

APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met February 15, 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 7:40 pm and the pledge of allegiance was said. The agenda for the evening was created. Jim Birkholz moved to accept the agenda, Sue Thompson seconded; motion carried 3-0. The minutes of the last meeting were read and minor changes were made. Jim Birkholz moved, Sue Thompson seconded; motion carried 3-0.

Citizen/public comments: John Bruno shared additional information regarding "new" technology of cell towers currently being used in other countries.

Treasurer Report:

- The January 2011 final report was submitted.
- Stan Anderson took the dump truck in for repairs.
- The actual cost for the 2010 gravel budget was submitted.
- Dave Johnson presented the letter to Development Finance Corporation to be sent via USPS certified with delivery confirmed. Sue Thompson was listed as the contact person.
- Claims #10266-10274; total \$104,356.09 submitted.
- Motion made to accept treasure report was made by Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

- John Jackson secured judges for the March 8th, 2011 elections: Hartley Nelson; Monica Osterbauer; Jean Dexheimer (10 am - 3 pm) ; Mary Kowarach (3 pm - 8 pm)
- New truck: Official quote: \$21,970.79 without tax/license. Dealership will deliver.
- Discussion continued regarding Junior Judges.
- Road Report distributed last week was briefly discussed. Stan Anderson and Ryan Goodman w/ Bonestroo will be consulted regarding a few areas of concern. A report of road grading maintenance explaining the general criteria of grading was suggested.
- The updated Park Plan is now on the website.
- Information was received from 3 attorneys: 1 firm sent extensive information; 1 firm declined based on conflict of interest; 1 replied with an e mail of basic information with offers to provide more info.
- Discussion continued regarding AT&T cell phone tower.
- A draft of a resolutions donation document was submitted by Dave Johnson. Discussion followed with no changes made. Motion made to accept the document was made by Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

- 2011 Budget: 2010 treasure's statement was submitted.
- The proposed 2011 budget approved in March 2010 for taxes payable in 2011: \$614,500

- Susan Peterson will contact CTAS for the township program for computers. All clerk records- going forward- will be transitioned onto computer.
- The Joint Powers Fire Fund committee to be raised 2 ½ %.
- Proposed motion to keep the budget the same. Motion made by Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 3-0.
- Jim Birkholz shared agenda information and preparation for the annual meeting as noted in the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) Newspaper. Susan Peterson will contact John Jackson for a sample agenda and actual notes from previous annual meetings.
- The Chisago County surplus auction of equipment was discussed.
- Sue Thompson shared concern for current condition of 260th Street. Ryan Goodman w/ Bonestroo will be contacted.
- New agenda format was discussed and will continue to be implemented at future meetings.
- The Franconia Township website continues to be updated on a regular basis. Sue Thompson requested \$200 for proposed changes. Motion was made by Verner Greene and Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 3-0.
- A motion was made by Verner Greene to transfer \$100,000.00 from the Central Bank checking account to the Wyoming savings account for FDIC protection. Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 3-0.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Township Association Meeting: Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011 at the community center in North Branch.
- Township Election Automark Test: Thursday, February 24th, 2011 at 10 am in room 142 of the Chisago County Gov't Center in Center City. Susan Peterson will attend.
- Franconia Township Annual Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th, 2011 at 8:15 pm at the Town Hall.
- Joint Powers will meet in March
- Park Board: April 21st, 2011
- Board of Equalization meeting: Thursday, May 5th, 2011 @ 1:30 pm must be posted. Susan Peterson will be present.

Motion to adjourn at 10:23 pm by Jim Birkholz; second by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;
 Susan J Peterson
 Franconia Deputy Town Clerk