

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF FRANKLIN – JACKSON COUNTY
 Regular Town Board Meeting
 Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
 Franklin Town Hall

- **Call to order**
 - Meeting called to order on Wednesday March 13, 2024 @ 7:00 PM CST. Present were Town Board Members Chairman Merlin Fredrickson, Supervisor Tom Clark, Supervisor Dave Brown, Treasurer Julie Brown, Clerk Bree Lien, Maintenance Person Dwight Tjerstad, and two townspeople.
- **Approve the Agenda**
 - **Motion** made to approve the agenda as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Review/Approve Minutes**
 - February 14, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting. One correction needed- under Citizen Concerns, “culvert repair” should actually read “culvert assessment.” **Motion** made to approve minutes with amendment as indicated: 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**
 - March 13, 2024: **Motion** made to pay monthly payables as printed: Dave Brown. Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Clerk Report/Correspondence**
 - Election scheduled for April 2nd. Still seeking poll worker for morning shift.
- **Old Business**
 - Internet Service Provider- Supervisor Dave Brown contacted Bugtussel since there is a tower less than one mile from the Town of Franklin. Currently has special for service with 20 megabytes download speed and 10 megabytes upload for \$30/month for first three months and then \$50 each month thereafter, one time installation fee of \$75 (1/2 off regular \$150 fee), rental of \$10 for box which picks up the signal and \$5.99 monthly for router. A technician will be coming to check for signal and if there is good signal will plan to install the service. **Motion** made to install Bugtussel internet service on Friday if service is confirmed: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
 - E-mail to .gov- Clerk provided update regarding information for obtaining .gov e-mail. Clerk to continue seeking additional information on ability to obtain a .gov e-mail and obtain a government website domain.
 - Land Sale Discussion
 - Chairman reached out to an individual who was interested in purchasing this land from the town but is hesitant due to liability concerns. Was given a verbal offer of \$10,000.00 and Chairman countered this. Person interested in purchasing has concerns due to potential clean up requirements due to previous landfill status as well as inability to place a house on the property.
- **Building Permits**
 - Monroe Burkholder- Request to build 44x56’ garage. Applied for land use permit through Jackson Zoning, not yet approved. **Motion** made to approve permit contingent upon receipt of land use permit: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Zoning**
 - Discussion re: zone change petition update for Rudy Petersheim due to not meeting Franklin setbacks (i.e. 4 acres zoned as residential)
- **Maintenance Updates/Road & Equipment Reports**
 - Dwight Tjerstad Report- Completed brushing work. Rotated tires on the tractor.
 - Discussion re: Seal coating on Trump Coulee- Discussion regarding condition of this road. This road is 25+ years old and is still in good shape but would benefit from sealing it. Chairman has not talked with Fahrner or any other company about this, but would like to discuss looking at the costs for this. Crack filling was completed last year. Bid for approximately \$58,000 for Trump Coulee and Lindstrom Road seal coating submitted by Fahrner. Dwight to reach out to Trempealeau County for bid. To discuss next month.
 - Annual Road Tour- April 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM
- **Citizen Concerns**
 - Appliance and Electronics Round-Up- Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Jackson County Recycling Center, 115 Harrison Street, Black River Falls.
 - Discussion regarding property on Lien Road with several cars on the property. Chairman to follow on this.
 - Card and monetary gift given in memory of Taylor Fire Chief. Mug also purchased for fundraiser.
- **Adjourn**
 - **Motion** was made to adjourn: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried**