

APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met June 7, 2011 at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors: Verner Greene Jr, Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz; David Johnson, Treasurer; John Jackson, Township Clerk; Susan Peterson, Deputy Clerk. Guests: Stan Anderson, Ryan Goodman/Bonestroo, Gary Norton/Panola Gardens; John Bruno.

The meeting was called to order by Verner Greene Jr at 7:30 pm and the pledge of allegiance was said.

The agenda was set and a 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 May 5th Board of Equalization meeting were read. Motion was made by Jim Birkholz; second by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

The minutes for the May 17th meeting were read and 1 change was made. Jim Birkholz moved, Sue Thompson seconded; motion carried 3-0.

Citizen/public comments:

Gary Norton of Panola Valley Gardens addressed the board regarding calcium chloride treatment of 259th Street. He would like to coordinate the treatment of 259th with the township's proposed treatment.

Correspondence:

- The Baby Blanket inquired as to when contracts will be fulfilled. Township contracts will be addressed at the next meeting.
- 5 Permits were presented.
- E mail received from Erica Glancy request regarding property information.

Treasurer Report:

- A final May report was submitted.
- Claim # 10359- 10371: total \$12,947.57 submitted.
- Motion made by Sue Thompson to approve May 2011 treasurer report and second by Jim Birkholz. Motion passed 3-0.

Clerk Report:

- Mr. John Jackson submitted his resignation as Franconia Township Clerk effective July 1, 2011. John has served the Franconia Township residents as an elected official for 43 years. He stated many records have been stored at his home and will sort through and forward them to the Town board. John thanked the board for the opportunity to serve. Chairman Verner Greene Jr expressed personal appreciation to John for his active roll in the community. Jim Birkholz shared his regret of not working with John on the Township Board and thanked him for his years of service.

- Mr Jackson offered praise to the Franconia First Responders for their quick response to his fall last December of 2010. He inquired about the bill for \$100 he received.
- The current value of the Township is not noted in the Board of Equalization minutes; Susan Peterson will obtain this total and submit at next meeting.
- John Jackson stated he has represented the township at the Library Commission that meets every 3rd Month, usually on Thursdays. Mr. Jackson highly encouraged the township to provide a representative. Additional information can be obtained from Myron Johnson with Chisago Lake Township.
- A motion was made by Sue Thompson to accept John Jackson's resignation. Motion seconded by Jim Birkholz was approved 3-0.

Old Business:

- Recycle Day: June 4th, 2011 9 am to 1 pm. Went very well with the help of volunteers and the township supervisors. Signage was very effective. Discussion followed regarding offering the event next year- same weekend.
- Ryan Goodman/Bonestroo provided information about the gravel sub-grade and foundation of township roads prior to laying new gravel. The budget will be the determining factor of what roads will be worked on. Quinlan will be addressed first, as it is one the more heavily traveled township dirt roads. Ryan will assess 285th, Olympic Trail and Franconia Trail and contact Verner Greene Jr via e mail.
- Verner Greene Jr will consult Dresel regarding upcoming projects.
- Route and Seal discussion took place.
- The Town Hall roofing project has been completed.
- Jim Birkholz attended the May 23rd, 2011 Highway 8 Task Force Meeting.
 - Highway 8 and County Road 26 (Pleasant Valley Road) intersection was discussed. The suggestion was made that the County should take the initiative on this project.
 - 2011 Project: Scandia/Highway 95 to Highway 8.
- Verner Greene Jr read the recent letter from Tom Wolfe. Brief discussion followed.

New Business:

- Insurance for full time employees was discussed. The township currently does not have an Employee Policy in place. A motion was made, but then withdrawn, concerning providing insurance coverage for full time employees. Additional information will be obtained by Jim Birkholz in coordination with Stan Anderson.
- Calcium Chloride treatment of the township roads was discussed. It would cost the township approximately \$72 thousand dollars to treat the 38 miles of township dirt road once. The board proposes treatment of Quinlan, following the upcoming improvements to the highly traveled township dirt road. Calcium Chloride treatment of 259th Street will be coordinated with Gary Norton of Panola Gardens.
- Stan Anderson is to get a price on a bucket for the John Deere tractor.

Committee Reports:

- Website continues to be updated

Upcoming Meetings:

- Fire Joint Powers Board: second Tuesday of each month. June 14th, 2011
- Township Training seminars held in June.
- Township Officers meeting: Last Wednesday of each month.
- Website Board: First Thursday of each month.

Carry Over to next meeting:

- Township contracts
- Clerk position

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:14 pm by Jim Birkholz; second by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;
Susan J Peterson
Franconia Deputy Town Clerk