

## APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met July 5, 2011 at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors: Verner Greene Jr, Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz; Susan Peterson, Deputy Clerk. Absent: David Johnson, Treasurer; Guests: Stan Anderson, Ryan Goodman w/ Bonestroo.

The meeting was called to order by Verner Greene Jr at 7:35 pm and the pledge of allegiance was said.

The minutes of the June 21, 2011 meeting were read. Minor changes were made and a motion to approve was made by Jim Birkholz; second by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

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

### **Correspondents:**

- State Demographic Center provided 2010 U.S. Census Bureau counts for Franconia Township. Total Population: 1,805. Additional information available through Deputy Clerk.

### **Maintenance Report:**

- Stan Anderson reported 2 tires on the dump truck have been replaced due to a blow out.
- Unmarked driveways without permits have popped up within the township. Stan will follow up.
- All bad gravel spots from this spring's boils have been repaired and are in good driving condition again.
- The new bucket for the tractor has been ordered.
- Vegetation trimming is on the 'to do' list.

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Preliminary report for June 2011 provided.  
Claims # 10388- 10398: total \$29,638.61 submitted.
- 2011 available fund for gravel and road repair estimate: \$333,919.00
- Township finances will not be affected by the July 2011 MN State shut down.

### **Old Business:**

- Ryan Goodman with Bonestroo submitted 2011 Route & Seal project quote. Complete quote submittal available from Deputy Clerk upon request. Project has been awarded to Gopher State Sealcoat, Inc. for \$13,035.00. Motion was made by Sue Thompson and second by Jim Birkholz to accept fee from Bonestroo; motion carried 3-0. Work will be completed by September 15, 2011.
- As requested, Ryan Goodman assessed various roads throughout the township and provided repair suggestions.
- Discussion surrounding road base conditions.

- The board has the authority to appoint a new clerk. Additional research and clarification is needed to proceed.
- Contracts totally \$6,250.00 submitted. Motion was made by Verner Greene, Jr and second by Sue Thompson to approve contracts. Motion carried 3-0.
  - Family Pathways: \$2,500
  - The Refuge: \$1,500
  - Meals On Wheels: \$1,500
  - Chisago County Fair: \$500
  - The Baby Blanket: \$250
- Dennis Freed stated October 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for applying a fee to a parcel. Additional information on complete procedure is needed. Susan Peterson will follow up.

**New Business:**

- The Library Commission was discussed. Sue Thompson will look into it further.
- Sue Thompson provided township population information supplied by Dennis Freed.
  - 2009: 1411 (Approx.)
  - 2010: 1805
  - 1057 parcels are taxable.
  - Average amount of property tax per parcel: \$582.31 per household.
  - Total property tax average per parcel: \$2,315.97. (Approx)
  - Township share of 2011 overall Property Taxes which township receives about 25.1% (Approx.)
- Health Partners will be contacted regarding addition health insurance for employees

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Fire Joint Powers Board: second Tuesday last month of each quarter. (Sept)
- Township Officers meeting: Last Wednesday of each month.
- Website Board: First Thursday of each month.

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:00 pm by Jim Birkholz; second by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

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

Respectfully submitted;  
 Susan J Peterson  
 Franconia Deputy Town Clerk