

APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The 155th Annual Meeting of the Town of Franconia was held March 12, 2013, at the Franconia Town Hall. The following board members were present: Supervisors: Verner Greene Jr., Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz; David Johnson, Deputy Treasurer; Melissa Glenna, Clerk. Absent: Karen Anderson, Treasurer.

The polls were declared open at 10:00am by Clerk, Melissa Glenna and closed at 8:00pm. Election Judges: Mary Kowarsch, Virginia H. Nelson, Luella Greene, Monica Osterbauer, and Carol Hawkinson. A total of 90 votes were cast. The votes were counted and checked and verified as follows: Town Supervisor (3 year term): Dennis Gustafson: 47; Bill Gemuenden: 21; Kenneth Novack: 22. Dennis Gustafson was declared the winner.

The meeting was called to order at 8:16pm by Clerk, Melissa Glenna, and the pledge of allegiance was said. The floor was opened up for nominations of the moderator for the evening. Steve Hernick was nominated for moderator. Chuck Fitzer was also nominated for moderator. After a voice vote for each person nominated, Steve Hernick 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 13, 2012, Annual Meeting minutes were read by Clerk, Melissa Glenna. Corrections were made. A motion was made, seconded and the 2012 minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

The hours for the 2014 elections will be 10am to 8pm with the Annual Meeting at 8:15 pm on March 11, 2014. 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 and the official posting places and the official newspaper were voted on unanimously. There was a motion made and seconded and voted on unanimously to post notices of the March Election and Annual Meeting on the Franconia Township's main webpage for three months before the election.

Deputy Treasurer, David Johnson distributed the 2012 financial report. A motion was made and seconded and there was discussion about the Treasurer's Report. There were questions regarding the amount of reserve in funds. Dave Johnson, Sue Thompson and Vern Greene answered these questions. The state recommends townships to have 6 months reserve in funds at all times. There was a question about the balances and what they represented. Since Treasurer, Karen Anderson, was not present to answer this question, there was a motion to table the Treasurer's Report until a later time in the meeting or to reconvene the meeting on another date when this

question could be answered by Karen. The motion was seconded; the motion was tabled at this time.

Ron Elfstrom from Shafer/Franconia Fire Department stated that the pancake breakfast will be April 7, 2013 from 9am-1pm. The Fire Department responded to 30 calls of which 21 were 1st responder calls. They built a 24 foot addition to the Fire Hall. This is for safety. Now they are able to have a path to walk between the trucks and have their gear in the back. The fire fighters helped to build this addition on their own time.

Contract Requests:

- Debbie Prudhomme from Family Pathways spoke to the citizens informing them that Family Pathways is in their 35th year. They provide many programs including food shelves, holiday meals, Monday night meals, Food for Kids back pack programs at Taylors Falls Elementary where 230 kids are given meals for the weekend to include two breakfasts, 2 lunches, and a snack. They have social respite for older adult companionship. They offer two caregiver classes in Chisago City. Family Pathways is requesting any amount the electors choose to give.
- Shalene Johnson from The Refuge Network which offers domestic violence support spoke to the citizens. She gave information that they opened a shelter in 2009 and they house 150 women and children yearly for 30-35 days at a time. She also stated that in 2012, 22 of the people helped through The Refuge were from Franconia Township. They operate on donations and grants. They have a bullying program, 24 hour crisis, support groups, a prison program, sexual assault support, assistance for orders for protection and family law clinics. The Refuge Network is requesting any amount that the electors choose to give.
- The Clerk read a letter that The Baby Blanket sent. They are requesting \$250 for support.
- 4-H is requesting \$800 from every township in Chisago County because of a decrease in funding from the state. A family who is in 4-H spoke to the citizens about the benefits of 4-H for kids who are involved in this program.
- The Clerk read a letter that the Seven County Senior Federation sent requesting assistance for their program.
- The Clerk read a letter sent by Chisago County Senior Center requesting funding for their program.

There was discussion about whether or not to enter into contracts with the abovementioned service providers.

A motion was made for \$1,800 to contract with nonprofit organizations for health, social, and recreational services per Minn. Stat. 365.10, subd. 14. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. The moderator asked for a hand vote. There were 9 hands raised for the motion and 9 hands raised against the motion. The motion failed because of a tie.

A motion was made for \$750 to contract with nonprofit organizations for health, social, and recreational services per Minn. Stat. 365.10, subd. 14. The motion was seconded. The moderator asked for a showing of hands to vote. There were 12 hands raised in favor and 5 hands raised that were opposed; motion passed.

There was a motion to approve \$1,000 for volunteer appreciation. The motion was seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to set the Levy for 2014 as follows:

General Fund	\$64,500
Road and Bridge	\$300,000
260 th Street Fund	\$115,000
Blacktopping Fund	\$35,000
Equipment Fund	\$40,000
Fire Fund	<u>\$60,000</u>
	\$614,500

The motion was seconded. There was discussion about the 2014 levy. The General Fund was decreased in order to increase the Fire Fund. The total 2014 levy stayed the same as the 2013 levy. There were blacktopping fund questions. Deputy Treasurer, Dave Johnson, answered questions regarding this as well as supervisors, Sue Thompson and Vern Greene. The moderator asked for a voice vote to accept the 2014 levy. The motion passed.

A motion was made to recess the meeting at 10:03 p.m. in order to wait for the Treasurer, Karen Anderson. The motion was seconded; motion passed.

A motion was made to reconvene the meeting at 10:17p.m. The motion was seconded; motion passed.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as explained by the Treasurer. The motion was seconded; motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:22p.m. The motion was seconded; motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna

Franconia Township Clerk