

Town of Franklin
Regular Monthly Board Meeting & Public Hearing
October 15, 2025
5:30PM

Board Members Present: Supervisor Dorothy Brown, Council Member Anne Marie Nightingale-Duprey, Council Member Richard Brandt, Council Member Sue Alexander and Council Member Leo Demong
Others Present: Joe Schumacher, Amy McCormick, George Stowers, Eric Stender, Joel Peller, Jacques DeMars – Highway Superintendent, Veronica LeFebvre— Deputy Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING
CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Brown called the public hearing to order at 5:29PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Deputy Town Clerk called the roll, noting a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment
Supervisor Brown closed public hearing at 5:31PM.

CALL TO ORDER
Supervisor Brown called the regular meeting to order at 5:31PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES OF September 17, 2025— During discussion, Co. Nightingale-Duprey requested the minutes be amended to include the purchase price of two highway trucks and the specific dollar amounts of the accepted sand bids. The motion was subsequently carried to approve the minutes with the requested amendments. Approved (R. Brandt- L. Demong m/s/p) All Aye
Deputy Clerk's Note: Following the meeting, a review of the official records was conducted to ensure the accuracy of the amended minutes.

- Regarding the highway truck purchase, the record from the August 14, 2025 meeting, including the approved motion and voucher, confirms the authorization was for the purchase of one (1) highway truck. The minutes have been finalized to reflect this factual record.
- Regarding the sand bids, the specific dollar amounts accepted were \$3.99/ton from Peru Sand & Gravel LLC and \$8.00/ton from Trudeau Sand and Gravel Inc. For full transparency and context, the complete bid packets, details on material quality, distance and other factors considered by the board during their deliberation, are public documents and remain on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited and approved for payment:

General Fund	Abstract 10	Claims 165-189	\$326,254.51
Highway	Abstract 10	Claims 132-143	\$27,736.83
Pre Pay Gen	Abstract 9	Claims 46	\$32.93

(R. Brandt, L.Demong m/s/p) All Aye

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Balances on hand as of September 30, 2025

General Fund

Checking	\$14,647.90
Savings	\$255,480.93
Historian	\$3051.14
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2,108.36
Cemetery RF	\$5,744.56
CLASS	\$168,565.16
Kt.Mt. CLASS	\$100,965.47

Highway Fund

Checking	\$114,298.54
Savings	\$83,019.87
Cap Proj. HW	\$4,804.04
CLASS	\$371,895.61

Landfill Clos. CR

Checking	\$1,520.55
CLASS	\$63.06

<i>Fire Protection</i>	
Checking	\$2,449.87
CLASS	\$1,754.26
<i>Capital Proj Bldg</i>	
CLASS	\$741,995.84
(Alexander-Nightingale-Duprey m/s/p) All Aye	

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Sept 18 to Oct 15, 2025
Sand/ salt shed- sides are now up, base of floor was paved, with the assistance of: Town of Tupper Lake and Town of Saranac
Paved the top with the assistance of: Town of Saranac and town of Chateaugay
One man retired
One man out due to injury
Started hauling winter sand
Hauled millings
Two employees and myself went to a Liability class put on by Cornell and paid for by Franklin County Highway Superintendents Association.
Assisted Town of Tupper Lake with paving
Worked on a section of Rock Street, cut out a section of damaged blacktop and replaced it. Also patched a few sections near the area mentioned as well as worked on shoulders in the same area.
Worked on asphalt repair on French Rd
Ongoing beaver activity around town
Fuel and gas sheets were given to the Town Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION #33 ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2025

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Franklin has introduced a proposed local law designated as Local Law #4 of 2025, entitled "A Local Law Exempting from Taxation Real Property Owned by Senior Citizens Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §467 "; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state and local law, the Town Board was required to hold a public hearing on the adoption of said local law; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly noticed and held on October 15, 2025, at the Franklin Town Hall, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly considered the comments made at the public hearing and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town of Franklin to adopt said local law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Franklin does hereby adopt Local Law #4 of 2025, entitled "A Local Law Exempting from Taxation Real Property Owned by Senior Citizens Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §467"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of Local Law #4 of 2025 with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Those Voting Aye:	Supervisor Brown
	Co. Alexander
	Co. Brandt
	Co. Demong
	Co. Nightingale

Those Voting No:	None
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B. RESOLUTION #34 TO TRANSFER THE DUTY OF FEE AND PERMIT COLLECTION FROM THE TOWN CLERK TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk of the Town of Franklin has historically been responsible for the collection of certain fees and permits on behalf of the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Franklin has determined that centralizing the collection of such revenues under the office of the Town Supervisor may streamline financial operations and improve efficiency; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation, the Town Board deems it to be in the best interest of the Town of Franklin to reassign these duties to the Town Supervisor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the duty and responsibility for the collection of all fees and permits previously collected by the Town Clerk's office shall be, and hereby is, transferred to the office

of the Town Supervisor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this transfer of duties shall be effective as of October 15, 2025

Those Voting Aye: Supervisor Brown
 Co. Alexander
 Co. Brandt
 Co. Demong
 Co. Nightingale

Those Voting No: None

C. Land Bank – A discussion was held regarding the possibility of the Town acquiring tax-foreclosed properties from the county prior to public auction. The concept discussed would involve the Town rehabilitating such properties and subsequently selling them to community members as a way to improve local housing stock and combat blight. The board took the matter under advisement for further research. It was requested candidate for Franklin County Legislator Joe Schumacher provide some assistance.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Veterans Memorial – Anne Marie Submitted names to production company. Waiting on a final proof. Mentioned she checked Ancestry.com for additional names but was unsuccessful finding anything relevant.
- B. Trunk or Treat- Supervisor Brown informed the board we have a few sign ups for trunks. Encouraged everyone to spread the word and participate. Trunk or Treat is October 31st from 4:30-6:30 at Kate Mt Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, Supervisor Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:11pm.

Veronica LeFebvre, Deputy Town Clerk