

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF FRANKLIN – JACKSON COUNTY
 Regular Town Board Meeting
 Wednesday, September 13, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
 Franklin Town Hall

- **Call to order**
 - Meeting called to order on Wednesday September 13, 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 five (5) townspeople.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approve the Agenda**
 - **Motion** made to approve the agenda as printed: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Review/Approve Minutes**
 - August 16, 2023 Regular 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**
 - September 13, 2023: **Motion** made to pay monthly payables as printed: David Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Clerk Report/Correspondence**
 - **FEMA Update-** Clerk submitted available information regarding 2017 storm damage to FEMA for administrative cost grant.
 - Budget planning meeting scheduled for October 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM
- **Building Permits**
 - Eli Yoder- application not received. No information provided. To be tabled for future meeting.
 - Bruce Johnson- Request to build a 24X36 log cabin. No land use permit provided but is working with Zoning to obtain this. **Motion** made to approve building permit contingent upon receipt of Land Use Permit and applicable zone change: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
 - Moved on to Zone Change Petition regarding same property.
 - David Yoder- Request to build 40X104 shed to be used as a calf barn at property on Vinger Road. Land Use Permit provided, however; the Land Use Permit is permitted to Ura Yoder, who is the owner of the property and resides at the residence. **Motion** made to approve building permit: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
 - Steve Murray- Request to build 30X48 pole shed on Aleckson Road. Land Use Permit provided. **Motion** made to approve building permit: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
 - Jonathon Borntreger- Request to build basement home (with eventual plans to add on.) Land Use Permit Provided. **Motion** made to approve building permit: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Zoning**
 - Bruce Johnson Zone Change Petition 2023-44- Request to change 11.48 acres of the A2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential) District for construction of single-family home. **Motion** made in support of the Zone Change Petition: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
 - Zoning provided several letters to residents in Franklin regarding building structures without the applicable permits including Land Use Permit and Town of Franklin Building Permit. Clerk will send each a letter with a copy of the Building Permit.
 - Zone Change reviews
- **Resolution for Claire Road Deed Transaction**
 - Discussion regarding modifying legal description due to deeds recorded incorrectly. Resolution required, however; need to create this resolution to act. **Motion** for Town of Franklin to create a Resolution to move forward with this transaction: Tom Clark. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
- **Town Hall Cleaning Pay Increase Request**
 - Barb Beck requested pay increase to a \$50 flat fee. Currently makes \$15.00/hour and cleans approximately 2 hours a month for \$30. **Motion** made to increase compensation to a flat fee of \$50.00: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried**
- **Maintenance Update (Dwight Tjerstad Report)**
 - Brakes and batteries replaced in the international. Rebuilt cylinders in the loader and placed new blades on mower and plans to start this next week. Completing grading work, placed gravel on Gordon Road (15 loads.) Completing grading on several roads throughout the town.
- **Road & Equipment Report**
 - Discussed Town of Gale truck for sale for \$75,000 to possibly replace Dodge Truck. The Town of Gale is accepting sealed bids through October 9, 2023. Discussed materials needed for roads the remainder of the year to determine road costs. Salt shed material also needed. Discussion regarding looking at the truck and possibly submitting a bid. Chairman will contact sellers to see the truck.
 - Dwight purchased a tailgate sander at an auction for the purpose of repairing equipment and machines. Town to reimburse Dwight for his purchase \$150.00).
- **Monroe Lehman Road Right-of-Way**
 - Monroe met with Chairman and discussed adding a roadway to access property through old landfill near Chris Hardie residence. Chris was present at the meeting and advised this would require an easement through Chris Hardie's property as well, which he is not opposed to do. Will consider this further in the future.
- **Citizen Concerns**
 - Review of Consolidated Energy bid for LP contract which was discussed at last meeting. Town to book contract
 - Sheldon will be unavailable for recycling labor on Saturday 9/16/2023 and Saturday 9/23/2023. Tom will reach out to Mark for coverage.
 - Merlin purchased card and memorial on behalf of the Town of Franklin to the Aleckson Family.
 - Discussion regarding updating Town of Franklin board member plaque.
- **Adjourn**
 - **Motion** was made to adjourn: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried**