**MEETING MINUTES**

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN – JACKSON COUNTY**

Regular Town Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Franklin Town Hall

* **Call to Order** 
  + Meeting called to order on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 @ 7:00 PM CST. Present were Town Board Members Chairman Merlin Fredrickson, Supervisor Dave Brown, Supervision 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 11, 2024 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**
  + October 9, 2024- **Motion** made to pay monthly payables as printed: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
* **Clerk Report/Correspondence**
  + November 5, 2024 Election- Current poll workers and clerk
  + Reminder- Budget Meeting 10/10/2024 at 6:00 PM
* **Old Business**
  + Vehicles on Lien Road- additional letter sent following last town board meeting. No action has been taken. Next action would be for the town to clean-up at expense of the landowner. Approximately 12 vehicles on the property. Dwight can haul them and bring to Swanson’s Salvage. Review of previous letter sent. Decision made to send additional letter advising of towns next steps if not resolved will be to remove the vehicles at the landowner’s expense with removal date of 11/1/2024.
* **Ambulance Service Fee- Black River Falls EMT**
  + Additional letter received and would be liable for $9,500 if the township continues contract. Chairman talked with additional townships/village who advised they planned to utilize Tri-County. Supervisor Brown attempted to contact Tri-County but has not yet gotten a response. The only concern is where they would be coming from and transferring to if we were to utilize their services. This service would not have a cost to the township at this time as it is covered by individuals’ insurance for cost. Contract from Black River EMT is required to be signed and returned by December 1, 2024 with applicable payment. Discussed bringing this forward during the next annual meeting before making a significant change. To be tabled and discussed during next monthly meeting to allow board members additional time to obtain additional information. Chairman will go to Tri-County to try and meet with someone to discuss further.
* **Elk Damage Resolution**
  + Discussed resolutions passed by Town of Adams, Town of Knapp, and Town of Bear Bluff regarding elk damage. Review of the resolutions but does not appear to affect Town of Franklin at this present time. **Motion** made to not take any action at this time: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried**
* **Building Permits**
  + Levi Borntreger- 2 building permits submitted. Land use permit not provided. Plans to purchase acreage and wants to build a house and barn on the property. Zone change would be required. Discussion regarding the request and location. Property currently owned by Edwin Borntreger who has requested the Zone Change Petition through the county. Addressed before. **Motion** made to approve permit for residence and barn contingent upon land use permit, zone change, and proof of ownership of property: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.** .
  + Mahlon Gingerich (Thomas Miller)- Request to build… Property is owned by Thomas Miller. Land use permits provided. **Motion** made to approve permit: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
  + Monroe Lehman- Request to build a 20’X28’ addition to existing shop. Land use permit provided. **Motion** made to approve permit: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
  + Brightspeed Utility Permit- Request to place new buried fiber optic wire from Flaaten Road on County Road C to new Verizon Cell Town currently under construction on County Road N. Fiber sized to provide future service in the area. **Motion** made to approve: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**
* **Zoning**
  + Zone Change Petition 2024-33 for Edwin Borntreger- Request to … **Motion** made to make no decision due to insufficient information: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried.**
* **Maintenance Updates/Road & Equipment Reports**
  + Allied Cooperative Propane Bid- bid of … No other bids yet received. Utilized Consolidated Energy for last year. Dwight to contact to obtain updated bid from Consolidated to make decision during next regular meeting.
  + Dwight Tjerstad Report- Completed black top patching and coated bridge on wooden bridge. Completed road grading and finished this for the year. Cut down trees overhanging on Claire Road. Grader not being used due to maintenance issues and will contact businesses for repair estimates. Will get salt/sand shed filled. Tires on tractor need to be replaced. Met with Johnny Eckle regarding tire repair and he currently has a used pair which are in good condition. Will check if these would fit/size needed for the tractor and inquire on price.
* **Citizen Concerns**
  + Invoices to bill need to be created for gravel purchased by town residents. Supervisor Brown had gravel delivered but has not yet received a bill.
* **Adjourn** 
  + **Motion** was made to adjourn: Dave Brown. Second: Tom Clark. **Motion Carried**