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The regular monthly meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Supervisor Don Smith. Present were Jeff Taggart, Garret Sitts, Supervisor Don Smith, Highway Superintendent Mark Laing, and Paul Warner. Also present were Stella Sprague, David Sprague, Jamie Archibald, Clifford Marsh, William Young, Shane Strong, Dwight Bruno, Donald Hebbard and Jim Basile. Absent were Susan Fairbairn and Arthur Swenson.

The minutes from the March 5, 2013 meeting were read. Jeff Taggart made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Stella Sprague presented a resolution approving the Petition regarding the agreement between Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi and the Abraham L. Kellogg Education Fund. The Petition will be heard in the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Otsego. Jeff Taggart made a motion to accept the resolution regarding the Petition. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Mark Laing opened the bids for the trucking of crushed limestone, liquid calcium chloride, diesel fuel and heating oil, pipe, and for the crushing of gravel. Two bids were received for the trucking of stone. Cobleskill Stone Products bid \$8.65/ton to deliver stone products. Carver Sand and Gravel bid \$9.35/ton to deliver stone products. Jeff Taggart made a motion to accept the bid of \$8.65/ton from Cobleskill Stone Products. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

There were two bids for liquid calcium chloride. Suite-Kote bid \$1.25/gallon and Peckham Materials Corporation bid \$.844/gallon delivered and applied. Jeff Taggart made a motion to accept the bid of \$.844/gallon from Peckham Materials Corporation for liquid calcium chloride. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Mirabito Energy Products submitted the only bid for fuel oil and heating oil. They bid a fluctuating price of rack plus \$.1943/gallon for heating oil, rack plus \$.1536/gallon for low sulfur diesel and rack plus \$.1764/gallon for winter blend diesel. They also bid firm prices of \$3.5354/gallon for heating oil, \$3.4982/gallon for low sulfur diesel and \$3.7482/gallon for winter blend

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diesel. Jeff Taggart made a motion to accept the firm bids of \$3.5354/gallon for heating oil, \$3.4982/gallon for low sulfur diesel, and \$3.7482/gallon for winter blend diesel. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Bids were received from Chemung Supply and Jess F. Howes Building Supply for various sizes of pipe. Chemung Supply bid the following.

<u>Banded Pipe</u>		<u>Bell and Spicket</u>	
12" diameter	\$ 4.68/ft.	12" diameter	\$ 4.91/ft.
15" diameter	\$ 6.08/ft.	15" diameter	\$ 6.38/ft.
18" diameter	\$ 9.00/ft.	18" diameter	\$ 9.46/ft.
24" diameter	\$14.03/ft.	24" diameter	\$14.72/ft.
30" diameter	\$21.58/ft.	30" diameter	\$22.65/ft.
36" diameter	\$27.65/ft.	36" diameter	\$29.03/ft.
42" diameter	\$38.50/ft.	42" diameter	\$40.42/ft.
48" diameter	\$47.00/ft.		

Jeff F. Howes Building Supply bid the following.

<u>Banded Pipe</u>	
12" diameter	\$ 5.09/ft.
15" diameter	\$ 6.99/ft.
18" diameter	\$10.09/ft.
24" diameter	\$15.99/ft.
30" diameter	\$23.96/ft.
36" diameter	\$30.62/ft.

Jeff Taggart made a motion to accept the Chemung Supply bid and or the State contract bid, whichever is lower with emergency purchases from Jess F. Howes Building Supply. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Bids were received for the crushing of gravel from Carver Sand & Gravel and Clark Companies. Carver bid \$3.90/yard for a minimum of 5,000 yards of gravel. Clark bid \$3.74/yard for a minimum of 5,000 yards of gravel. Garret Sitts made a motion to accept the Clark Companies bid of \$3.74/yard. Jeff Taggart seconded the motion and all present agreed.

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William Young asked about the proposal for the renewal of the Time Warner Franchise Agreement. No agreement has been reached as the continuation of the free services we presently receive under the old agreement have not been agreed upon in writing in the proposed renewal agreement.

Clifford Marsh asked the Town Board to approve the Cold War Veterans' Exemption which would affect property tax bills starting in January 1, 2015 for those who qualify. This exemption would apply for veterans who have eligible service from September 2, 1945 through December 26, 1991. Jeff Taggart made a motion to approve the Cold War Veterans' Exemption with a 10% reduction in assessed value for those veterans who qualify effective with the January 1, 2015 tax bill. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Paul Warner reported that the amount received from the State for the Youth Program for this year would be \$371.00.

Mark Laing reported an expected increase in CHIPS funds this year of approximately \$56,000.00 which would put the total amount to be received this year for CHIPS funds at approximately \$250,000.00.

Mark reported that the excavator with a ditch bucket and thumb rental for this year would be approximately \$4,000.00 for 4 weeks. Jeff Taggart made a motion to rent an excavator for May and not to exceed \$4,000.00. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Jim Basile, the assessor, indicated that to continue receiving the Basic STAR exemption on school taxes, taxpayers will have to reapply. Reapplying will take effect after the upcoming school tax bill. Jim also let the Board know that the Assessment Roll has to be put on the internet and he will be putting Franklin's Assessment Roll on a site called [townoffranklinny.wordpress.com](http://townoffranklinny.wordpress.com).

Don Smith made a motion to go into executive session regarding personnel at 9:15 p.m. Jeff Taggart seconded the motion and all present agreed. Don Smith made a motion to go out of executive session at 9:30 p.m. Jeff Taggart seconded the motion and all present agreed.

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Vouchers were submitted for audit and payment.

With no further business to come before the Board, Jeff Taggart moved for adjournment at 9:30 p.m. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Respectively submitted