

## APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met January 18, 2011 at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors Verner Greene Jr., Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz; David Johnson, Treasurer; Susan Peterson, Deputy Clerk. Guests: John Bruno, Elise Hiljus

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and the pledge of allegiance was waved. The minutes of the last meeting were read and minor changes were made. Sue Thompson moved, Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 3-0.

### **Treasurer Report:**

- The \$10,000.00 for equipment will be used to purchase a CD. Motion made by Sue Thompson; second by Jim Birkholz; motion carried 3-0.
- Suzi Johnson will be removed as an authorized signer and replaced with Susan Peterson. Motion made by Sue Thompson; second by Verner Greene. motion carried 3-0.
- Dave Johnson will be researching new printers.
- Claims #10237-10249; total \$86,116.94 submitted.

### **Old Business:**

- Invoice from Warren White has not been received. Verner Greene will call him.
- New truc: tabled for next meeting.
- Sue Thompson is drafting a town hall rental agreement.
- The Comprehensive Park Plan has not been updated since January 2008.
- The AT&T mono-pole to be erected on the Jerry Vitalis property is moving forward.
- Franconia/Shafer Fire Dept. budget was briefly discussed.
- Sue Thompson continues to research Development Finance Corporation. The county cannot act on behalf of the Township. An attorney may be retained.
- Website update: Elise Hiljus shared multiple suggestions to create a more "user friendly" website. Township meeting minutes will continue to be posted, as will any notices regarding elections and annual meeting.
- Elise Hiljus has contacted Osceola schools regarding the training opportunity for 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. Election judges must be selected. Voting Hours: 10 am - 8 pm.
- Annual audit board will meet Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the Town hall.
- All Township postings will appear in "The County Press", on the Township website ([www.franconiamn.us](http://www.franconiamn.us)); at the town hall and on the board at the corner of Franconia Trail and Redwing.

### **New Business:**

- Hazelden has approached the board regarding the vacation of Ogren Trail. A Hazelden representative was not present at meeting.
- An error in dates regarding the filing for board members was posted in the Chisago County Press. A retraction was made upon discovery.

- The legislation has adopted a new signature stamp for clerks.
- New officers training March 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Cloud. Detailed information at [www.mntownships.org](http://www.mntownships.org)
- Dave Johnson and Sue Thompson will meet regarding Professional Fee Escrow.
- Salaries of employees will be reviewed at next meeting. Dave Johnson will research.
- Highway 8 Taskforce meeting: Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Lindstrom City Hall.
- County Association meeting: Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm the Senior Center in North Branch.
- Township meeting on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 is rescheduled to Tuesday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Budget proposal will be discussed.
- Board of Equalization meeting in April.
- Geologist Dale Setterholm presentation on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm the Chisago Library.

Motion to adjourn at 10:20 pm by Jim Birkholz; second by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;  
Susan J Peterson  
Franconia Deputy Town Clerk