

## Village of Franklinville

April 26, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the village office at 7:00pm. Members present were Mayor Harvey Soulvie, Trustees Mike Sikora, Steve Pockey and Scott Hillman. Trustee Schumaker was absent. Others present were Chief Mark Slavinski and SPW Cary Hatch.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sikora to accept the minutes from the April 12, 2021 re-organizational meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sikora to accept the minutes from the April 12, 2021 meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Scheduled Guests-

Trustee Pockey moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sikora to enter public hearing to discuss the 2021-2022 Budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Soulvie stated this budget was particularly difficult to balance. Several factors in this upcoming budget year have resulted in increases for village residents. Mayor Soulvie went on to say the Board needed to take the extraordinary step of going over the NYS property tax cap and has resulted in a 3% tax increase. The cost for a property owner with a \$30,000 taxable value will have a tax increase of approximately \$1.23.

The garbage collection contract was put out for bid this budget year, as a result the garbage rate will increase. The cost will now be \$32.75/ 3 months. Water will increase \$.50/1000 gallons and sewer rate will increase \$5.75/quarter. As a result, the minimum water/sewer/garbage bill will be \$161.80, an increase of \$15.40 for a minimum bill.

Mayor Soulvie went on to say that the village board and department heads do the best they can to keep costs down. However, to keep the current services, keep up with the everchanging state requirements, particularly in water and sewer, the costs continue to increase at a rapid pace.

The village board of trustees continue to contact town and county representatives regarding getting property assessments re-evaluated to get a fair tax rate for property owners. They are also aggressively pursuing grant funding to help pay for repairs and/or replace failing water and sewer infrastructure.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sikora to go back into regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hillman moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Pockey to approve the 2021-2022 Budget as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Reports from Department Heads-

**Mayor Soulvie-** discussed the possibility of combining planning and zoning boards as well as the number of members required for boards. Mayor Soulvie will contact NYCOM for more direction on merging the two committees. Trustee Hillman presented a name of a possible candidate for code enforcement officer replacement.

**SPW Hatch-** the DPW is busy transitioning from winter to spring/summer, brush collection begins the last Thursday of April through the last Thursday of October. SPW Hatch recommends the Board authorize the purchase of a skid-steer loader. He said it will help with paving road cuts, patches,

potholes and will help with snow removal as well. Trustee Sikora moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Hillman to purchase a 2021 John Deere 332G skid-steer loader from Five Star Equipment, Inc. for \$59,665.00. \$55,000 will be paid from budget line A5510.2 and \$4665 from Capital Highway Equipment. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Reports from Board members-**

**Trustee Sikora** said he is trying to get a group of volunteers together to do a community clean up soon.

Trustee Sikora moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Pockey to accept the bills totaling \$23,103.39 from the General Fund, \$15,134.46 from the Water Fund, \$15,152.93 from the Sewer Fund and \$3384.20 from the Capital Water fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hillman moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Pockey to adjourn meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.