

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

- **Call to order**
 - Meeting called to order on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 @ 7:00PM CST. Present were Town Board Members Chairman Merlin Fredrickson, Supervisor Dave 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: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Review/Approve Minutes**
 - October 12, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting: **Motion** made to approve minutes as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
 - October 19, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting: **Motion** made to approve minutes as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Treasurer's Financial Report**
 - **Motion** made to accept financial report as printed with payables included in Treasurers Report: Tom Clark. Second. Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Approve Bills to Pay & Monthly Payables Report**
 - November 19, 2022: **Motion** made to pay monthly payables as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Clerk Report/Correspondence**
 - Election Results- 11/8/2022. Franklin had 138 voters.
- **Set Caucus for 2023 Election**
 - Caucus for purpose of nominating candidates for Town Board including Chairman, Supervisor 1 and Supervisor 2 and Treasurer to be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM. **Motion** made to schedule caucus at 6:30 PM on January 11, 2023 proceeding the regular monthly meeting: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Building Permits**
 - Citizen present regarding requesting a building permit. Not on the agenda so no action can be taken. Plans to build a house and barn. Provided with a building permit and also advised he does not currently have a legal easement.
- **Zoning**
- **New Road Construction**
 - Mike Beck made contact with Chairman Fredrickson regarding landlocked property. There is a statute regarding landlocked properties where the town can assist with putting in a town road. He has a valid easement from Merlin and has been using different access and never had issues. Tried to work with the property owner to work out agreement for continued use/access. He was not willing to allow this. Discussed the statute and provided town board with some additional information. If this is something the town is willing to consider Mr. Beck would hire an attorney with experience in similar matters to ensure it is completed correctly. One requirement for building a new town road needs to provide a public benefit. Additional discussion regarding the issue. Mike will need to file an application with the town. Recommended he talk with the landowner again to see if this can be resolved because if these measures are taken and a town road is created, it will be increased in size and would be accessible by everyone as it would be a public town road. He plans to do this and will notify the town board of outcome. The Town Board took no action on this.
- **Maintenance Update**
 - Dwight Tjerstad- Completed crack sealing project. Completing road checks, taking care of trees on roadways here and there. Truck is done and springs replaced. Got new edge for the wing and will put this on. Loader is fixed. Plans to have Jeff's tires or someone come to check out the tire on the loader as it is leaking air. Equipment ready and prepared for change in weather/snow.
- **Road & Equipment Report**
- **Citizen Concerns**
 - Chairman attended Taylor Fire Board meeting and their budget is at least half of what Melrose budget is. They are considering purchase of a new truck but they are going to try to use grants to purchase one.
 - Advised of complaint regarding a house on C by a townspeople
 - Sheldon advised there are a lot of recyclables going into the compactor. The company is not willing to provide another bin and that cardboard needs to be combined with other recyclables.
- **Adjourn**
 - **Motion** was made to adjourn: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried**