

## APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the town of Franconia was held March 13, 2012, at the Franconia Town Hall. The following board members were present: Supervisors: Verner Greene Jr., Sue Thompson, David Johnson, Treasurer; Melissa Glenna, Clerk. Absent: Jim Birkholz.

The polls were declared open at 10:00am by Clerk, Melissa Glenna and closed at 8:00pm. Judges: Mary Kowarsch, Jerry Vitalis, Luella Greene, Michael Olmshenk, Elise Hiljus, and John Bruno. A total of 61 votes were cast. The votes were counted and checked and verified as follows: Town Supervisor (3 year term): Jim Birkholz: 31; Shawn Dunne: 27; Tim Dunne: 2; Mr. Dunne: 1. Jim Birkholz was declared the winner. Clerk (2 year term): Melissa Glenna: 60; Shawn Dunne: 1. Melissa Glenna was declared winner.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15pm by Clerk, Melissa Glenna, and the pledge of allegiance was said. The floor was opened up for nominations of the moderator for the evening. Sue Thompson was nominated with no other nominations was declared the moderator for the meeting.

The agenda for the evening was distributed and a call for additions prompted no discussion. A motion was made, seconded, and the agenda for the evening was approved unanimously.

The March 8, 2011, Annual Meeting minutes were read by Clerk, Melissa Glenna. Corrections were made. A motion was made, seconded and the 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

The hours for the 2013 elections will be 10am to 8pm with the Annual meeting at 8:15 pm on March 12, 2013. Official posting places for the township news and official notices will be at the Franconia town Hall, on the corner of Redwing Avenue and Franconia Trail, and the Chisago County Press. A motion was made and seconded to add the township's website as an official place of posting. The motion was voted on unanimously. While not an official source for posting. Township notices and news will also be submitted to the Franconia Township website.

Treasurer David Johnson distributed the 2011 financial report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2011 Treasurer's report.

There was discussion about roads.

There was discussion about the web page and park committee.

Ron Elfstrom gave a report about the Shafer/Franconia Fire Department. There were a total of 78 calls: 60 medical and 18 fires. They have a Polaris Ranger for grass fires and off-road rescues. They have mutual aid with Scandia to provide faster service for citizens. April 15, 2012, is the pancake breakfast. They have pull tabs at Crossroads, Shafer Saloon, and Romaine's.

There is a state legislative district change from 17B to 39A.

**Contract Requests:**

- Vicki Sandrick from Family Pathways spoke to the citizens informing them that Family Pathways gave 1.7 million pounds of food last year which is a 13% increase. They have 9 pantries. They also support teen centers, mentoring, kids with disabilities are partnered with other kids in school, and volunteers go once a week into elderly homes. Family Pathways is requesting \$2500.
- Shaleen Johnson from The Refuge Network stated that in 2011 they served 1800 clients and with 7300 follow-up calls. 29 of these were for Franconia Township citizens. Since 2009, 491 people have gone through The Refuge. They operate on donations and grants. They have a bullying program, 24 hour crisis, support groups, and a prison program.
- The Baby Blanket is requesting \$250 for support.

There was discussion between the citizens about whether to enter into contracts.

There was a motion for \$750 for contract requests. The motion was seconded; motion carried.

There was a motion to fund volunteer appreciation for years of service for \$1,000. The motion was seconded; motion carried.

There was a motion to set the Levy for 2013 as follows:

General Revenue	\$ 67,500
Road and Bridge	\$300,000
Fire	\$ 57,000
Equipment	\$ 40,000
Black top	<u>\$150,000</u>
Total	\$614,500

The motion was seconded; motion carried.

Recycling Day will be June 9. The township is looking for volunteers.

The newly appointed treasurer, Barb Kienberger, was introduced.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31pm. The motion was seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna

Franconia Township Clerk