and ash pit on Blackberry Road. Concerns over water quality issues. DNR has been contacted but no action has been taken yet.
- **Adjourn**
 - **Motion** was made to adjourn: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried**