Meetings & Special Dates

- February 2 @ 7:00 PM – Misdemeanors & Felony Court
- February 10 @ 6:30 PM – Audit of Bills
- February 10 @ 7:00 PM – Town Board Meeting
- February 16 – Town Offices Closed (Presidents' Day)
- February 17 @ 1:30–4:00 PM – VA Services Agency (By Appointment)
- February 27 @ 4:00–7:00 PM – Tax Collector Evening Hours

Weekly Office Hours

- Assessor – Every Wednesday, 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
- Code Enforcement – Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Special Meeting

On 2/2/26 a Special Board Meeting will be held at 5pm to discuss the trade in quote on the highway pickup truck

Explanation of the Water District Charge on Town Tax Bills

Several residents have recently asked questions about the Water District charge shown on their tax bills. To provide clarity, following public hearings held in or about 2017, the Town established financing in the form of a ten-year loan specifically to repair the Town's Franklinville Water District infrastructure.

This cost has been paid by Water District residents. The loan is scheduled to be fully paid off with the 2027 tax season.

FEMA Flood Map Update for Cattaraugus County

FEMA recently provided an update following the Flood Risk Review (FRR) meeting held in May 2025 for Cattaraugus County.

Community officials submitted 67 comments on FEMA's draft flood risk data. As a result, FEMA made several adjustments to the flood hazard maps to improve accuracy. One significant change involved additional analysis of the Ischua and Conewango dam systems, which led to revisions in certain flood hazard areas.

These updates will be reflected on FEMA's upcoming preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), which show flood zones used for insurance and development purposes.
At this time, FEMA has indicated that funding for the next phase of the countywide flood study is temporarily paused. The project will resume when additional funding becomes available.

There will be another formal public comment and appeal period once the preliminary flood maps are officially released.

Understanding the Town Board's Declaratory Judgment Action

Concerns have been expressed regarding the Town Board's recent action authorizing a declaratory judgment regarding insurance coverage. We understand these matters can be concerning, particularly as we are all taxpayers with a shared interest in the responsible use of public funds.

When a legal claim is filed against the Town, the Town is legally obligated to respond and defend the matter in court. This obligation does not indicate wrongdoing, nor does the Town have the ability to decline participation in the legal process.

As the case progressed, the court dismissed several of the claims that had been brought against the Town, leaving only two remaining. Based on those remaining claims, the insurance carrier has taken the position that they no longer fall within the scope of the Town's insurance coverage. This coverage determination does not reflect any fault or liability on the part of the Town or its employees.

In response, the Town Board authorized a declaratory judgment action, which asks the court to determine the insurance company's contractual obligations regarding defense and legal costs. This action is limited to the issue of insurance coverage.

The Town Board does not control judicial decisions, claim outcomes, or insurance determinations. Those matters are decided by the courts based on applicable law and evidence, regardless of who is serving on the Town Board.

The Town is fulfilling its legal responsibilities while navigating the circumstances presented. The Board remains highly concerned about the escalating costs of legal defense and is taking all reasonable steps to protect taxpayer resources.

The Town remains committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and acting in the best interests of its residents.

Behind the Scenes of Winter Road Safety

Winter is one of the busiest and most demanding seasons for the Highway Department, and it is also when a significant portion of Highway tax dollars are put to work protecting public safety.

During snowstorms and icy conditions, funds support plowing and road clearing, fuel for trucks and heavy equipment, salt and sand to improve traction, and ongoing maintenance and repairs to keep equipment operating safely and reliably.

These efforts help ensure that residents can travel, school buses can run, and emergency services can reach those in need — even during severe weather. While winter operations require increased resources, they are essential to keeping our community safe and connected.

The Town Board carefully budgets for these seasonal demands each year and closely monitors costs to make sure taxpayer dollars are used responsibly.

❄️ Snowmobile Safety Reminder

With winter conditions bringing increased snowmobile activity, residents are reminded to use extra caution when traveling on Town roads.

Snowmobilers may be crossing or traveling alongside roadways — especially near trail connections and rural stretches. Please slow down, stay alert, and watch carefully for riders, particularly during evening hours and after snowfall when visibility may be reduced. Working together helps keep drivers, riders, and pedestrians safe throughout the winter season.

Staying Informed and Engaged

The Town Board welcomes questions and encourages residents to stay involved. The best way to receive accurate information is by attending Town Board meetings or reaching out directly to any member of the Town Board. Open communication and community participation remain essential to good local government.

Contact us

Town of Franklinville | 11 Park Square | Franklinville, NY 14737 US

Unsubscribe | Update Profile | Our Privacy Policy | Constant Contact Data Notice

Try email marketing for free today!