

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024 AT 6:00P.M., IN THE TOWN HALL, 201 THIRD AVE., FRANKFORT, NEW YORK, TO ADDRESS LOCAL LAW NO. 2, 2024 6:00P.M., THE REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED.

Present: John Wallace, Supervisor
Michael Perritano, Councilman
Joseph Tamburro, Councilman
Philip Tangorra, Councilman
Chief Matthew Palumbo
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Christopher Evans, Councilman
Absent: Marcus Perritano, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Wallace opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING—LOCAL LAW NO. 2, 2024
A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C

Supervisor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and read the legal notice.

Public Comment: No Public

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace to close the Public Hearing. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:15 PM.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 27, 2024 SIDNEY DEROLLO DAY IN HONOR OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Supervisor Wallace and the town board presented Sidney DeRollo a lifelong resident of Frankfort, with a proclamation declaring October 27th 2024, Sidney DeRollo day in honor of his 100th birthday, Supervisor Wallace and the Town Board wished him a Happy Birthday and thanked him for all he has done for Frankfort and his county.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Palumbo, 344 5th Ave. in the Village of Frankfort, He spoke about how he went to the last Village of Frankfort board meeting, he stated that there were a lot of questions about the Village Police Department being abolished. He said that the Village said you would have to ask the Town Board about Taxes, he said they hadn't looked into anything at the time, hopefully at the November meeting they will have all the answers to the question that were asked. He asked the Town Board if they had done anything with the budget for 2025. He wanted to know if the Town was going to take on additional officers from the Village to the Town and if there would be any change to the Town taxes. Supervisor Wallace thanked Mr. Palumbo for his comment, and said he would make on general statement; the Town is fully prepared, the Town has budgeted for it, the Town is looking at it, it is not a problem. The Town will be ready willing and able when the time comes. Supervisor Wallace said that it has been talked about for years. He stated that for 87 days the Town Police covered for the Village Police. The Town Police already cover the Elementary and High Schools. He said the Town has always worked hand and hand with the Village and you will not see any difference in coverage. Mr. Palumbo wanted to know if the Town taxes would change and Supervisor Wallace said they would change a bit but the Village should go down, but that is the Villages call. Mr. Palumbo said the Village told him that they didn't know yet if the Village taxes would go down.

TOWN HALL SNOW REMOVAL—OPEN BIDS

Councilman Tamburro opened bids with results as follows (Contract Period November 11, 2024-April 13, 2025)
S&J Enterprises Contract Cost \$6,500.00

Pollard Lawn Care LLC

Removal of Snow \$250.00/per hour
Walkway \$500.00
Contract Cost \$6,950.00.00
Removal of snow \$250/per hour
Walkway \$1,225.00.00

TABLED

PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED ZONING RECLASSIFICATION OF A 21.9± ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 2571 HIGBY ROAD AND NEW YORK STATE ROUTE 5S, TAX ID NO. 112.3-1-46.1, AND A 60± ACRE PORTION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 3720 SOUTHSIDE ROAD, TAX ID NO. 112.3-01-14.1) FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT – COMMERCIAL (PC) AND RESIDENCE AGRICULTURE (RA) TO PLANNED MANUFACTURING (PM).

Supervisor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at 6:30PM, and read the legal notice.

Julian Clark with Plumley Engineering stated that he has talked with the town board a few times about the proposed zone change. Routine properties are proposing to purchase 82 acres of land. 60 acres of the Nicastro farm and the Russell farm at 22 acres. They have received approval for the subdivision of the 60 acres from the Nicastro farm and combining it with the 22 acres of the Russell farm, it was approved by the planning board for one parcel. The SQER was completed and send to the County, they received a letter from the planning board in support of the zone change. Routine Properties is proposing to construct a million square foot distribution center on the property. He would like the combined properties to be zoned to a PM which allows warehouse use along with offices.

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace to close the Public Hearing. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORT / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Various reports submitted

Police Chief Palumbo submitted his report; attached and discussed.

