

Minutes of the Franklinville Town Board Special Meeting held on January 16, 2024, at 5:00 P.M., at the Town Hall, 11 Park Square, Franklinville, NY.

ROLL CALL:

Catharyn Campbell.....Supervisor
Sharon Hahn.....Councilwoman
Heather Stevens.....Councilwoman
Joseph Weaver.....Councilman
Terry McClory.....Councilman
Scott Stanbro.....Highway Supt.
Andrea StanbroTown Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Campbell at 5 P.M. Roll Call was taken.

Petitions and Requests from the floor

Commissioner Russel Hatch from the Franklinville Fire Department discussed the challenges of recruiting and/or retaining volunteers for the department. In 20 years, the number of members is at its lowest with about 20 active members. Many members receive the training then move onto a paying job.

Mr. Hatch has the board of commissioners interested in looking into a defined contribution program named **LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program)**. This program has pension like benefits based on a points system.

- volunteer makes 50 calls they earn 50 points
- more points received if they hold an office, attend trainings, and take the calls
- minimum age of retirement required
- 1-time payment or split into 2 payments.
- sponsorship program, money goes into a separate fund
- could have a look back provision.
- would have to be planned on and put into the Town Budget, all registered Franklinville voters could vote on this program at a commissioners meeting.

Supervisor Campbell asked if the money grows in the fund with interest.

Mr. Hatch replied that all money is invested and will create a return.

Councilwoman Hahn asked if the Town decides on how much to sponsor.

Mr. Hatch said there is a minimum and a maximum which includes:

Minimum of \$240.00 per person, per year

Maximum of \$1200.00 per person, per year

Councilwoman Hahn asked if it is for all volunteers or do they have to be in our community.

Mr. Hatch replied with only Franklinville Volunteer Firemen, whereas if a member comes from a different community, they must be voted on by the Commissioners to allow a resident of another Town.

Mr. Hatch recommended searching LOSAP for more information.

Statements

Supervisor Campbell mentioned the dog kennel discussion will be tabled further as the Attorney is reviewing the information.

Resolutions

Resolution # 21-2024

On a motion of Mrs. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Weaver, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes – 5 Campbell, Hahn, McClory, Weaver, Stevens
Nays-0

Resolution Authorizing Re-Appointment of Dog Control Officer, Samantha Smith for the year 2024 and Javan Tanner as her Assistant

Resolution # 22-2024

On a motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. McClory, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes – 5 Campbell, Hahn, McClory, Weaver, Stevens
Nays-0

Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Contractual Agreement with the Erie County SPCA ("SPCA") for 2024-January 31, 2025


Resolution # 23-2024

On a motion of Mrs. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Hahn, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes – 5 Campbell, Hahn, McClory, Weaver, Stevens
Nays-0

Resolution Appointing new member to fill vacancy; also Authorizing Payment for members of the Board of Assessment Review and its Clerk

Adjournment

Mr. Weaver made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Stevens.
Motion carried Ayes – 5 Campbell, Hahn, McClory, Weaver, Stevens
Nays-0


Town Clerk