

State Of Minnesota
County of Chisago
Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met December 7th. 2010 at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Verner Greene Jr., Sue Thompson, Jim Birrkholz, supervisors; Suzi Johnson, deputy clerk, David Johnson, treasurer, John Bruno, Elise Hiljes, Stanley Anderson, maintenance; Steve Trumar, Warren White.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were waved till the next meeting after John Jackson has entered them into the ledger.

Steve Trumar from AT&T presented a project for a 150 foot cell phone monopole to be placed on the property of Jerry and Connie Vitalis. Reasons for that location are:

- Ideal location for “seamless” phone coverage
- it will have no lights or guy wires because it is less than 200 feet tall
- lease property from Jerry and Connie...Steve has talked with them
- will not be seen from the river
- can also accommodate radio reception (800 megahertz) for police, fire, ambulance communication (Township Board will talk with these folks)
- adjoining neighbors will be notified about this project

Sue made a motion approved if the 800 megahertz can be added....Jim seconded..motion carried. Suzi will deliver the papers to Tara at the courthouse.

Elise warned the board that in the spring there will be discussion about a dirt bike trail the neighbors built and the noise level of the bikes. The cops were called but never showed up last fall.

Warren White reported that the letter of credit for Franconia Meadows has expired and the Development Finance Corporation is out of business. A manhole has lifted on the road which needs repair. Sue suggested that the board assess the road in the spring and the owners within the development be assessed for the cost. Stanley plows the road to the house that is there. The township would like to wait for more houses to be built before they officially take over the road. Dave will check with the Secretary of State about the closing of Development Finance Corp.

Warren has 3 outstanding bills totaling \$12,782 and he would like to get paid. Verner moved to table this until the next meeting, Sue seconded, motion carried.

Treasurers report by David claim numbers 10191-10201 totaling \$8772.32 were approved for payment

Suzi is to keep track of time and mileage....motion was carried to compensate her. She will talk to John about installing a answering machine at his home so he can receive messages and stay “in the loop” while he recovers.

-Stanley stated Sogard will put up commercial lights. He has some parts needed for repairs on equipment. The Board approved the purchases.

-Verner is applying for a contract with CPV to buy a new Township truck

-The Town Hall needs a new roof....the board will address that in the Spring.

-Sue contacted Tom Leibli at Mn/DOT.....everything from the 260th @ Th 95 project is done

-a citizen thought that you could get free sand and gravel from the township....not true.

-email from Tom Wolf...the board is not responding

-email from a couple wanting to get married in The Town Hall...the board will recommend other locations to this couple. Sue will check on insurance for the possible future of renting the building to other people.

-received letter from Mn/DOT Chad Erickson...speed study for 260th street

-email...Daryl Moller has questions on a piece of property (sec35, Oldfield Ave, 04.00.451.00) the township owns, could it be vacated...John will look into this.

-possible Gopher bounty...discuss in the Spring

-Jim moved to approve \$110 for Sue to have the web site updated....Sue seconded

-County assessor requests responses before the first of the month from the Township

-Sue reported on the Duluth Township Association meeting in Duluth. She found the conference very valuable

-email...Bill Shogren needs a road description...the board referred this to John

-Sue sent a plant to John and flowers to Colleen's funeral from the Township...the board will “pass the hat”

*Verner moved, Sue seconded, meeting adjourned @ 10:31pm