

April 10, 2023 – MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR TOWN OF FRANKLIN

The April monthly meeting for the Town of Franklin was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dave Wesely followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present: Dave Wesely, Katie Duckart, Jim Wacek, Sandy Smidle and Todd DeGrave.

Jim Wacek made a motion to approve the agenda as printed with the addition of taking possible action on the Marge Municipal software agenda item, Katie Duckart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Katie Duckart made a motion to accept the minutes as printed from the March Town Board meeting. Jim Wacek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sandy Smidle presented the Treasurer's Report, which shows a balance of \$362,967.89 Katie Duckart made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Jim Wacek seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Suzi Sevcik reported 1 building permit for a new house was issued last month.

County Supervisor Scott Brown said the County Board meeting is tomorrow night (April 11, 2023) A County employee rolled a truck but is otherwise okay.

First Responder Suzi Sevcik reported 0 calls last month. Suzi Sevcik attended the County EMS Council meeting.

Chairman Dave Wesely read the recommendation from the Planning Committee regarding the land division and rezone for Rick Duckart. Jim Wacek made a motion to approve the request with the addition of a stipulation stating that the old house must be torn down before the building permit will be issued for a new house. Dave Wesely seconded the motion, motion carried. Katie Duckart did not vote.

Chairman Dave Wesely introduced the idea of municipal software to make reporting and data entry easier. Several towns are already using Marge Municipal software and it comes highly recommended. Suzi Sevcik gave a list of some of the features. The cost is \$2,490 for a one-time setup fee and \$623 per year after that. The software is cloud based and comes with automatic backups and 1 user license. Extra users are available for a fee. It was decided that there needs to be some more research on the features so the issue is tabled until the May meeting.

The Town Board surveyed all roads on Saturday morning and identified 12 priority areas that need to be addressed in the 2023 road repair season. The discussion on bridges is tabled until the May meeting.

The Town received 2 bids for 2023 ditch cutting. Wendt Services (\$8,000/first cutting and \$18,000 second, total \$26,000) M. Craanen Service (\$10,500 first cutting and \$24,000 second, total \$34,500). Katie Duckart made a motion to approve the bid from Wendt Service. Dave Wesely seconded the motion, motion carried.

The Town received 1 bid for grass cutting at the town hall. Mark Raisleger (\$27 per cutting, general clean up billed at \$12 per hour) It was stated that Mark Raisleger has been cutting the grass for a long time and always does a good job. Jim Wacek made a motion to approve the bid. Katie Duckart seconded the motion, motion carried.

Oaths were signed and submitted to the clerk for filing for all newly elected officials.

Town Orders # 61 to # 80 were discussed, approved and paid.

Our next monthly Town Board meeting will May 8, 2023. at the Franklin Town Hall.

There being no further discussion, the April Town Board meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd DeGrave Town Clerk