

MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met on February 17, 2015, at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors: Jim Birkholz, Kevin Rochel and Dennis Gustafson; Missy Glenna, Clerk; and Karen Anderson, Treasurer; and Lee Cartier, Maintenance. Guests: Joe Triplett, Richard Greene, Jane Mertz, Dave Hill, Steve Plienis, and Dave Johnson.

Jim motioned to open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Kevin motioned to approve the agenda for the meeting. Dennis seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Dennis motioned to approve the January 13, 2015, minutes as presented. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Dennis motioned to approve the Board of Audit February 14, 2015, minutes as presented. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Dennis motioned to approve the sign variance for Hazelden/Betty Ford. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Joe Triplett, County Engineer, gave information about County Road 26. Road reconstruction will begin on CSAH 26 from Hwy 8 to Redwing Avenue in 2016. In 2017, they will finish the second half of CSAH 26 from Redwing Avenue to Hwy 95. The preliminary work has been started including right-of-way appraisals with landowners. They are also working with the Soil and Water District. During this process, the road will be closed to through traffic. Joe provided a map that is posted in the Town Hall detailing the work that will be done. When it is completed CSAH 26 will be a ten ton route.

County Commissioner, Rick Greene, distributed the 2014 At a Glance Report from the County to be available for the Franconia Township Annual Meeting.

Maintenance Report:

Lee stated he has been sanding/salting and the roads are in good shape. He also stated that he's been cutting trees and brush in the road right-of-ways.

Engineer Report:

The MN DOT approved a 20 foot width for the Franconia Bridge.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer provided a Cash Control Statement, a Current Investments Statement, a Receipts Register, a Disbursements Register, and a Statement of Orders Issued (Schedule 9).
- Dennis motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
- Jim motioned to approve the payroll with checks #11712, 11713-11714 and claims 149-156. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
- Dennis motioned to cash cd#17260 to pay the -\$23,910.25 in the Fire Fund. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
- Dennis motioned to transfer the \$2.60 balance in the Library Fund to the General Fund. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Clerk's Report:

- 1 building permit received.
- Dennis motioned to approve the Clerk's claims with checks #01215, 11715-11728. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
- The Clerk responded to the citizen question regarding website updates. The Clerk explained that the minutes of each monthly meeting are not approved until the next month's meeting. Therefore there can be a lag time of 2 months. Only approved minutes are posted on the website.

Old Business:

Dennis motioned to pay to RE Peterson \$2,323.65 to cover actual work done on site for Olympic Trail. This is half of \$4,647.21 that was billed. There is a discrepancy over work completed. Kevin seconded the motion; motion 3-0.

New Business:

There was discussion about increasing Franconia Township's contribution to the fire fighter's pension in order to retain fire fighter volunteers on the Shafer/Franconia Fire Department.

There was discussion about increasing the levy to cover increasing costs.

Jim motioned to increase the 2016 levy to \$640,500. This is a 4% increase. Dennis seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

There was discussion regarding Cahill Development blacktop request.

Dennis motioned to increase the Treasurer's salary \$50 per month. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Committee Report:

Dennis attended the January CCATO meeting where he learned the Chisago County Historical Society is asking townships to join. There was also talk about mutual aid with regard to snowplowing between the county and townships.

Upcoming Meetings:

- MN Association of Townships training, March 24, 2015, 8:30am-3:30pm, St. Cloud
- CCATO meeting, March 25, 2015, 7pm, North Branch Senior Center
- Franconia Township regular meeting, April 14, 2015, 7pm

Kevin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm. Dennis seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna

Franconia Township Clerk

Franconia Township Chair

APPROVED