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**THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HELD AT THE  
TOWN HALL AT 7:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. **NONE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. March 8, 2018

**MOTION #1:** First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2018 as presented with the corrections of (capitalizing the letter G on "grant" under financial reports and change the word "we" to "will" under old business section a.). Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Russell Beisiegel abstains.

**REVIEW OF REPORTS:**

- a. **Department of Public Works:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the department of public works. This past week was kind of quiet. The public work crew did prepare for the nor 'eastern we were supposed to get last Wednesday luckily it never came. We have plenty of sand and salt left over for any future storms. We had fewer break downs this year because we bought a newer truck.

However, we are starting to see a lot of problems with our older truck (Truck 5) Thomas Curran suggest we get a new plow for this truck. If we ever sell truck five we will hold on to the new plow and just sell it with the old one. I told Thomas Curran to get an estimate. The public works crew are getting ready to sweep the roads. The school wanted the public works crew to do something with the walking track and soccer field. I went over with Thomas Curran to the school today. There's like 6 inch of stone dust, public works is going to go over there and compound that. I will capture those hours and charge them as in-kind services. The track coach is aware and we are planning to do it on Monday.

**b. Financial Report:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports. The financial reports are not correct on the income report, but we are working on them. However, if you look at the Tax Collector Report she has collected 101%. First Selectman Grant ask Selectman Beisiegel a question regarding the tax collector report. Last year we took in \$120,000 more than what the town budgeted. I'm not sure if the grand list was off. Do you take the grand list and multiply it by the mil rate and that's what you get budgeted for your taxes right? Selectman Beisiegel said its 98% of that, it's an arbitrary figure, but that's the figure they have been using. First Selectman Grant updated the board of selectman on how the tax collector has been doing, she has doubled from prior years in collection. In income its all zero's. Were already at 100% already and we still need a quarter left. First Selectman Grant stated what's bothering him on the income report is that the state municipal support is at 28% they are holding back on us big time. It should be at 70% right now. Same thing with Education support it is at 48% it should be around 75% right now, we are going into the fourth quarter. Selectman Beisiegel stated one thing I noticed is that we were going to break out what was expended for assistant tax collector and it has not been not yet. It needs to come out of clerk salary. First Selectman Grant will update that change with Patricia (Franklin's Treasurer). The First selectman went over a few of the line items. Along these same lines First Selectman Grant had a talk with Thomas Curran on what roads were chip sealed and what weren't. Selectman Beisiegel had a copy of the roads that's needs to get chip sealed from last year's budget and went over the list. None of these roads got done last year, we will add this to the budget for next year. I talk to Rich Handfield about our wish list, when we made that cut on Murphy Road we (the board of selectman) said if there's surplus money we want it back. I asked for that back. The state is threatening to cut us \$180,000 next year. Selectman Beisiegel stated the reason why we have so much money back is because we never did the pipe work at plains road, they should also give us back that money. Alex (town of Franklin CPA) in doing her presentation last night at the board of finance meeting brought up another point that she did not thought of at her managers presentation. She stated "When we send our report to the state they will see that the town did not spend this money and the state is going to cut your budget." She just wanted to give us a head up. If you have a certain amount that was not spent in general fund or unassigned fund balance the state will pick up on that. Selectman Beisiegel said he has a concern of the water and sewer project and the money that we barrowed. Where is the \$4.9 million? First Selectman Grant replied that Patti moved this money to a separate acct so no one can touch it. Selectman Beisiegel asked why the town couldn't invest this money. Back in 1989 for the school project we were able to invest a portion of this money. We should ask a financial officer about this loan. Thomas Craney asked if this money appears on the budget? First Selectman Grant stated yes it does and that he will talk to Patricia (Franklin's treasurer) regarding a financial officer.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **a. Update on Fire House Roof:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the fire house roof. We have already seen the liabilities that are developing. The roof is complete and the gutters are complete. We still have two leaks, one over the dishwasher and one over the range hood. Once again, I talked to Matt Willis our town's attorney regarding this issue and he is thinking we should go back to the supplier and find a certified installer to do those repairs. Selectman Craney asked if we had warranty? First Selectman Grant stated that we did have warranty, so the repairs should not cost the town anything. First Selectman Grant will keep the board updated with any changes.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a. Approval of Tax Refunds:** First Selectman Grant read a list of tax refunds to the board of selectman.

Matthew Calvert for \$258.80  
Anonymous resident for \$ 65.94  
Euro USA trading for \$12.79  
David Hayes for \$10.67  
David Hayes for \$19.26  
Donald Mall for \$ 10.32  
David Dennis for \$ 211.85  
David Dennis for \$5.61  
Keith Schoppe for \$6.81  
Keith Schoppe for \$40.10  
Keith Schoppe for \$51.56  
Keith Schoppe for \$1662.00  
Tammy Hyde for \$ 5.28  
Christopher Reust for \$1362.00  
Christopher Reust for \$1072.00  
Raymond Berry for \$8.00

**MOTION # 2:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve all the tax refunds as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **b. Approval of COG Resolution:** First Selectman Grant gave a brief summary and update on the resolution for adopting the hazard mitigation plan from COG. This was supposed to be done last year. The Town of Franklin will join in the Council of Governments for the hazard mitigation plan. The board needs to approve this resolution.

**MOTION # 3:** First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve COG adoption resolution. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Approval of MOA State Homeland Security:** First Selectman Grant gave a brief summary of the MOA State Homeland Security. This is a state home land security grant program, there's \$350,000 grant available for region four which is our region. This could be something that our town could use in the future. This involves state of CT department emergency services and homeland security.

**MOTION # 4:** Selectman Craney made a motion to approve the MOA state homeland security for the town of Franklin. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION # 5:** First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **7:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
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