TOWN OF FRANKLINVILLE

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DECEMBER MEETINGS & HOLIDAY HOURS
MEETINGS & EVENTS
12/1 - 7pm Criminal Court
12/6 - 5pm - 7pm Franklinville Events Committee (Christmas Tree Lighting)
12/9 - 7pm Town Board Meeting (Audit bills 6:30pm)
12/15 - 7pm Traffic Court
12/16 - 1:30pm - 4pm VA Services Agency (by appt)
REGULAR WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS
Assessor - Wednesdays 12:30pm-3pm
Code Enforcement Officer - Saturdays 8am-10am
OFFICE CLOSURES
12/23 - Closing at 12:30pm
12/25 & 12/26 - Closed all day

Greetings!

As we approach the holiday season, the Town Board would like to extend our warmest wishes to all residents of the Town of Franklinville. This time of year reminds us of the importance of community, kindness, and supporting one another. We are grateful for the continued engagement, cooperation and resilience shown by our residents throughout the year.

We wish everyone a safe, peaceful and joyful holiday season and we look forward to a successful and productive year ahead.

Happy Holidays,

Catie, Sharon, Terry, Dave and Mike

OFFICIAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Town of Franklinville
Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) – Vacancy Notice

The Town of Franklinville is seeking interested residents to fill a vacancy on the **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)**.

The ZBA is the board responsible for hearing and deciding variance requests, interpreting the Town's Zoning Law, and ensuring fair and consistent application of land use regulations. This position is **appointed by the Town Board**.

Position: Zoning Board of Appeals Member
Term Length: 5-year term (to fill current unexpired term ending 12/31/29)
Eligibility: Must be a resident of the Town of Franklinville
Meeting Schedule: Meets as needed, typically evenings
Training: NYS law recommends 4 hours of annual training
Compensation: Stipend of $25 per meeting

How to Apply:
Please submit a brief letter of interest including your name, contact information, background, and reasons for wishing to serve.

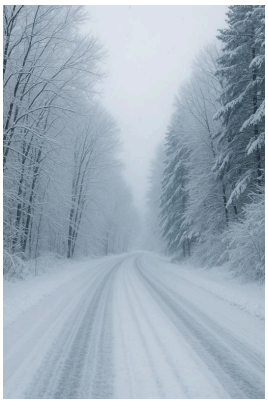
Letters of interest may be submitted to:
Town of Franklinville Supervisor
PO Box 146
11 Park Square
Franklinville, NY 14737
or emailed to: **townsupervisor@franklinvilleny.org**

Deadline to Apply: 12/31/25

The Town Board will review all submissions and make an appointment at our reorganizational meeting in January.

For questions, please contact the Town Supervisor's Office at (716) 701-4760.

Another reminder regarding Winter Plowing....



As we head into winter, we want to remind residents that the Town has new plow drivers this year who are working hard to learn the routes and keep our roads safe. Plowing takes time, especially during heavy snowfall or continuous storms. We truly appreciate everyone's patience, understanding, and kindness as they navigate their first full winter season.

Please remember that there is **no parking allowed on any Town roads from November 1 through April 1** to allow for safe and efficient snow plowing operations. Vehicles parked on the road during this period may be ticketed or towed to ensure our Highway Department can keep roads clear and safe for everyone.

In addition, New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1219 prohibits pushing, plowing, or blowing snow or any other dangerous substances into or across the roadway. Snow left in the road can freeze, create hazardous conditions for drivers, and obstruct the work of our plow crews. Residents and private plow contractors are reminded to keep all snow within their own property boundaries and avoid placing it in the roadway or along the shoulders.

We also ask all drivers to use extra caution during winter weather:

- Slow down and give plows room to work. Never pass a snowplow on a slippery or snow-covered road.
- Be patient. Plow routes take time, and visibility can be limited for our operators.
- Plan ahead. Leave a few extra minutes for your travels and drive according to conditions.

Our Highway Department takes pride in keeping roads open and safe, and your support makes all the difference.

2026 Town Budget: Understanding This Year's Tax Rate

The Town Board has adopted the 2026 Town Budget, and we want to provide a clear explanation of how this year's tax rate affects both Village and Town-Outside-Village taxpayers.

The tax rate is the same for everyone across the Town (including Village) again this year. We were able to do this by using a responsible portion of our unappropriated fund balance (savings) to help cover the costs of services that normally apply only to Town-Outside-Village residents. Using savings this year allowed the Town to:

- protect taxpayers from an increase

- stay fully under the State tax cap
- keep services stable for all residents

Even though the rate is the same this year, Village taxpayers still do not pay for outside Village Services. Under New York State Law, each group is taxed only for the services they actually receive. The use of savings does not change that structure - it simply lowered the amount Town Outside residents would have otherwise had to pay this year.

This system is long-established and required by New York State law for any town that also contains a village. It ensures that each group pays only its fair share.

We will continue to communicate openly and welcome questions from any resident who wants to better understand how Town finances work.

Below is a list of how it is commonly broken down:

A/DA-Fund (General/Highway Town-wide)

Town (including Village) pays for these services:

- Town Board
- Town Supervisor & Budget Officer
- Bookkeeper
- Town Attorney
- Printing & mailing
- Municipal association dues
- Unallocated insurance
- Workers' Compensation Insurance
- Unemployment Insurance
- NYS Retirement
- Health Insurance
- Town Justice's
- Court Clerk
- Court security
- Town Prosecutor
- Clerk and Records
- Assessor & Property Services
- Buildings & Grounds
- Dog Control Officer
- Cemetery
- Historian
- Parks contractual
- Highway Superintendent
- Highway Garage contractual
- Highway Garage equipment
- Highway Operations
- Snow Removal
- Employee Benefits & wages tied to town-wide
- Bond Principal & Interest (truck bonds)

B/DB-Fund (General/Highway Outside Village

Only Town-Outside taxpayers pay for these services:

- Zoning Officer
- ZBA Secretary
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Registrar of Vital Statistics salary
- General Repairs on Rural Roads
- CHIPS Road Work (Outside Roads Only)
- Employee Benefits & wages tied to outside
- Highway Operations for Outside Roads
- Equipment usage for outside-Village roads
- Fuel, stone, gravel for rural roads
- Culvert replacement

Town-wide and Town-Outside Charges

ISCHUA CREEK UPDATE

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in coordination with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), lifted the recreational use advisory for Ischua Creek, Cattaraugus County.

Water quality sampling and data collection along the creek show conditions have improved allowing for a return to normal fishing/fish consumption, boating, and swimming.

Please visit the DEC website for more information:

https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/facilities-in-your-neighborhood/great-lakes-cheese-ischua-creek

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa December 6th 8 am - 11 am at the Elementary School

Shopping Extravaganza December 6th 10 am - 3 pm at the Elementary School

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