

**TOWN OF FRANKFORD**

**TOWN COUNCIL SECOND BUDGET HEARING**

**JUNE 23, 2016**

<b>TOWN COUNCIL:</b>	JOANNE BACON	PRESIDENT
	GREG WELCH	VICE PRESIDENT
	MARTY PRESLEY	SECRETARY/TREASURER
	PAM DAVIS	COUNCILMAN
	EDWARD ASH	COUNCILMAN

<b>TOWN EMPLOYEES:</b>	CHERYL LYNCH	TOWN CLERK
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<b>OTHER:</b>	KATHY MURRAY	RONALD HILL
	PRISCILLA SCHOOLFIELD	ROBERT MURRAY
	JAMES SAMPLE	LAWYER HICKS
	SALLY HICKS	TONI PRESLEY

**CALL TO ORDER:** JOANNE BACON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER 7:12PM

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS**

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARTY AND SECONDED BY PAM

MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

MARTY NOTED THE BUDGET IS VERY LEAN. MARTY NOTED HE MET WITH LINGO REALTY ABOUT THE JP COURT AND THE POLICE STATION. THE REALTOR SAID SHE WOULD GET BACK TO THE TOWN WITH WHAT WOULD WORK BEST FOR THE TOWN.

GREG NOTED THE WATER PRODUCTION IS DOWN TO 1.7 MILLION GALLONS WE WERE PUMPING ABOUT 2.5 GALLONS.

GREG NOTED HAD A MEETING WITH MOUNTAIRE AND DNREC. GREG NOTED MOUNTAIRE ISN'T INTERESTED IN COMEING BACK ONLINE WITH THE TOWN. DNREC ALSO DIDN'T SEND PUBLIC NOTICES ABOUT THE WELL AND KNOW NOTIFICATION TO THE TOWN.

CHAD THE TOWN SOLICITOR SENT A LETTER TO DNREC AND ASK THEY RESPOND IN FIFTEEN DAYS.

JOANNE NOTED THE ISSUE WITH MOUNTAIRE CURRENTLY IS A FACT FINDING.

GREG NOTED IF MOUNTAIRE COMPLETED ANOTHER PERMIT THE TOWN SHOULD NOT APPROVE

MARTY NOTED THAT DNREC HAS BEEN FOLLOWING FOR THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS THE 1997 LAW AND WERE NOT AWARE OF THE NEW LAW WHICH WENT INTO AFFECT IN 2001. THE NEW LAW IS TITLE 7. THIS LAW STATES ANYONE CAN DRILL A NEW WELL AND NOT HAVE CONSENT

FROM A MUNICIPALITY. THIS LAW WILL HURT MUNICIPALITIES.

GREG NOTED THIS LAW WILL HAVE REPROCUSSIONS ON ALL MUNICIPALITIES. THE REGULATION SAYS YOU DON'T NEED APPROVAL FROM THE TOWNS.

GREG NOTED THE TOWNS DEFICIT IS \$71,317

MARTY NOTED THIS IS DNRECS FIRST ISSUE SINCE THE 2001 LAW.

GREG NOTED DNREC SHOULD HAVE ASKED APPROVAL, ADVERTISE PUBLIC NOTICE BECAUSE OVER 50,000 GALLONS

MARTY NOTED DNREC DIDN'T COMPLETE PROCESS CORRECTLY.

GREG NOTED CERTAIN CONNECTIONS OF THE NEW WELL WERE NOT CONNECTED CORRECTLY WHICH COULD CAUSE CONTAMINATED WATER.

GREG NOTED THE TOWN WOULD NEED TO CHARGE MORE FOR WATER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12.68 WHICH IS A FLAT RATE OR WE COULD CHARGE SO MUCH FOR THE FIRST SO MANY GALLONS AND A FLAT RATE AFTER. THE WATER RATES SHOULD STAY THE SAME UNTILA RESOLUTION IS DECIDED.

SKIP NOTED MOUNTAIRE'S NEW SYSTEM USES LESS WATER BECAUSE THEY HEAT UP THE WATER TO STEAM WHICH THE BOILER WOULDN'T USE MUCH WATER.

MARTY NOTED USING THE SUNSET PROVISION WHICH IS UP THE RATE BUT COULD BE REVERTED BACK TO OLD RATE WITHIN A YEAR. AND THEN COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO VOTE TO REDUCE THE WATER RATE.

MARTY NOTED PAS THE BUDGET WITH A DEFICIT AND THEN AMEND THE BUDGET.

WE NEED TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR NO MORE WELLS IN TOWN.

MARTY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND WAS SECONDED BY SKIP. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS.

GREG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE WATER BUDGET AND SECONDED BY MARTY WITH A \$71,317 DEFICIT AND THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE TO UP THE WATER RATE TO \$12.68 THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS

SKIP NOTED THE TOWN NEEDS TO LOOK OUTSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS TO INCREASE WATER PRODUCTION AND GROWTH IN THE TOWN.

ROBERT MURRAY NOTED IT SI ISN'T FAIR FOR THE RESIDENTS TO HAVE TO BE ON WATER AND BUSINESSES DON'T. IF THE TOWN ANEXXES IN PROPERTY THOSE RESIDENTS NEED TO RECEIVE WATER.

MARTY NOTED THE STATE LAW SUPERCEDES A TOWNS ORDINANCE. THE ORDINANCE FOR SINKING A WELL IS DIFFERENT FOR POTABLE WATER THAN FOR AN IRRIGATION.

**ADJOURN:**

GREG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND SECONDED BY MARTY AT 8:12PM.  
MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS

RESPECTFULLY

CHERYL LYNCH  
TOWN CLERK