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The public hearing for the approval of the Cable Television Agreement between Time Warner Cable and the Town of Franklin opened at 3:00 p.m. Present were Jeff Taggart, Susan Fairbairn, Arthur Swenson, Supervisor Don Smith, Highway Superintendent Mark Laing and Paul Warner. Also present were William Young, Gene Marner, Ralph Barlow, Jamie Archibald, Pete Bevilacqua, Linda Bevilacqua, Jim Basile and reporter Lillian Browne. Absent was Garret Sitts.

Mr. Young wanted to know what PEG referred to in section 5.2. Also in section 14.8, Service to Public Facilities, it did not indicate that we would continue with the three free service drops that we presently receive. The resolution also needed to be corrected to show 10 years for the length of the contract. Supervisor Don Smith closed the hearing at 3:10 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Don Smith.

The minutes from the December 28, 2012 meeting were read. A correction was made to indicate that the truck box should be replaced now and that the 2 year estimate to replace the box had expired. With that correction Jeff Taggart made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Susan Fairbairn seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Due to comments made in the public hearing regarding the renewal of the Cable Television Agreement, the Agreement would not be approved at this time.

The starting time for the March 5th meeting will be changed to 7:30 p.m.

Ralph Barlow inquired about the ground maintenance around the Kellogg School property as he would like to continue mowing the grounds this year. At this time the grounds are still owned by the Delhi School District and he needs to contact the school district regarding the grounds.

Jeff Taggart reported no news for the Planning Board. Susan Fairbairn reported for the Recreation Committee. There will be a chicken and biscuit dinner on February 9th starting at 4:00 held at the Franklin school. The Fire Department and the Recreation Committee are

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the sponsors of the dinner. The Recreation Committee is taking applications for lifeguards for this summer.

Arthur Swenson reported no news for the Treadwell Water District.

Mark Laing reported for the Highway Department. The final payment for the 2012 CHIPS funds has been received. To date we have used approximately 175 tons of salt for this winter. Mark had researched prices for a stainless steel box. Oneida County had a bid price for a stainless steel box of approximately \$39,000.00. Wayne's Welding provided an estimate of approximately \$38,000.00. Mark will advertise for bids for the box.

Mark indicated he would like to advertise for bids in April. One of the bids will be for the crushing of bank run gravel to get a minimum of 5000 yards of gravel.

Jim Basile spoke to the Board about the effects of doing a Town wide reappraisal of properties in Franklin. On the most recent roll filed in 2012 we are currently at 94% of full value. The reason to do a reappraisal would be to restore equity to taxpayers in the Town. A discussion followed regarding the possible benefits and negative effects from doing a town wide reappraisal. Jeff Taggart made a motion to not do a town wide reappraisal. Arthur Swenson seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Linda Bevilacqua wanted to know what Jim Carey was able to obtain for Franklin from the Constitution Pipeline Company. Jim was not appointed to the county wide committee that awards any grant funds.

Vouchers # 1 - #58 were submitted for audit and payment.

With no further business to come before the Board Don Smith moved for adjournment at 4:30 p.m. Jeff Taggart seconded the motion and all present agreed.