

APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met on December 20, 2011, at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors: Verner Greene Jr., Jim Birkholz, Sue Thompson, Missy Glenna, Clerk, Dave Johnson, Treasurer, Ryan Goodman from Stantec, and guests, Ron Elfstrom and Gary Lindblad.

The meeting was called to order by Verner Greene Jr. at 7:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

The minutes of the December 6, 2011, meeting were read by Missy Glenna and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Birkholz and seconded by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

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

Supervisor's Report:

- There was discussion about the Shafer Fire meeting that Jim Birkholz Vern Greene Jr. attended.
- Shafer/Franconia Fire clarified that the Annual Banquet is an Annual Safety Meeting.

Citizen's/Public Comment:

Gary Lindblad brought Christmas cookies and a thank you card from the residents of Panola Drive West. They are very thankful for the gravel that our township put on their road.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Final November 2011 beginning balance is \$177,422.69
- The Final November 2011 ending balance is \$159,264.93
- Claims submitted were \$89,007.27

There was a motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Sue Thompson and seconded by Jim Birkholz; motion carried 3-0.

There was a motion to accept a donation of \$6,000.00 from the Shafer Volunteer Firemen's Benefit Association by Jim Birkholz and seconded by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

Clerk's Report:

- 4 building permits were submitted.
- Missy received election information and materials from Dennis Freed.
- There was discussion about the March township elections.

Old Business:

- There was discussion about a mound system that was built on the road right-of-way.
- Sue Thompson will contact Tara Guy in Environmental Services with the county regarding this.
- A Sign Inventory policy needs to be in place by January 13, 2011, that shows how our township is going to replace signs.
- Regarding the township lot for sale, Jim Birkholz talked to Kellie Strobel at Chisago County about the value and whether or not the lot is buildable.
- Jim Birkholz will work with Kellie Strobel to get more information for valuing the lot.
- There was discussion about the meeting Sue Thompson and Jim Birkholz attended between Center City and Hazelden. Hazelden agreed to an annual payment contractual agreement with the Center City Fire Department.

New Business:

- Ron Elfstrom from Shafer Fire stated that the Shafer Fire Department needs 3 fire service contracts and the apportionment of what percent each township covers.
- Sue Thompson will get copies and send to Ron Elfstrom.
- Chisago County Sheriff's office is asking for our township to have an Emergency Manager to coordinate with them in the event of an emergency. Jim Birkholz volunteered to be the Emergency Manager for our township. Verner Greene Jr. made a motion to accept Jim Birkholz as Emergency Manager and Verner Greene Jr. as Deputy Emergency Manager and Sue Thompson seconded; motion carried 3-0.
- There was discussion about salt and trap rock on 260th and 280th.
- Dave Johnson gave his resignation as treasurer as of January 31, 2012.
- It was decided that we will advertise the treasurer position in the Osceola Sun, the County Press, and the Forest Lake Times for 2 weeks.

There was a motion to approve payment of \$7,559.20 to North Valley Inc. for the Bloom Lake Shouldering project by Jim Birkholz and seconded by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. was made by Verner Greene Jr. and seconded by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna

Franconia Town Clerk