

**/MEETING MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF FRANKLIN – JACKSON COUNTY**  
 Regular Town Board Meeting  
 Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 7:00 PM  
 Franklin Town Hall

- **Call to order**
  - Meeting called to order on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 7:00PM CST. Present were Town Board Members Chairman Merlin Fredrickson, Supervisor David Brown, Supervisor Tom Clark, Treasurer Julie Brown, Clerk Bree Lien and Maintenance Person Dwight Tjerstad.
- **Approve the Agenda**
  - **Motion** made to approve the agenda as printed with amended typo for the date: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Review/Approve Minutes**
  - February 9, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting with typo under ARPA funds: **Motion** made to approve the minutes as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion carried.**
  - February 18, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting: **Motion** made to approve the minutes as printed: Tom Clark. 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. Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Approve Bills to Pay & Monthly Payables Report**
  - March 9, 2022: **Motion** made to pay monthly payables as printed: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Clerk Report/Correspondence**
  - Voting Equipment Training 3/24 at 6:00 PM
  - Spring Election scheduled 4/5
  - Melrose Fire Board Meeting 3/28 at 7:00 PM. Agenda will be sent to Chairman.
- **Building Permits**
- **Zoning**
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**
  - Dave attended a webinar regarding this bill and provided presentation materials to the board members. Engineering firms also presented, and he provided materials from their presentation to the board members. Discussed requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for these funds. The federal fiscal year 2022 timeline was reviewed and would be due by April 1. If there is a project that is a construction only project, we could present this for them to consider paying for with federal paying 80% and Franklin paying 20% of the cost. Gordon Road would be an appropriate candidate for this request. If approved, they would anticipate announcing approvals within a month or so and construction would need to begin by the end of 2023. The project cannot start until the funds are appropriated. A Q&A sheet was provided for review. Every road within Franklin would be eligible for consideration for this fund. The estimates are needed by April 1 and the town has until August to finalize the specific plan if approved. There is no limit to the amount of applications we submit. Discussion regarding roads that could be considered. Discussed road tour to help determine which roads would be best to focus on. The board will complete this on March 19, 2022 to begin at 8:00 AM. Clerk to post this meeting.
- **Maintenance Update**
  - Dwight Tjerstad Report- Has been cutting trees, removing snow and ice. Had to purchase a bucket edge replaced on the Case Loader.
- **Road & Equipment Report**
  - Seal Coat Bids- review of Seal Coat bid from Fahrner for Steine, Bucholz, S. Steine, Trump Coulee and Lindstrom Road. The estimate is for \$91,000 currently, however; if action isn't taken within 10 days of the bid a new bid would be required due to rising oil prices. If this was committed to now, it would require Franklin to fund up front in hopes it would be approved later by the BIL grant funds. Steine, Bucholz and S. Steine Road would be the preference for roads to be completed first. These three roads would cost approximately \$45,000.00. Project would be completed in July. **Motion** made to approve bid in the amount of \$45,040.00 from Fahrner to complete seal coat on Steine, Bucholz and S. Steine Road: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Citizen Concerns**
  - Letter from Jackson County Fair requesting donations
  - Barb Beck called Treasurer advising while cleaning town hall today a table fell on her and she hurt her arm. Is not broken but wanted to let us know.
  - E-mail from County Clerk re: US Cellular grant to improve/increase broadband in Southwest section of Jackson County. Proposal provided and seeking letters of support to be sent to the clerk by 3/15/2022. Requesting support from residents, businesses, etc. Information forwarded to board members via e-mail.
  - Clerk to order Basic Financial Administration for Wisconsin Local Government book for \$45.00 and shipping
- **Adjourn**
  - **Motion** was made to adjourn: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried**