

APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met March 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, Lisa Reynolds; Hazelden Representative.

The meeting was called to order by Susan Peterson, Deputy Clerk at 7:34 pm and the pledge of allegiance was waived. Nominations were opened for the Board Chair. Verner Greene Jr. was nominated by Jim Birkholz and second by Sue Thompson. Verner Greene Jr. nominated Jim Birkholz and the motion was second by Sue Thompson. Jim Birkholz called for a White Ballot nominating Verner Greene Jr. and the motion was passed 2 to 1. New officers Verner Greene Jr. and Jim Birkholz were then sworn in by Susan Peterson, Deputy Clerk. The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Verner Greene Jr. and board proceeded to reorganize.

The following items were passed unanimously (3-0):

- Franconia Township Board meetings will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Franconia Town Hall, 25156 St Croix Trail North, Shafer, MN 55074.
- The board meeting will begin at 7:30 pm with the supervisors meeting at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for the meeting
- The Town Board pay schedules will remain the same as previous year.

The Franconia Town Board representatives for the following boards will be:

- Joint Board of Franconia/Shafer Fire & Rescue Department: Jim Birkholz & Verner Greene Jr. Motion made by Sue Thompson and second by Verner Greene Jr. The motion carried 3-0.
- Highway 8 Task Force: Jim Birkholz. Motion made by Verner Greene Jr. and Sue Thompson seconded. Discussion followed and the motion carried 3-0.

The following board members will be liaisons for the following Township Committees:

- Park Board: Sue Thompson
- Website Committee: Sue Thompson

Motion made by Sue Thompson to reimbursement mileage, in agreement with the IRS. Motion was second by Jim Birkholz and carried 3-0.

Board Member meeting compensations will remain the same as last year: \$35.00 per regular meetings and full day meetings to count as 2 meetings.

The township has 3 bank accounts: First State Bank of Wyoming, MN; Central Bank in Center City, MN; Bank of Marine, Marine on the St Croix, MN. A motion was made by Sue Thompson to maintain said accounts. Jim Birkholz second the motion and was carried 3-0.

Chairman Verner Greene Jr. nominated Jim Birkholz as Vice Chair of the Township Board. Sue Thompson second and motion was carried 3-0.

Jim Birkholz will serve as the 'on call' Employee Supervisor with Verner Greene Jr to oversee Township Employees.

The agenda approval was tabled.

Hazelden representative Lisa Reynolds presented paperwork requesting approval to hold a one-time raffle on the Center City Campus for an Annual Alumni Event April 29th & 30th. Funds raised from raffle will be applied to the "Foundation for Patient Aid. A motion was made by Verner Greene Jr, second by Sue Thompson and carried 3-0. Susan Peterson will forward minutes of meeting to Ms Reynolds.

The motion was made by Sue Thompson and second by Jim Birkholz to approve the agenda. The motion was carried 3-0.

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 February 2011 final report was submitted.
- A suggestion was made to include a running balance of savings accounts and outstanding accounts receivable.
- Dave Johnson and Verner Greene Jr. will be the official signers for the following account: Wyoming State Bank. Motion was made by Sue Thompson and second by Jim Birkholz. Approved 3-0.
- Tom Wolfe will be invoiced outstanding balance for road vacation procedure.
- Discussion regarding late fees and monthly charges on unpaid balances.
- Claim # 10283-10308: total \$23,104.04 submitted.
- Motion made to accept treasure report was made by Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

- No further communications regarding Development Finance Corp.
- Discussion regarding calcium chloride rates for treating township roads.
- Road Tour: tabled
- Information provided by MAT (Minnesota Association of Townships) regarding bonding insurance for employees. No actions were taken. Additional research will be conducted.
- Kevin Hofstad was contacted via e mail regarding the needs of the township.

New Business:

- Jim Birkholz, Sue Thompson & Dave Johnson plan to attend MAT officer training in St Cloud on March 21, 2011.
- Jim Birkholz provided information regarding Hazelden well head plan protection in accordance with permits from the State of Minnesota. He will follow the progress and keep the board updated.
- Fire Meeting was attended by Jim Birkholz, Sue Thompson and Verner Greene, Jr. Discussions included the upcoming 800 megahertz radio upgrade and the current fire hall. By Laws will be forwarded to Sue Thompson.

- Sue Thompson provided an update on the Highway 95 project. Discussion regarding eradication of parsnips and poison ivy at the start *and* completion of the project. Information for residents will be requested.
- Franconia Township Recycle Day possibilities in coordination with Evergreen Recycling. Sue Thompson has heard good feedback from Lent residents regarding their experience and will look into holding a recycle day in early June 2011.

Committee Reports:

- Web committee will continue to strive towards a user friendly site.
- Park committee discussed the possibility of a park or trail located within the township.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Website Board: April 7th, 2011
- Park Board: April 21st, 2011
- Highway 8 Taskforce will meet in May.
- *Protecting the St Croix River Basin* conference will be held in River Falls, WI on April 5th.
- Board of Equalization meeting at the town hall: Thursday, May 5th, 2011 @ 1:30 pm must be posted. Susan Peterson will be present.

Carry Over to Next Meeting:

- Maintenance compensation package
- John Jackson's continued compensation
- Roof
- Grout & Seal cost estimates

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;
Susan J Peterson
Franconia Deputy Town Clerk