

A REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2025 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
Chief Matthew Palumbo
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Absent: Philip Tangorra, Councilman
Marcus Perritano, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Wallace opened the regular meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Wallace closed the January 23, 2025 Public Hearing— application of Randolph Soggs for a variance from the terms and restrictions imposed by the town 's moratorium on new energy systems adopted on October 23, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Codes Officer Mishele Spaman presented the town board with the 2022 Periodic review report the former Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company at 2200 Bleecker Street Frankfort, NY NYSDEC Site No. 622003. It is the contamination final report was completed January 2023 to The DEC. Mishele will send the board the website so they can go on the link to read the report on the toxic waste site and gave Town Clerk Dorri DeRollo the hard copy to file in her office. Mark Palumbo Frankfort resident, said he listen to everything Randolph Soggs had to say at the last two meetings and obviously the site is contaminated and useless for anything else, he wants to know how if it is contaminated could you build anything on the site, it's going to need a foundation that will have to go below frost so you would still be digging into the ground. He understands that the land is useless but it borders land that is not useless and now the might want to turn all that surrounding land into solar fields.

Supervisor Wallace state that he is going to keep public comments open for a few more weeks in case anyone would like to submit any comments in writing or petitions to the town board.

NO. 42 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2025. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 43 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by Councilman Tamburro that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes of January 23, 2025. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

COMMITTEE REPORT / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Various reports submitted

Chief Matthew Palumbo submitted his report; attached and discussed.

Holding off on awards banquet until April due to STOP DWI awards

Coffee with a cop February 28, 2025 8a-10a at Stewarts Shop.

- JAG grant is on hold and waiting to get approved.
- Meet with committee members, I have requested to advertise and hire for a full-time position
- Court will have to make sure 3 court officers are scheduled when over 140 people are scheduled. Use of basement for court overflow when over 140 persons scheduled for court.
- Appoint Jeremiah Sninchak as a PT compleitive Police Officer & Donald Mosher as a Court Attendant.

Superintendent Perritano submitted his report;

- Due to the statewide salt shortage, I've been using more B's and we are starting to run low on those too.

- We've had another busy month with all of the snow we've gotten, and have had some breakdowns but have been able to make it all work. There are roads that have been impassable due to large snow drifts, and had to contact the county and state for assistance as we don't have equipment to move them.
- In addition, we have been helping the Town of Litchfield keep up with their roads.
- I have been looking into getting a retrofit for our fuel tanks with new pumps. The existing pumps are not working correctly.
- The company Nexamp is putting a solar farm in the Town of Litchfield off of Hacadam Road. The access road that their trucks will travel on to the site is in the Town of Frankfort. Litchfield had required Nexamp to obtain a \$35,000.00 bond to cover potential damage to the road. I was told by a Nexamp representative that after a meeting, the Town of Frankfort had signed off on the project and didn't require a bond. I have requested all correspondence from the company and the town to see why.
- I would like to thank Chief Palumbo and his department for their assistance during the snowstorms this month.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Wallace reported that he gave the town board the current bank balances and the Supervisors monthly report for January. NYClass is still doing very well.

ILION WATER CONTRACT EXPIRED 2016

TABLED

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

TABLED

HERKIMER COUNTY SEWER BOARD APPOINTMENT

TABLED

NO. 44 ACCEPT JUSTICE COURT AUDIT

MOTION made by Councilman Perritano that the town board resolves to accept the Audit of the two Justices of the Town of Frankfort, regarding finances and keeping of the books (Attached) Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

APPROVED

NO. 45 FRANKFORT CENTER—LOSAP

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the Town Board resolves to approve the list of volunteer firefighters of the Frankfort Center Fire Department and the points earned during calendar year 2024 (Read and Attached), and authorizes Supervisor Wallace to sign and execute any and all documents. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

APPROVED

NO. 46 APPROVE PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER —Jeremiah Sninchak

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace, that the town board resolves to approve the appointment, per recommendation by Chief Palumbo, of Jeremiah Sninchak as PT Police Officer, Start date 2/28/2025, at \$20.60 per hour with no benefits other than NYS retirement. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

NO. 47 APPROVE PART-TIME COURT ATTENDANT — Donald Mosher

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace, per recommendation by Chief Palumbo, that the town board resolves hire to retired police officer Donald Mosher; part-time Court Attendant; noncompetitive Herkimer County Civil Service at \$20.60 per hour, with no benefits Start date 2/28/2025. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

APPROVED

NO. 48 APPROVE PAYMENT BP EXCAVATION

MOTION made Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve to pay \$420,361.00; to BP Excavation; contingent upon approval of funding agency and approve the town supervisor to sign and execute any and all documents. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

APPROVED

