

The regular monthly meeting of The French Creek Town board was held on Monday October 10, 2022 at the town Highway building.

Those present were: David White, Town Supervisor, Debbra Albright, Town Clerk, Brian Malecki Highway Sup. Board Members : Paul Carey, Norvel Willink, and Brynne Hinsdale. Wayne Emory was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 pm. The minutes were presented from last month, read and approved with one minor change. Mr. Willink motioned to approve, Mr. Carey 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by 4 ayes.

The assessor's report was read followed by the Justice report. Jodie D'Anthony who is the clerk to the Justice made a request for approval of a J cap grant for security purposes. Mr. Willink made the motion, Mrs. Hinsdale 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by 4 ayes. The supervisor's statement was read. There were a few questions asked and answered.

There were 2 town residents present that spoke during the open comments time. Mrs. Craig Harvey wanted confirmation that they are covered under the health insurance program. Mr. White confirmed that he had spoken with the insurance company, and they are covered.

Mr. Messenger came in late for the code report. He didn't have an actual written report but did have some concerns to present to the board for consideration. He feels the way agriculture permits are issued should be changed. There are currently no fees for a permit and no required inspections. He feels there should be certain requirements to make sure the buildings that are being built are safe. Too many people are claiming farm exemptions when they really are not. He will bring some more information next month and they will discuss it more.

The salt shed is now in progress. The funding is all in place. Mr. White presented a resolution for the Grant for Towns portion of the Salt shed. Mr. Carey made the motion to approve, Mr. Willink 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It was approved with 4 ayes. Mr. White noted that the Solor project has been delayed again. Looks like until next spring at least.

An e-mail was read from Elizabeth Odell, who is a partner at L&M SS Properties LLC. They are re-opening the old Rustic Ridge Inn property and they were asking for the boards approval to continue their application for the liquor license. May it be noted on this date that a motion was made by Mr. Willink and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Carey to approve Elizabeth Odell and Megan McKinley for the liquor license application process.

Mr. White presented the board with the preliminary budget for 2023. There were 3 corrections along the way. The tax rate will go down by 1% over last years rate. Mr. White asked for a motion to approve. Mrs. Hinsdale made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Willink and carried 4 ayes. There will be a public hearing prior to next month's board meeting to approve this budget.

The bills were presented for payment. The Highway fund in the amount of \$65,424.20 and the General fund in the amount of \$7,571.54. Mr. White motioned to approve and pay the bills. It was moved by Mr. Carey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Hinsdale, followed by 4 ayes.

Mr. White motioned to adjourn at 9:23 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Hinsdale, followed by 4 ayes.