- Accept the resignation of Part-time officers Carmen Newtown & Brandon Jones effective 10/23/2024
- We were approved for amending the LETECH grant, we will purchase two more radios and possibly a new vehicle radar unit if enough funding.
- Axon ALPR units installation will start next week.
- Recommend Halloween is on 10/31/2024 from 5pm-7pm to go along with the other municipalities.
- MVCAC (Mohawk Valley Crime Analysis Center) installed their TV network in the station for real-time bulletins to be viewed.
- I have met with the new E911 Supervisor and we have discussed zones for the entire town. We have been doing this for the past month but now the calls will be issued to the proper car covering the assigned zone.
- County is looking into a county wide records management system for all law enforcement agencies. I have a roll in this project through the county police chiefs association.
- Officers will be participating in the Trunk or Treat in the Village Community Garden on Halloween.

*Supervisor Wallace informed the board that the Town received a letter from a town resident on Welsh bush Road, thanking the Town Police for the quick response to their alarm system going off.

Highway Superintendent Perritano submitted his report, attached and discussed

- CHIPS projects for 2024 have been completed and submitted to NYSDOT for reimbursement:
Kent Blvd, Race St, Arch St, Brand St: \$80,037.47
- Sold surplus inventory: 1996 Mack, 1999 Ford, pressure washer, welder and some tires for a total of \$13,032.50
- On 10/4/24, Barton & Loguidice sent the town's lead line service inventory to the Department of Health, and on 10/21/24, all mandatory letters were sent to residents who have been identified as having lead, galvanized or unknown service lines that may need replacement and we've already had a few responses.

There is a Lead Line Service Inventory link on the Town's website with a link and instructions for residents to perform a test on their lines as well.

- Trucks are ready for winter, ice control stock is in place
- I am still actively looking for prices on plow trucks. I have 2 quotes and am waiting on a third. NYS DEC has relaxed its enforcement of the new ACT (advanced clean trucks) zero-emissions sales requirements for 2025-2026 to allow truck purchases/manufacturing dedicated to plowing/street cleaning.
- I have gotten quotes from 3 vendors for a storage container for equipment and plan to buy one with the equipment purchase budget. Our outdoor equipment is currently in a rusty trailer that's falling apart.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Wallace reported that he gave the town board the current bank balances, NYClass and the Supervisors monthly report for September and everything is looking good

NO. 137 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by Councilman Tamburro that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes September 26, 2024 and October 3, 2024. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor Vote was 5-0.

APPROVED

NO. 138 APPROVE BONO DRIVE NAME CHANGE TO IRONS DRIVE

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to change the name of Bono Drive in the Town of Frankfort to Irons Drive and the Town Clerk will provide notice to the Herkimer County Highway Department and 911 Addressing (attached). Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0.

APPROVED

VILLAGE OF ILION WATER CONTRACT

Councilman Tangorra stated that he did reach out to the Village of Ilion Mayor to talk about the charges on the water bill for Bridge Street equipment amount Mr. Stevenson was admit that the rates that were charged were applicable they were FEMA rate and what has been charged in the past. He said the work was done and the town has an obligation to pay the bill; as far as renewing the expired contract he feels that the terms are too high for the town residence. At some point the town will need to do a contract extension and councilman Tangorra recommends doing it on a shorter term.

TABLED

EMPLOYEE HAND BOOK

Supervisor Wallace informed the town board that the employee hand book will be ready for the next board meeting and will be effective January 1, 2025.

OAKVIEW CEMETERY

Supervisor Wallace wanted to thank the local Boys Scouts Troop 1 for painting the Oakview Cemetery entrance sign.

NO. 139 APPROVE FIREFLY 3 YEAR CONTRACT (LOSAP)

Motion made by Councilman Tangorra that the town board resolves to approve a 3 year contract with FireFly and approves the Supervisor to sign and execute any and all documents. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call. All in favor. Vote was 5-0.

APPROVED

NO. 140 APPROVE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH ONEIDA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT

MOTION made by Councilman Tangorra that the town board resolves to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Frankfort and the Oneida County Sewer District (Attached). Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0.

