

A REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, 201 THIRD AVE., FRANKFORT, NEW YORK.

Present: Glenn D. Asnoe, Supervisor
Christopher Evans, Councilman
Joseph Tamburro, Councilman
Michael Testa, Councilman
John Wallace, Councilman
Ronald Testa, Highway Superintendent
Sgt. Matthew Palumbo, Police OIC

Supervisor Asnoe opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Clements, thanked the Police Department on a great job they did, he explained that a neighbor of his back in January 2021 fell and was injured, he had called 911 his phone went dead and the Police immediately responded. Mr. Clements asked about the solar project, he wanted to know if there is any restriction on it. The town will provide him with a copy of the local law.

NO. 101 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by Councilman Testa that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes of May 12, 2021. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

COMMITTEE REPORT / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sgt. Matthew Palumbo reported that he canvassed the civil service list and supplied one candidate with a background packet. Officers are performing nightly building checks of the Town Hall. He is looking into a possible speed study of Dutch Hill Road.

Hwy Superintendent Testa informed the board the David Strong is eligible for his probationary pay raise and reported that he will be pouring the concrete Thursday for the salt shed. He sold the New Holland Skid Steer at auction for \$36,000. He would like to purchase a bob cat.

NO. 102 APPROVE PROBATIONARY PAY INCREASE—HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MOTION MADE BY Councilman Testa that the town board resolves to approve, per recommendation from Hwy. Supt. Testa, a probationary pay increase to David Strong to \$20.24/hour straight time; \$30.36/hour overtime premium, effective June 14, 2021. Second Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0.

APPROVED

NO. 103 APPROVE LEASE OF A 2021 BOBCAT SKID STEER LOADER

MOTION made by Councilman Testa that the town board resolves, based on the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Testa, to approve the leasing of a 2021 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader, state contract #PC67141, on a lease agreement not to exceed \$50,000. Second by Council Members Evans & Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Asnoe submitted financial report for May he also reported that he made a \$6,937.50 worker's compensation interest payment. He opened up an accounts payable at M&T Bank that will be used for BST accounting so funds can be transferred into the account and BST will use that for the paying the towns bills.

NO. 104 APPROVE ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH CONSTELLATION—Highway Garage

MOTION made by Councilman Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the Electric Supply Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. for the Highway Garage, and authorize Supervisor Asnoe to execute and sign any and all documents. Second Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0. **APPROVED**

OLD TOWN HALL

Councilman Wallace reported that Town Attorney Karl Manne has reached out to Bernie Adriano, and is waiting to hear back from him after Mr. Adorino talks with his Lawyer. **TABLED**

SALT SHED

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CHARLESTOWN

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WEST FRANKFORT WATER

Supervisor Asnoe reported that he and Councilman Wallace are still working on paper work. **TABLED**

NORTH FRANKFORT BRIDGE

Supervisor Asnoe reported that has a zoom meeting with Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, DOT Regional Director Linda Lubey on June 4, 2021 to discuss the bridge. **TABLED**

NO. 104 APPROVE GENERAL CODES —ECODE360 ONLINE CONTRACT

MOTION by Councilman Wallace that the town board resolves to enter into agreement with General Codes for the town codes to be electronically formatted on the town's website, eCodes360 annual maintenance fee \$1,195., authorize Supervisor Asnoe to sign and execute any and all documents. Second Councilman Testa. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0. **APPROVED**

JONES ROAD CEMETERY

Supervisor Asnoe explained to the town board that he received a phone call saying that the cemetery is in need of maintenance. Hwy Supt. Testa said he would look into it **TABLED**

OAKVIEW CEMETERY

Supervisor Asnoe reported that are issues with the burials, and who places top soil on the graves that has settled. **TABLED**

MARIHUANA REGULATION AND TAXATION ACT FOR TOWN GOVERNMENT

Superiors Asnoe reported that the town has the opportunity to opt-out of allowing a retail store or a consumption store for cannabis, it has a 4% tax on it, 1% goes to the County and 3% goes to the towns, cities or villages. If there is Village in a town they can work out the percentage the town receives, if no agreement it is a 50/50 split. The town must adopt a local law by December 31, 2021 to opt-out. **TABLED**

MORITORIUM FOR SOLAR FARMS

Supervisor Asnoe reported that the eighteen (18) month moratorium on Solar Farms and Battery Energy Storage has expired and that the Local Law #1, 2021 Certain Solar Energy Systems and Equipment within the Town of Frankfort is now in effect.

REOPENING TOWN HALL TO THE PUBLIC

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Supervisor Asnoe would like to reopen the Town Hall, he is waiting for the Town Justices to get back to him when they will be opening up the court. He doesn't want to open the Town Hall until, most of the foot traffic is for court and he doesn't want the other departments to have to deal with court issues. **TABLED**

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS—ABSTRACT 5

NO. 105 **MOTION** made by Councilman Wallace to approve General Abstract #5—Claim No. 177-219C, Total \$71,540.22. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 106 **MOTION** made by Councilman Testa to approve TOV Abstract #5—Claim No. 44-58, Total \$10,226.43. Second by Council Members Evans & Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 107 **MOTION** made by Councilman Testa to approve Highway Abstract #5—Claim No. 83-96A, Total \$24,348.22. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 108 **MOTION** made by Councilman Testa to approve Highway TOV Abstract #2— Claim No. 3-4, Total \$2,971.09. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 109 **MOTION** made by Councilman Evans to approve Special District Abstract #5—Claim No. 47-59, Total \$6,818.48. Second by Councilman Testa. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 110 **MOTION** made by Councilman Testa to approve Oakview Cemetery Abstract #1—Claim No. 1, Total Amount \$2,309.10. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. 7:00 PM

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. 7:15 PM

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to adjourn. Second by Councilman Testa. Upon roll call; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dorri DeRollo, Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING: Regular Board Meeting June 23, 2021