

Town of Franklin
Regular Monthly Board Meeting & Public Hearing
July 9, 2025
5:30PM

Board Members Present: Supervisor Dorothy Brown, Council Member Anne Marie Nightingale, Council Member Richard Brandt, Council Member Sue Alexander and Council Member Leo Demong Others Present: George Stowers, Joel Peller, Lindy Ellis, Jacques DeMars – Highway Superintendent, Lauren LeFebvre—Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Brown called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm. No public comment was made. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:40pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:40pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Town Clerk called the roll, noting a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lindy Ellis updated the board on the broadband project. Project is moving forward as planned, entering phase 2 in the fall.

REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2025—Approved as presented. (D. Brown- R. Brandt m/s/p) All Aye

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited and approved for payment:

General Fund	Abstract 7	Claims 91-112	\$7,815.10
Highway	Abstract 7	Claims 113-123	\$17,100.21
Pre Pay Gen	Abstract 6	Claims 23-33	\$6,098.85

(L. Demong-A.Nightingale m/s/p) All Aye

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Balances on hand as of June 30, 2025

General Fund

Checking	\$75,587.58
Savings	\$784,472.18
Historian	\$488.66
Kt. Mt SRF	\$2,099.62
Cemetery RF	\$5,720.74
CLASS	\$166,828.48
Kt.Mt. CLASS	\$488.66

Highway Fund

Checking	\$274,914.94
Savings	\$52,675.55
Cap Proj. HW	\$4,754.56
CLASS	\$368,314.73

Landfill Clos. CR

Checking	\$1,519.59
CLASS	\$62.27

Fire Protection

Checking	\$2,448.33
CLASS	\$1,736.09

Capital Proj Bldg

CLASS	\$136,387.56
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(Brown-Demong m/s/p) All Aye

RESOLUTION #22 TRANSFER MONIES FROM GENERAL CHECKING TO CLASS ACCOUNT

On a motion by Supervisor Brown, second by Co Demong, ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the transfer of \$700,000.00 from the General Fund Checking account to the General Fund Class account.

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

Those Voting No: None

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ongoing prep work for sand/ salt shed
All county roads and some town roads were mowed
Assisted Town of Constable with paving
Assisted Town of Black Brook with paving
Cut several trees that fell into the roadway
On 6/23/25 \$263,731.76 was deposited in to general fund from CHIPS
Ongoing beaver activity around town
Fuel and gas sheets were given to the Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #23 LOCAL LAW #1 2025 CREATION OF COURT CLERK POSITION

On a motion by Supervisor Brown, second by Co Alexander, ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the Local Law No. 1 amending the Town code by adding a new Chapter 9 entitled “Creation of Court Clerk Position”.

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

Those Voting No: None

RESOLUTION #24 LOCAL LAW #3 2025 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF VIDEOCONFERENCING WITHIN THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN

On a motion by Co. Demong, second by Co Alexander, ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the Local Law No. 3 authorizing the use of videoconferencing within the Town of Franklin.

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

Those Voting No: None

RESOLUTION #25 LOCAL LAW #2 2025 A LOCAL LAW ALLOWING MEMBERS OF THE TOWN BOARD TO PARTICIPATE IN TOWN BOARD MEETINGS VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE FROM LOCATIONS OUTSIDE THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN BOUNDARY LINES

On a motion by Co. Demong, second by Co Nightingale, ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the proposed Local Law #2 of 2025 Authorizing the use of Videoconferencing within the Town of Franklin.

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

Those Voting No: None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bricks Grant – Board will be reaching out to the Town of Chateaugay for more information about the grant.
- B. Pickleball Court Proposal

RESOLUTION #26 ADDING PICKLEBALL LINES TO BASKETBALL COURT

On a motion by Supervisor Brown, second by Co Alexander, ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby approve the expenditures of monies to add Pickleball lines to the existing basketball court at Kate Mountain Park.

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

Those Voting No: None

C. Records Room – At 6:27pm the meeting was moved into Executive session. Those present: Supervisor Brown, Co. Demong, Co. Alexander, Co. Nightingale, Co. Brandt, Town Attorney Joel Peller. No action taken. Executive session ended at 6:45pm.

D. Assessor Marten Tichenor advised the board, based on current school and property tax data, mirroring the Saranac Lake Central School District's exemptions for low income seniors, the impact per taxpayer would mean an increase of approximately \$1.87 per parcel. The Town Clerk will provide a copy of the school district's law for board review.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Veterans Memorial – Co. Nightingale is working diligently to collect names for the memorial. Plaques were discussed.

B: Highway Salt/Sand Shed – Supervisor brown has not received any invoices from the company erecting the salt/sand shed. Highway Superintendent DeMars expressed he will look into this.

C. Youth Program – Is going very well. Week one was a success.

D. DSNY Grant - Submitted paperwork again and again-

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, Supervisor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.

Veronica LeFebvre, Deputy Town Clerk