APPROVED

NO. 141 ACCEPT POLICE DEPARTMENT—RESIGNATIONS

MOTION made by Councilman Wallace that that town board resolves to accepts the resignations, with regret, from Carmen Newton effective 10/24/2024 and Brandon Jones effective 10/23/2024, part-time police officers, and the board thanked them for their service. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0

APPROVED

NO. 142 APPROVE GYM MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL — REVAMP FITNESS

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the renewal gym membership for all town employees plus 1 to Revamp Fitness for \$1000.00 per year effective January 2024 and authorize the town Supervisor to sign and execute any and all documents. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; 4 Yea 1nay
APPROVED

NO. 143 APPROVE EXTENSION OF LOCAL LAW #1, 2024; A Local Law Establishing a Six Month Moratorium on Applications, Approvals and/or Construction or Installation On Solar Energy Systems, Solar Farms and/or Windmills

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board approves a six-month extension on Local Law #1, 2024, extending a six-month moratorium within the Town of Frankfort (attached). Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0
APPROVED

NO. 144 ESTABLISH FY2025 SALARY LEVELS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve FY2025 wages and salary levels for Elected Officials in the Preliminary Budget Legal Notice as follows: Town Supervisor \$13,200.00.; Councilman (4) each \$7,242.08.; Town Justice (2) each \$13,283.00.; Town Clerk \$42,200.00; Highway Supt. \$68,958.00. Second by Councilman Tangorra. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0
APPROVED

NO. 145 APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS

MOTION made by Councilman Tangorra that the town board resolves to schedule public hearing for the FY2025 Preliminary Budget, which includes salaries for elected officials, on Thursday, November 4th at 5:00 PM, and the FY2025 Special Districts on Thursday November 4th at 5:15 PM, and authorizes the town clerk to issue the legal notice for the same. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0
APPROVED

NO. 146 APPROVE RELEVIES TO BE PLACED ON 2025 T/C TAXES

MOTION made by Councilman Wallace that the town board resolves to adopt the attached resolutions and exhibits for, Water Relevies for the Mohawk Valley Water Authority, Village of Ilion, and Sewer Relevies for the Oneida County Sewers District to be placed on the 2025 Town & County Taxes. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0
APPROVED

PROPOSED ZONING RECLASSIFICATION OF A 21.9± ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 2571 HIGBY ROAD AND NEW YORK STATE ROUTE 5S, TAX ID NO. 112.3-1-46.1, AND A 60± ACRE PORTION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 3720 SOUTHSIDE ROAD, TAX ID NO. 112.3-01 14.1) FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT – COMMERCIAL (PC) AND RESIDENCE AGRICULTURE (RA) TO PLANNED MANUFACTURING (PM).

Supervisor Wallace said it will be addressed at the next regular board meeting that the 30 days are not up yet, and haven't heard back from anyone the proposed change was sent to.
TABLED

John Piseck, Herkimer County Ida, wanted to thank the town board for sending Codes Officer Mishele Spanan and Deputy Code Officer Jerry Meyers to the ribbon cutting for Warrior Solar farm; he also thanked Chief Palumbo and his staff. He said it was a very nice ribbon cutting.

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS—SEPTEMBER ABSTRACT #9

NO. 147 **MOTION** made by Supervisor Wallace to approve General Abstract #10—Claim No. 349-382B, Total \$84,838.65. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0
APPROVED

NO. 148 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve TOV Abstract #10—Claim No. 141-153, Total \$27,070.88. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0
APPROVED

NO. 149 **MOTION** made by Supervisor Wallace to approve Highway Abstract #10—Claim No. 185-199B, Total \$43,109.15. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0
APPROVED

NO. 150 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve Highway TOV Abstract #9—Claim No. 33-37, Total \$14,952.96. Second by Councilman Evans Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0
APPROVED

NO. 151 **MOTION** made by Supervisor Wallace to approve Special District Abstract #10—Claim No.84-91, Total \$39814.97. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

APPROVED

NO. 152 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve Oakview Cemetery Abstract #5—Claim No.6 Total \$2,153.84. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace to adjourn. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorri DeRollo, Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING: Public Hearing November 4, 2024
5:00 PM Preliminary Budget
5:15 PM Special District Public Hearing