

**Town of Franklin**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting & Public Hearing**  
**September 17, 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, Valorie Trost, Lindy Ellis, George Stowers, Tim & Barbara Sheard, Jacques DeMars – Highway Superintendent, Veronica LeFebvre— Deputy Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:44PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Deputy Town Clerk called the roll, noting a quorum present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Schumacher – Came to introduce himself as running for Franklin County Legislator.

George Stowers – Provided copies of a map to the board of the Loon Lake Heights Development. Expressed that Loon Lake residents have mixed opinions on the project.

Lindy Ellis- Shared that the broadband project is still moving along as expected. Mentioned the possibility of adding cell phone coverage in the area. Board plans to reach out to installers regarding the project.

Tim Sheard – Stated he came to ask about broadband, but had his questions already answered by Lindy.

**REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES OF August 14, 2025**—Approved as presented. (R. Brandt- A. Nightingale m/s/p) All Aye

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

The following claims were audited and approved for payment:

|              |            |                |             |
|--------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| General Fund | Abstract 9 | Claims 140-164 | \$18,631.72 |
| Highway      | Abstract 9 | Claims 119-131 | \$33,838.88 |
| Pre Pay Gen  | Abstract 8 | Claims 40-45   | \$73,534.34 |

(L. Demong-S.Alexander m/s/p) All Aye

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Balances on hand as of August 31, 2025

*General Fund*

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Checking     | \$31,040.59         |
| Savings      | \$87,299.19         |
| Historian    | \$ no data provided |
| Kt. Mt SRF   | \$2,105.50          |
| Cemetery RF  | \$5,736.78          |
| CLASS        | \$168,004.31        |
| Kt.Mt. CLASS | \$739,527.09        |

*Highway Fund*

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Checking     | \$182,361.50 |
| Savings      | \$82,907.43  |
| Cap Proj. HW | \$4,788.05   |
| CLASS        | \$370,658.28 |

*Landfill Clos. CR*

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|----------|------------|
| Checking | \$1,520.23 |
| CLASS    | \$62.80    |

*Fire Protection*

|          |            |
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| Checking | \$2,449.37 |
| CLASS    | \$1,748.40 |

*Capital Proj Bldg*

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| CLASS | \$736,527.09 |
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(Brandt-Alexander m/s/p) All Aye

**RESOLUTION #31 APPROVE SAND BIDS**

On a motion by Supervisor Brown, second by Co Brandt, *BE IT RESOLVED* that the Town of Franklin Town Board hereby approves the Highway Department’s use of both Peru Sand & Gravel, LLC and Trudeau Sand & Gravel, Inc. as authorized suppliers for the purchase of sand

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

More work done on Thatcherville Rd

Met with engineers regarding Mensink Rd project (with Trout Unlimited)

New pickup dropped off and on the road

Fire alarm company was at the garage and will be sending estimates for Town Board to discuss.

Assisted Town of Saranac with prep work and paving

Assisted Village of Tupper Lake with paving

Ongoing beaver activity around town

Fuel and gas sheets were given to the Town Clerk

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Pickleball Court Proposal – Board will be in touch with Roger Symonds Jr to get lines painted at Kate Mountain Park for Pickleball.

**B. RESOLUTION #32 Scheduling Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2025 (Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemption)**

WHEREAS, a proposed Local Law entitled “*Exempting Taxation of Real Property Owned by Senior Citizens in Accordance With a Reduction Schedule Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 467*” has been introduced before the Town Board as Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to schedule a public hearing on said proposed Local Law; NOW, THEREFORE, *BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Town Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2025 for **October 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Town Hall, at which time all interested parties shall be heard.

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

Those Voting No:       None

C. Supervisor Brown introduced the idea of hosting Trunk-or -Treat at Kate Mountain Park on 10/31/25 from 4-6pm. More details to be confirmed as it gets closer.

D. Budget Workshop – Board decided to hold the FY2026 Budget Workshop on Wednesday October 8, 2025 at the Franklin Town Hall at 12pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Veterans Memorial – Anne Marie is compiling names, as is R. Brandt. Nightingale provided a quote for 10 plaques, 120 names at \$5,574.67. Project will continue to be worked on.
- B: Highway Salt/Sand Shed – Progress is on track for an October/November 2025 completion.
- C. Youth Program – Youth Program- Supervisor Brown reported ToF received \$4100 from Franklin County Youth Bureau.
- D. DSNY Grant - Received Audit of Approval of \$100,000 – 8/15 deposit date, money received.
- E. NYSERDA – R. Brandt updated the Board on where the funds \$50,000 were disbursed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the board, Supervisor Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:29pm.

Veronica LeFebvre, Deputy Town Clerk