

March 4, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Franklin Town Board was held at the Treadwell Fire Station and was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Supervisor Jeff Taggart. Present were Don Smith, David Grant, Garret Sitts, Supervisor Jeff Taggart, Highway Superintendent Mark Laing and Paul Warner. Also present were Helen Mitchell, Mike Wallace, William Young, Jamie Archibald, Dwight Bruno, Cheryl Petersen, David Tuthill, Richard Grant, Terry Huyck and reporter Lillian Browne. Absent was Arthur Swenson.

The minutes from the February 4, 2014 meeting were read. Garret Sitts made a motion to accept the minutes as read. David Grant seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Helen Mitchell stated that there is no cell phone service in Treadwell and she would like to have the Town investigate the possibility of getting coverage in Treadwell. The land owned by the Town located by the former Kellogg School was discussed as a site. Also Mike Wallace indicated he would be interested in having a cell tower placed on his land. Jeff indicated that he had talked with Jeff Staley, who is the contact person for the cell tower that is located on the Town property by the Town garage. He would get back in touch with Jeff for further discussions.

The ballot for the election of Executive Committee members to a two year term for Delaware County to the Coalition of Watershed Towns was presented. Garret Sitts made a motion to vote for Al Perkins, Jim Eisel, and Tom Hynes for the members. Donald Smith seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Don Smith made a motion to reappoint Tom Collier for a 5 year term beginning October 1, 2013, to the Board of Assessment Review. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Supervisor Jeff Taggart reported for the Planning Board. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance on Fleming Road for Robert and Ronald Pufahl. New York City will be buying land on East Brook Road.

Mark Laing reported for the Highway Department. He reviewed information regarding the Constitution Pipeline and pointed out some of his concerns for the Town of Franklin. Mark indicated that the road use document was still being worked on.

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New York State Department of Transportation will be doing a study on State Route 28 on Franklin Mountain in the Town of Franklin.

Mark informed the Board that the broom rental for this year would be the same as last year, \$2,250/month. Garret Sitts made a motion to rent a broom for one month. Don Smith seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Mark provided new quotes for garage doors with jams. Jesse Howe's quote is \$769.00/door and jam and Pickets quote was \$895.00/door and jam. Don Smith made a motion to accept Jesse Howe's quote. David Grant seconded the motion and all present agreed.

The insurance company has not yet provided an estimate for the Town truck that was damaged when plowing on Henry Edwards Road.

The Ford pickup truck is still in need of repair. The truck has approximately 10,000 miles and the Town would like Ford Motor Company to assist in paying for the repair. Jeff Taggart made a motion authorizing Mark to request Ford Motor Company to assist in paying for some or all of the repair work. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed. Jeff Taggart made a motion to authorize Mark to install an after market air intake system on the truck. Garret Sitts seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Mark indicated that an offer of \$10,000.00 was made to purchase the screener. At this time a single axle truck, the orange Brockway, the chipper, the screener and the 1974 Brockway will be put on Auction International for bid. The bids will not have to be accepted.

Jeff indicated that Jan Schlafer has agreed to be the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Don Smith made a motion to appoint Jan Schlafer Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. David Grant seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Vouchers were submitted for audit and payment.

With no further business to come before the Board, Don Smith moved for adjournment at 3:15 p.m. David Grant seconded the motion and all present agreed.