

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF FRANKLIN – JACKSON COUNTY
 Regular Town Board Meeting
 Wednesday, October 11, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
 Franklin Town Hall

- **Call to order**
 - Meeting called to order on Wednesday October 11, 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 two 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**
 - September 13, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting: **Motion** made to approve minutes as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
 - October 4, 2023 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 amended payables included in Treasurers Report: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Approve Bills to Pay & Monthly Payables Report**
 - October 11, 2023: **Motion** made to pay monthly payables as printed: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Clerk Report/Correspondence**
 - 2024 Election Schedule
 - EMS Population Verification
- **Building Permits**
 - Abraham Borntreger
 - Building permit for deck attached to the house, already existing without applicable permits. Has since applied for the Land Use Permit and completed building permit. **Motion** made to approve permit contingent upon receipt of land use permit: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
 - Building permit request to construct a 24'x32' storage shed. Has applied for Land Use Permit through the county and applicable fee paid. **Motion** made to approve permit contingent upon receipt of land use permit: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
 - Jerry Bontrager- Building permit request for hoop building, no land use permit provided. **Motion** made to approve permit contingent upon receipt of land use permit: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Zoning**
 - Zone Change Petition 2023-46 Christian Hardie. Request to change 5.6 acres of the A1 (Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential) District for the setbacks to be met: **Motion** made in support of Zone Change Petition: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Resolution for Claire Road Deed Transaction**
 - **Motion** made to approve resolution as written: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
- **Franklin Land Sale Discussion**
 - Individual indicated interest in purchasing land from Town of Franklin. A meeting of the electors would be required to complete this type of transaction. Dave Brown contacted the Wisconsin Towns Association for guidance. The attorney at WTA advised the Town Board would need to hold a special meeting of electors to authorize board to sell the land at which time they could authorize for the town to sell to a specific individual for a specific amount of money or could require the town to publicize the sale. Due to this land previously being utilized as a waste disposal area, a deed restriction is recommended and would need to be completed by an attorney. **Motion** made to bring this forward to the electors during the November 8, 2023 meeting: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Maintenance Update**
 - Dwight Tjerstad Report- truck bid was accepted by Town of Gale. Discussion regarding sale of current truck (2006 Dodge) and would require publication of the truck for sale to include the newly repaired clutch and recently purchased sander, as well as other attachments. Discussed submitting bid request to local paper. Dwight will provide picture and description of vehicle to clerk for a public request to bid in Banner Journal and Aarow Shopper. Discussed tire purchase and Dwight authorized to purchase and request reimbursement from the Town. Culvert has been replaced on Twesme and has been completing mowing operations.
- **Road & Equipment Report**
 - Jackson County Highway Department is working with DOT for proposed pavement improvement project
- **Monroe Lehman Road Right-of-Way**
 - No further action at this time.
- **Citizen Concerns**
 - Levi Miller reached out regarding fire number, but this is applied through and assigned by Jackson County Land Information Department
 - Jarod Huff inquired regarding his previously submitted building permit. Clerk will follow with him on this.
 - Mark Rausch provides substitute recycling labor and advised the neighbors dog has defecated on town property. Dwight will contact dog owner regarding this concern.
- **Adjourn**
 - **Motion** was made to adjourn: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried**