

APPROVED MINUTES
State of Minnesota
County of Chisago
Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met February 8, 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: Elise Hiljus

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm and the pledge of allegiance was said. 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:

- . A preliminary report was distributed for review.
- . A \$900.00 donation will go to the Shafer/Franconia Fire Fund.
- . Dave Johnson will create resolution form for acceptance of donations.
- . Township Receipts from County Aggregate tax will be approximately \$13,500
- . 3 Certificate Deposits will be cashed out (\$5,756.03; \$1,945.84; \$16,107.02) and combined
- . Federated Co Op claim #10252 for \$1,199.87 was paid on January 20th to take advantage of a payment reduction incentive.
- . Claims #10253-10266; total \$10,946.85 submitted.
- . Motion made to accept treasure report was made by Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

- . Invoice from Warren White has not been received; the check has cleared the bank. Verner Greene will call him.
- . Board of Audit: Tuesday, February 15th, 2011 @ 6:30 pm. Announcement to be posted asap. Susan Peterson will obtain 2010 Central Bank statements. Dave Johnson will obtain the Wyoming and Scandia account summary sheets.
- . Susan Peterson will contact John Jackson re: election judges and pick up ballots.
- . New truck: Verner Greene has a vehicle contract and is awaiting contact from the dealership.
Preliminary quote: \$21,958.00
2011 GMC 6L 4x ¾ ton gas pickup truck; tow package, block heater, spare tire; 3 years/36 thousand miles warranty. Add ons: Snow plow prep package: \$242.00; Amber roof markers: \$46.00; Camper style mirrors: \$59.00; Rubber mat bed liner: \$113.00; 2 additional keys: \$38.00. Minus: Skid Plate: -\$127.00.
A motion was made to approve said quote pending tax/license fees. Total not to exceed \$22,300. Moved by Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 3-0.
- . Discussion continued regarding AT&T cell phone tower.
- . Sue Thompson continues to research Development Finance Corporation. Dave Johnson will draft a letter to be sent via USPS certified with delivery confirmed.
- . Two Osceola students are interested in the training opportunity for Junior election judging positions. Discussion regarding wage/stipend was tabled. Judges for upcoming March election will be approached regarding the possibility of participating as mentors/trainers.

. Sue Thompson continues to research attorney options for the Township.

New Business:

- . Sue Thompson distributed a town hall rental agreement draft and will be discussed at upcoming meeting. Renting of the hall will NOT have an effect on our insurance policy.
- . The updated Comprehensive Park Plan was distributed.
- . Highway 8 report: Lindstrom split pairs is delayed till 2012. Upcoming projects: Hwy 8 and Pleasant Valley; Hwy 8 and Hwy 21.
- . Salaries of employees were tabled. Brief discussion regarding employee vacation/sick days. Dave Johnson currently monitors this matter. There are no current issues and the system is working fine.
- . Board of Equalization meeting: Thursday, May 5th, 2011 @ 1:30 pm must be posted. Susan Peterson will be present.
- . Annual Meeting Topics (preliminary): roof; new truck; outdoor storage; basement; safe; website; committees & volunteers; bounty; Hwy 95 project; non-profit community requests (Family Pathways, Baby Blanket, etc); written road report. Sue Thompson drafted a road report and distributed for discussion at a later meeting.
- . Budget: Changes in legislation will affect homeowner credits and market value that will not financially benefit the township in the long run.
- . Township Budget was tabled.
- . Discussion regarding the posting of township meeting minutes was discussed. Township will continue to publish approved minutes on the website (www.franconiamn.us).

Motion to adjourn at 11:03 pm by Sue Thompson; second by Jim Birkholz; motion carried 3-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 15th at 7:30 pm.

Board of Audit to meet at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Susan J Peterson

Franconia Deputy Town Clerk