

## APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met April 5, 2011 at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors: Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz; David Johnson, Treasurer; Susan Peterson, Deputy Clerk. Supervisor Verner Greene Jr was absent. Guests: Stan Anderson, Ty Raleigh-Aggregate Representative, John Bruno, Elise Hiljus

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jim Birkholz at 7:31 pm and the pledge of allegiance was said.

The motion was made by Sue Thompson and second by Jim Birkholz to approve the agenda. The motion was carried 2-0.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and minor changes were made. Sue Thompson moved, Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 2-0.

Sue Thompson received correspondence from Shirley Eidem regarding Franconia Meadows and will follow up.

The River Bank in North Hudson wrote to the board regarding possible escrow funds and interest of properties in the township. Dave Johnson will contact them.

A resident on Quarry Road e mailed the board in regards to plowing 'run off ' concerns. The board will assess the situation on the Township Road Tour on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with Stan Anderson.

### **Treasurer Report:**

- The March 2011 preliminary report was submitted. Susan Thompson will call Dave Johnson when bank statements arrive.
- Payment was made re: Garice Anderson's PERA.
- Ty Raleigh will look into a billing terms with Aggregate so the township can take advantage of the 2% early payment incentive.
- Pre-purchasing from Federated was discussed.
- Setting up automated funds transfers was discussed. Dave Johnson will look into it.
- Claim # 10309-10324: total \$8,136.23 submitted.
- Motion made to accept treasure report was made by Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 2-0.

### **Maintenance Report:**

- Ty Raliegh from Aggregate provided information regarding Class 5 gravel bid. Extensive discussion followed.
- Stan Anderson has been in contact with Ryan Goodman from Bonestroo regarding gravel bids. Dresel and R E Peterson will be contacted to present at next township meeting.
- Discussion regarding the possible benefits of road packing following grading the gravel roads.

- Discussion regarding the amount of road work that is necessary this spring in relation to funds available. Stan Anderson provided figures.
- A road tour was set for Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Stan Anderson will tour the township roads with township supervisors: Jim Birkholz, Sue Thompson & Verner Greene Jr.

#### **Old Business:**

- Franconia Township Recycle Day in coordination with Evergreen Recycling will be set for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Paul Dennison with Chisago County and Joe & Suzi Johnson with Family Pathways will be invited to participate re: furniture donations.
- Information provided by MAT (Minnesota Association of Townships) regarding bonding insurance for employees. No actions were taken. Additional research will be conducted.
- Township Attorney was tabled.
- Township Employee bonding was discussed. Franconia/Shafer Fire and Rescue Joint Powers fire fighters and first responders are not covered, while township volunteers are.
- Repair of the township building roof was discussed. Verner Greene Jr and Stan Anderson have bids. Jim Birkholz has discussed the roof with the previous contractor, Dennis Johnson.

#### **New Business:**

- Jim Birkholz, Sue Thompson & Dave Johnson gave brief reports on the MAT officer training in St Cloud on March 21, 2011.  
Items of interest: New Supervisors workshops; Workers Compensation Claims; Road Tours; Pre Meetings; Open Meeting laws vs Continuation of Meeting; Grading; Approval of minutes by Chair.
- Correspondents were discussed and follow up plans were made.

#### **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:**

- Road Tour: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Park Board: April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011
- Website Board: First Thursday of each month.
- Highway 8 Taskforce will meet in May.
- Board of Equalization meeting: Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 1:30 pm must be posted. Susan Peterson will be present.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:45 pm by Sue Thompson; second by Jim Birkholz; motion carried 2-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;  
Susan J Peterson  
Franconia Deputy Town Clerk