

January 9, 2022 – MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR TOWN OF FRANKLIN

The January 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, Jim Wacek, Katie Duckart and Todd DeGrave.

Katie Duckart made a motion to approve the agenda as printed, Jim Wacek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Clerk Todd DeGrave presented the Treasurer's Report, which shows a balance of \$915,841.92 Clerk Todd DeGrave explained the bank balance was very high because of taxes collected in December but the January settlement will bring that number back to normal. Katie Duckart made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Jim Wacek seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Suzi Sevcik provided some documentation showing a possible addition of 1 acre to her property pending sales from neighbor.

Zoning Administrator Suzi Sevcik reported 0 new building permits. Suzi Sevcik also mentioned an inquiry from a citizen with land on BB that was asking about what permits were required to use the barn for weddings. After some discussion it was determined that a conditional use permit would be required.

Suzi Sevcik also asked that a possible raise in prices for building permit be added to the February agenda.

County Supervisor Scott Brown reported that the next meeting about building a new County Highway Department shop is in February. Mr. Brown took a tour of the current buildings and reported that one of the buildings used for cold storage is in bad shape but the rest are fine or need some minor repairs. The two most likely plans being discussed are adding to existing building or building brand new on land near the old land fill site.

First Responder Suzi Sevcik reported 2 calls last month. Suzi Sevcik also mentioned an EMS Expo being held in Green Bay. The cost is \$150 per day. There are a few FEMR members that might be interested in attending.

The 20 year comp plan was signed by Chairman Dave Wesely. The Town Board searched the office for the Town copy of the 20 year plan but it could not be located. There are several other copies available. Tom Konop is going to contact Bay Lakes to see if they have an electronic copy so it can be posted to the website.

Chairman Dave Wesely gave a background on the ditch cutting. Shaun Wendt's last proposal was \$23,000. The County charged \$13,423 for the 2022 season. Shaun Wendt offered to do some brush cutting for \$200/hr. There was discussion about whether the Town should pay that and let the County do the summer ditch cutting or just having the 2023 ditch cutting done by Shaun Wendt and include the brush clearing in the contract. The bid for ditch cutting will need to be advertised.

There was discussion about adopting an ordinance for restricting use and obstruction of town road right of ways in ditches and embankments. Examples were provided from surrounding towns with similar ordinances. The Town will hold a public hearing in February and decide if the ordinance should be adopted.

There was discussion about an ordinance for emergency services cost recovery. Several examples were provided from surrounding towns with similar ordinances. The Town will hold a public hearing in February and decide if the ordinance should be adopted.

Rural Insurance coverage was reviewed. The coverage documentation is very complicated and Chairman Dave Wesely will take them home to review.

Town Orders # 1 to # 17 were discussed, approved and paid.

Our next monthly Town Board meeting will February 13, 2022. at the Franklin Town Hall.

There being no further discussion, the January Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd DeGrave Town Clerk