

APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met May 3, 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: Stan Anderson, Ryan Goodman/Boonestroo, Barry Sutherland, John Bruno, Tom Delany

The meeting was called to order by Chair Verner Greene Jr at 7:34 pm and the pledge of allegiance was waived.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and one change was made. Sue Thompson moved, Jim Birkholz seconded; motion carried 3-0.

The agenda was tabled to accommodate visitors' reports.

Ryan Goodman presented a Route and Seal engineering proposal on behalf of Boonestroo. Detailed discussion followed. A motion was made to approve said proposal. Sue Thompson moved, Jim Birkholz seconded and the motion carried 3-0. The board also proposed Ryan Goodman consult with Dresel and Aggregate in regards to quotes the township's gravel needs and will report back at an upcoming meeting.

Jim Birkholz questioned if there is a 'rule of thumb' to share with citizens concerned about a 'fix' for the spring road conditions. Ryan Goodman provided an estimate of \$85.00 per lineal foot: excavation, geo fabric and 1 ½ foot Class 5 and gravel. Detailed discussion followed regarding the practicability of such a project.

Barry Sutherland provided extensive information regarding the current health care policy provided. Jim Birkholz noted consistency with other employers in the area should be considered when providing Township employees with health insurance coverage.

Tom Delany approached the board with a request to subdivide the Plat of Adam & Jessica Vitalis (George). The motion was made to authorize the split of a 29 acre parcel separation. Sue Thompson moved, Jim Birkholz seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

The meeting then resumed, following the approved agenda.

Treasurer Report:

- An April preliminary report was submitted.
- Claim # 10335- 10346: total \$6579.08 submitted.

Clerk's Report:

- Susan Peterson consulted John Jackson for minutes book dating prior to October 2003. John will look for them.

Old Business:

- Recycle Day: June 4th, 2011 9 am to 1 pm. Signage will be looked into. Information will appear in the County Press and on the Website. Several flyers were distributed at the Annual Pancake breakfast at the Shafer/Franconia Fire/Rescue
- Stan Anderson is instructed to revisit the previously submitted low quote for the Township Hall roof and if within \$500 from the original quote, proceed forward. Motion was made by Sue Thompson and second by Jim Birkholz authorized to approve Stan Anderson to accept. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

- Jim Birkholz presented a letter with the Township's input on the proposed Environmental Zoning information received from Chisago County regarding temporary parking and camping. Letter dated April 27th was sent to Tara M. Guy; Assistant Zoning Director. The planning commission will meet May 5th.

Committee Reports:

- Park Board meeting: No one attended.
- Website continues to be updated. June 4th Recycle Day will be posted on the website.
- Jim Birkholz attended the St Croix Valley Earth Day Conference.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Website Board: First Thursday of each month.
- Board of Equalization meeting: Thursday, May 5th, 2011 @ 1:30 pm. Minutes from 2010 must be located.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;
Susan J Peterson
Franconia Deputy Town Clerk