

State of Minnesota  
County of Chisago  
Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met January 3, 2011 at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors Verner Greene Jr., Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz; Suzi Johnson, Deputy Clerk; David Johnson, Treasurer. Guests: Stan Anderson, Steve Gamble, John Bruno, Ryan Goodman-Bonestroo, Susan Peterson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm and the pledge of allegiance was said. The minutes of the last meeting were read, Sue Thompson moved, Jim Birkholz seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Discussion regarding recording votes. When a vote is not unanimous, should the results be noted, identifying who and how voted?

Steve Gamble complimented the grading job on Quail Ridge and appreciates the on-going job of the township.

John Jackson's signature is the only one on the CD's at the bank. Discussion followed and Jim moved to have the Chair (Verner Greene) and the Treasurer (Dave Johnson) signatures added to the signature list. Sue seconded, the vote was unanimous. The bank suggested the recent donation be a 5 year CD. Discussion about pooling CDs for longer terms.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- PO Box 175 at the Shafer Post Office for the Township Board's mail. The Township's bank statements are going to Sue. Dave will work on arranging to have John Jackson's phone message direct caller to the Town Hall (651-257-8291)
- Current ledger must be located and updated before February as it will be due for the Board of Auditor.
- Claims #10221 - 10236; total \$2,199.64 submitted.

#### **Old Business:**

- The October 2010 proposal by Warren White was accepted. A check was sent and Warren will send the Township an invoice.
- New truck : Verner has two prices through the State contract; one for ½ ton, one for ¾ ton. The difference is about \$2,000.00. Funds for the purchase will come from the checkbook balance. Both trucks are gas, not diesel. Discussion followed and the board will decide at the next meeting. Both trucks have all optional equipment needed. The old truck will be sold by the township.
- MN Association reference library states donations received should have a resolution: amount; terms; offered.
- Request to rent Town hall was denied as the Township has no rental agreement and facility has no running water.

- Sue is researching letters of credit regarding Development Corporation which may go back to the CPA that was involved. She will check with the County Attorney and continue to work on this situation.
- Labor Association. Statute 13D.03 states all discussions regarding labor or wages will be closed discussions. Statue 367.03 states vacancy can be appointed to serve until end of term. Township can reduce salary of the Town Clerk if they cannot work. Job description may be redefined as Dave has taken on many duties. Sue moved to pay the Deputy Town Clerk \$10.00/hour, Verner seconded, motion carried by vote unanimous. Township Board training will be in March.
- The Park Committee is revising their plans to put the new names of the town supervisors on the Park Plan for this year.
- Township minutes should be available on the website. Must be PDF format.
- Planning Commission: January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at the court house regarding the AT&T mono-pole to be erected on the Jerry Vitalis property. Sue is not getting answers about the 800mg added to the pole for emergency communication.
- Sue continues to do research on signage for the township. The database for the Township's signage and poles was discussed.
- Sue will approach Osceola schools regarding the training of students for Junior election judging positions.
- March Elections: Suzi Johnson: election judge. A 4 month planning schedule is available on the MN Association of Townships website. Voting Hours: 10 am - 8 pm.
- Sue made a ledger for the Fire Board meeting. There is joint power agreement between Franconia and Shafer. Franconia is 2/3 owner of the fire department. The board will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Jim presented Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District information. Tax breaks for non crop land owners was discussed. Land owners that want to qualify must have their applications in by 2013.
- Discussion on the Franconia Meadows housing development with only one house.
- Discussed future projects concerning housing developments and what we can do to improve the process such as work on the developer's agreement, etc.
- Township Annual meeting is in March. Budget must be prepared by then.
- Ryan is looking in the future for the cost of Township road repairs in 2012.
- A tour of the maintenance building and the township roads is suggested.
- Stan is researching estimate for a new heating system for the maintenance building.
- Stan highlighted the need for storage. Discussion about buying the land south of the Town Hall for a storage facility.
- Stan noted the parking lot lightbulb must be replaced. He does not have the ability to replace due to the height.

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting, Verner seconded, the meeting ended at 10:04 pm.  
Next Meeting: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Respectfully submitted;  
Susan J Peterson  
Franconia Deputy Town Clerk