

A REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 19, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, 201 THIRD AVE., FRANKFORT, NEW YORK.

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

Supervisor Wallace opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Piseck, Chief Executive Officer at Herkimer County IDA, gave an update on Acme Road (chips gas station) has been taken down, he has been in contact with the DEC and the NYS Comptroller's office, they will be coming in to remove the tanks. They have an appointment the first week of January to do the review and should be completely clean by early March. Then it can be turned over to the Town of Frankfort.

NO. 168 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by Councilman Tangorra that the town board resolves to approve the special emergency meeting minutes December 3, 2024. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; Vote was 5-0

NO. 169 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by Councilman Tangorra that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes November 21, 2024. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; Vote was 5-0

COMMITTEE REPORT / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Various reports submitted

Chief Palumbo, Police Report

County Police Chiefs meet with State Judicial & County representatives discussing concerns with CAP arraignments within the County.

Recommendation to appoint Louis Romano and Steve Martin; to full-time status with all benefits at a rate of \$27.29 per hour. Start date January 1, 2025; Both are currently part-time officers and will fill the two vacant positions. 2019 Charger Auction ended and recommends it be accepted.

Requesting a meeting in January with committee; to discuss staffing and hiring the 3rd position.

Awards banquet to be held in January

FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Wallace reported that he gave the town board the current bank balances, NYClass and the Supervisors monthly report for November.

RA ENERGY COMPANY OF NEW YORK LLC (use variance application)

Randolph Soggs, 23 Oxford Road, New Hartford, NY, he wanted to address the town board to request a use variance solar moratorium; for a Schuyler Solar LLC, located at 2200 Bleecker Street and Industrial Park drive, bordering 2200 Bleecker Street LLC and Masonic Home Communities; Total area of 64.5 acres. He would like the Town Board to consider giving him a use variance permit from the solar moratorium, that the town established January 1, 2024 and extended for an additional six months. He stated that the Town would benefit by the land returning as a contributor instead of a drain on its resources and that it also meets the standards established by the Rosenberg.

NO. 170 REZONING OF LANDS ON HIGBY ROAD, NEW YORK STATE ROUTE 5 LEAD AGENCY STATUS AND ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

MOTION made by Councilman Tangorra that the town board resolves to act as lead agent and issue the negative declaration for rezoning of the land s on Higby road and New York State Route 5(Attached and read). Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 171 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE HIGBY ROAD DEVELOPMENT ZONE CHANGE

MOTION made by Councilman Tangorra that the town board resolves to approve the Higby Road development zoning change from Planned Development-Commercial and Residence Agriculture to Planned manufacturing. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0. **APPROVED**

NO. 172 REFER APPLICATION OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO THE ZONING BOARD APPEALS Higby Road Project

MOTION by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to refer special use permit and variance permit for Higby Road Project to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0. **APPROVED**

ILION WATER CONTRACT

TABLED

EMPLOYEES HAND BOOK

Supervisor Wallace stated that the employee handbook has been completed for January 1, 2025, Councilman Tangorra stated that they just received the final draft and would like a chance to review it. **TABLED**

ASHRICK ROAD

TABLED

SPEED LIMIT CHANGE INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE TO ONEIDA COUNTY & UTICA LINE ON WELSH BUSH ROAD

Supervisor Wallace would like to find out the last time a study was done. **TABLED**

POLICE FOIL

TABLED

NO 173 APPROVE HOLIDAY -NEW YEAR'S DAY

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve to close the Town offices on January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. Second by Councilman Tangorra. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 174 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1, 2025 AMENDING THE FEES SCHEDULES FOR BUILDING PERMITS, PLUMBING PERMIT INSPECTIONS, AND WATER AND SEPTIC CONNECTION

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves that the Town Board of the Town of Frankfort is calling for a public hearing on Local Law #1, 2025, for the purpose of amending the fees schedules for building permits, plumbing permit inspections, and water and septic connection. The Public hearing will be held on January 23, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, 201 Third Ave., Frankfort, New York 13340, and authorize the town clerk to issue the legal notice for the same. Copies of the proposed local law are available at the Office of the Town Clerk at the above address. At the time and place above, all members of the public shall be heard. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0. **APPROVED**

NO. 175 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PURPOSE USE VARIANCE TO THE SOLAR MORATORIUM-PROPERTY AT 2200 BLEECKER STREET

made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves that the Town Board of the Town of Frankfort is calling for a public hearing for a variance from the terms and restrictions imposed by the Town's moratorium on new solar energy systems adopted on October 23, 2024 The Public hearing will be held on January 23, 2025 at 5:50PM at the Town Hall, 201 Third Ave., Frankfort, New York 13340, and authorize the town clerk to issue the legal notice for

the same. Copies of the application are available at the Office of the Town Clerk at the above address. At the time and place above, all members of the public shall be heard. Second by Councilman Tangorra. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0.

APPROVED

NO. 176 POLICE DEPARTMENT—FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to appoint, per recommendation by Chief Palumbo, Louis Romano and Steve Martine to the position of full-time police officers effective January 1, 2025 at the rate of \$27.29/hour and they are eligible for all full-time benefits per Town of Frankfort employment. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0

APPROVED

NO. 177 ACCEPT BID FOR POLICE VEHICLE 2019 CHARGER

MOTION made by Councilman Wallace that the town board approve the winning bid of the sale of the 2019 Charger, police vehicle at auction. Second be Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0

APPROVED

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS—SEPTEMBER ABSTRACT #12

NO. 178 **MOTION** made by Supervisor Wallace to approve General Abstract #12—Claim No. 424-466B, Total \$172,711.31. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0

APPROVED

NO. 179 **MOTION** made by Supervisor Wallace to approve TOV Abstract #12—Claim No. 168-181C, Total \$28,417.55. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0

APPROVED

NO. 180 **MOTION** made by Councilman Tamburro to approve Highway Abstract #12—Claim No.223-242, Total \$37,250.99. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0

APPROVED

NO. 181 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve Highway TOV Abstract #11—Claim No. 41-42, Total \$1,524.19. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0

APPROVED

NO. 182 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve Special District Abstract #11—Claim No.92-100, Total \$7,664.70. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0

APPROVED

NO. 183 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve Oakview Cemetery Abstract #6—Claim No.7, Total \$2,153.84. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0

APPROVED

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

MOTION made by Councilman Evans to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. 7:20 PM.

MOTION made by Councilman Tamburro to adjourn. Second by Councilman Tangorra. Upon roll call; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dorri DeRollo, Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING: Reorganization Meeting Thursday January 2, 2025