

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF FRANKLIN – JACKSON COUNTY
 Regular Town Board Meeting
 Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
 Franklin Town Hall

- **Call to order**
 - Meeting called to order on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 7:05PM CST. Present were Town Board Members Chairman Merlin Fredrickson, Supervisor David Brown, Supervisor Tom Clark, Treasurer Julie Brown, Clerk Bree Lien, Maintenance Person Dwight Tjerstad and three townspeople.
- **Approve the Agenda**
 - **Motion** made to approve the agenda as printed: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Review/Approve Minutes**
 - April 13, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting: **Motion** made to approve the minutes as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion carried.**
 - April 23, 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**
 - April 13, 2022: **Motion** made to pay monthly payables as printed: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Clerk Report/Correspondence**
 - Open Book and Board of Review- Clerk to contact assessor- tentative schedule of Open Book on June 1 and Board of Review on June 8
 - Flag Replacement- Dwight will go to the Jackson County Courthouse to purchase new flags and recycling old flags
- **Building Permits**
 - Lyndsey Kampen- Request to build 32'x56' pole shed. Land use permit provided. Payment not included. **Motion** made to approve permit contingent upon receipt of applicable fee: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Zoning**
 - Zone Change petition #2022-11 requesting to change 5.0 acres of the Official Zoning Map from A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to R-2 (Residential) District. **Motion** made to support this request: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**
 - Received call from another engineering firm who is willing to come meet with board and see any projects interested and provide input and feedback. Expectation would be they would be given opportunity to complete this job. Understanding is smaller jobs will not be getting this funding. Review of Wisconsin Towns Association magazine focused on the BIL and the risks of applying including completing all applications and not being awarded the money, or being approved the grant money and the estimate coming in lower than the actual cost of the project and the Town would be required to pay anything in excess of the grant amount. Supervisor Dave Brown willing to complete application, although it is unlikely grand funds would be awarded to the town. Recommendations to work with the State for project funding. Next application timeframe will start in November, 2022 for State funding. Application for BIL will not be submitted at this time.
- **Melrose Fire Department Meeting**
 - Melrose Fire Department will be purchasing new Fire Engine. Cost for Town of Franklin will be approximately \$77-78,000. Discussion regarding contract with the fire department. Chairman to reach out to fire chief to find out if contract in place with the town and fire department. Chairman to also contact Taylor Fire Department to see if they would be interested in covering more of the Township.
- **Maintenance Update**
 - Dwight Tjerstad Report- Has been cutting trees on Beck Road and pushed them off. Cleaning out culverts and grading in between rainstorms. Needs to finish grading on Aleckson, Steine and Bott Road. Tractor runs too slow with groom and will need to utilize a faster machine. Discussed purchasing more loads of gravel. Green leaf charges \$200 for hauling plus the price of the gravel. Milestone contacted to get current pricing for materials. Also provided information regarding hauling from Nelson. Will get a few loads of gravel. Reports no equipment issues.
- **Road & Equipment Report**
- **Citizen Concerns**
 - Citizen concern regarding fencing issue with property owner(s.) Discussed talking to all property owners regarding the fencing issue. Discussed a few options for getting issue resolved. Supervisor Dave Brown to draft a letter citing statute regarding fencing.
 - Discussion regarding yard on Lien Road. Discussed vehicles on property and ordinances regarding number of vehicles unlicensed allowed on a persons property. Chairman to provide a letter.
 - Discussion regarding shed on Bliss Road- unsure if building permit was completed. Board believes property owner (Dunlavy) did obtain this previously
- **Adjourn**
 - **Motion** was made to adjourn: Tom Clark. pSecond: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried**