

A REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, 201 THIRD AVE., FRANKFORT, NEW YORK.

Present: Glenn D. Asnoe, Supervisor
Darlene Abbatecola, Councilwoman
Joseph Tamburro, Councilman
John Wallace, Councilman
Ronald Testa, Highway Superintendent
Sgt. Matthew Palumbo, Police OIC
Absent: Michael Testa, Councilman

Supervisor Asnoe opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Enrico D'Alessandro, Welshbush Road, stated that he attended tonight's meeting relative to the proposed West Frankfort Water—Middle District and was wondering if the Mohawk Valley Water Authority would start testing the water. He feels that it would financially benefit the proposed district if water quality issues were found. Supervisor Asnoe along with Councilman Wallace confirmed that the Water Authority has committed to do the testing free of charge. Councilman Wallace will contact them to see when they would be starting.

Public Comments Closed at 6:05 PM.

NO. 199 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by Councilwoman Abbatecola that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes of September 25th and October 1st, 2019. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Oakview Cemetery—Trustee Fund: Supervisor Asnoe reiterated what was reported at the September 25th meeting for Councilwoman Abbatecola (who was absent), that the Town will not be receiving any funds due to the original cemetery association ceased to exist and so did the obligation of the trust.

Monthly reports submitted by town clerk, codes, highway and police departments.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Asnoe reported that he met with Chris Lambert and Ben Maslona from Bond Shoeneck & King today regarding the refinancing of the bond held by M&T Bank. They worked on a bond where the interest will be cut in half. He also reported that the Town has been supplying the auditors with additional information to finalize the FY2018 audit; and he will have a final monthly report at the next meeting.

WEST FRANKFORT WATER

Councilman Wallace reported the following: Lower District formed and now applying for financing. One grant application has been submitted; and the other is being prepared and due the end of the month. Middle District—BCA has started the budget revisions, and is requesting tank size update from MV Water Authority to meet their requirements for fire flow.

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Councilwoman questioned the grants received by other municipalities through Governor Cuomo. Supervisor Asnoe explained that HCIDA applied for a planning grant to extend the water line from Utica to Ilion and Herkimer, and the Village of Ilion applied for a grant for transmission lines from their wells to the reservoir. It would affect certain Town taxpayers due to the fact that the Villages of Frankfort and Ilion provide water to the Town.

NEW TOWN HALL—BOILER

Supervisor Asnoe reported that the Town has experienced boiler issues and he received authorization by the board, via email, to approve the emergency repairs. The repairs are supposed to start this week.

NO. 200 APPROVE BOILER WORK—HJ BRANDELES CORP.

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe that the town board resolves to approve repairs to the Town Hall boiler per proposal by HJ Brandeles Corp. with cost not to exceed \$8,600. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor.

Vote was 4-0

APPROVED

CHARLESTOWN

Supervisor Asnoe reported that he's waiting to hearing from City of Utica Mayor Palmieri relative to the letter that will be co-drafted by the City and the Town to be sent to all state and federal officials asking for assistance with demolition of the building. **TABLED**

ASSESSOR POSITION

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OAKVIEW CEMETERY—MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

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POLICE EMPLOYMENT & WORK POLICY

TABLED

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES / SR. CITIZEN'S DINNER

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NO. 201 TOWN HALL SNOW REMOVAL—REQUEST BIDS

MOTION made by Councilman Wallace that the town board resolves to request bids for the Removal of Snow at the Town Hall, with bids to be received up to 2 pm on Wednesday, November 13th and opened on November 13th at 6 pm. Contract period from December 1, 2019 to April 17, 2020, with same bid specs as last contract, and authorize the town clerk to publish the legal notice for the same. Second by Councilwoman Abbatecola. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

APPROVED

NO. 202 REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION

MOTION made by Councilman Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the Refunding Bond Resolution dated October 9, 2019, entitled "Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$2,700,000 Refunding Bonds Of The Town Of Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York, To Refund Certain Outstanding Serial Bonds Of The Town, And Providing For Other Matters In Connection Therewith", and authorize Fiscal Advisors to go out to bid for the outstanding bonds and authorize the supervisor to execute all documentation, attached and read. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; Council Members Abbatecola, Tamburro, Wallace and Supervisor Asnoe voted Aye. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

Supervisor Asnoe explained that this includes the Town Hall, Highway Garage and Highway Equipment bonds. Depending on the interest rate, it may not be feasible to re-bond for the highway garage, and based on their calculations at the current market rate the Town could save \$421,000 over the life of the bond.

SOLAR FARMS / BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE

Amy Wyant, Clean Energy Community Coordinator—Mohawk Valley Economic Development, attended the meeting at the request from Councilman Tamburro to explain how a municipality can regulate solar farms. She referenced some of the items in the NY Solar Guidebook, and presented handouts for the Municipal Energy Symposium on October 19th from 9:2:30 at Mohawk Valley Community College. She explained that the guidebook assists municipality on what's good for their community, and when the Town addresses this issue they should address residential and commercial uses separately. In regards to regulations, the Town can regulate against solar farms. The guidebook also addresses battery energy storage relative to fires and how to keep your first responders safe. The Town Board thanked her for attending and supplying them with more detailed information.

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel & litigation issues. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. 6:40 PM.

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. Second by Councilwoman Abbatecola. Upon roll call; All in favor. 6:55 PM.

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to adjourn. Second by Councilwoman Abbatecola. Upon roll call; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgina Bellino, Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:00 PM.