

APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota
County of Chisago
Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met July 19, 2011 at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors: Verner Greene Jr, Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz; Susan Peterson, Deputy Clerk; David Johnson, Treasurer; Guests: Jeremy Dresel

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

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.

The minutes of the July 5, 2011 meeting were read. Minor changes were made and a motion to approve was made by Sue Thompson; second by Jim Birkholz; motion carried 3-0.

Verner Greene Jr. recommended the board adjourn due to the extreme heat and reconvene Wednesday, July 20th, 2011 at 11:30 am at the Chisago County Library.

Jeremy Dresel approached the board regarding excess materials from the Dresel road project on Quinlan. Brief discussion followed and board supervisors invited Jeremy and/or Josh Dresel to attend the carryover meeting on July 20th to provide additional information.

A call to recess by Verner Greene Jr at 8:15 pm was second by Sue Thompson and carried 3-0. The board will recall at 11:30 am at the Chisago County Library.

The board reconvened at 11:39 am at the Chisago County Library on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 with the following present: Supervisors: Verner Greene Jr, Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz; Susan Peterson, Deputy Clerk; David Johnson, Treasurer; Guests: Josh Dresel

Supervisor Verner Greene Jr. invited Josh Dresel to continue the discussion regarding the remaining materials from the Dresel road project on Quinlan. Josh Dresel provided some options the township might consider. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Verner Greene Jr. and second by Sue Thompson for Dresel to complete Quinlan and use the remaining materials on 285th Street from Highway 95 until materials are exhausted. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Report:

9 Zoning Office permits were presented to the board. 1 additional permit was forwarded to Stan Anderson from John Jackson. One of the permits was for the unmarked driveways discussed at the July 5th meeting.

Treasurer Report:

- Final report for June 2011 was submitted. Ending balance: \$136,862.35. Motion to accept report was made by Sue Thompson and second by Jim Birkholz. Motion carried 3-0.
- Claims # 10399- 10413: \$70,342.79 total submitted.
- Dave Johnson contacted Health Partners. A motion was made by Sue Thompson to offer Stan Anderson a compensation package: 100% of Stan's coverage; ½ of family coverage; 3 deductibles not to exceed \$3000.00; no change in salary. Verner Greene Jr second the motion and it carried 3-0.

Old Business:

- A motion was made by Verner Greene Jr and second by Sue Thompson to re appoint John Jackson as Township Clerk during which time a complete clerk job description from Minnesota Association of Township will be obtained. Supervisors will discuss clerk position with Township residents with plans to appoint a replacement by September 6th 2011 to serve until March of 2012.
- Dust Control will be applied on Quinlan Avenue and 259th Street.
- Assessment of township signs will be conducted by Sue Thompson and Stan Anderson.
- Potholes on Quinlan and Panola were repaired by Stan Anderson. Residents expressed appreciation.
- Discussion regarding the Wolfe property mound system site and encroachments possibilities. Expiration date on the permit will be researched by Sue Thompson.
- Contracts were presented by Sue Thompson to be sent along with each Contact payment. It is important to note that contracts with the township are for serviced received, not donations.
- Special Assessments were discussed. The Dotolo assessment has been paid. The County must be notified in writing that payment has been made.
- Sue Thompson will act as the liaison for the Library Commission. Next meeting is August 25, 2011.

New Business:

- Sue Thompson called Frontier Communication about the phone bill. A 2 year contract would reduce the monthly fee without compromising services. Federal ID # and phone number will be needed to make the changes.
- Evergreen Recycling provided an invoice for the June 4, 2011 Recycle Day. Detailed description of items available from Deputy Clerk.
- An individual interested in purchasing a township lot is encouraged to attend a township meeting to discuss possibilities.
- A letter was sent to individual constructing a non permitted driveway reminding them the need of a permit.

Committee Reports:

- Website Board: Sue Thompson has spent some time updating the township's website by adding new stories on area residents.
- A card was sent to Gene Olson on behalf of the township.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Fire Joint Powers Board: second Tuesday last month of each quarter. (Sept)
- Township Officers meeting: No July or August meeting.
- Website Board: First Thursday of each month.
- Highway 8 Task Force meeting: August 22, 2011
- Jim Birkholz will not be at the August 2, 2011 meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2:15 pm by Sue Thompson; second by Jim Birkholz; motion carried 3-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;
Susan J Peterson
Franconia Deputy Town Clerk