

MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The 157th Annual Meeting of the Town of Franconia was held March 10, 2015, at the Franconia Town Hall. The following board members were present: Supervisors: Jim Birkholz, Dennis Gustafson, and Kevin Rochel; 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, Darlene Sparby, Shirley Gustafson, and Elise Hiljis, Carol Hawkinson, and Caroline Greene. A total of 26 votes were cast. The votes were counted and checked and verified as follows: Town Supervisor (3 year term): John Bruno: 24, Jim Birkholz: 1(write-in), Ken Novack: 1. John Bruno was declared the 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. Dave Johnson was nominated for moderator. After a voice vote, Dave Johnson 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 11, 2014, Annual Meeting minutes were read by Clerk, Melissa Glenna. A motion was made, seconded and the 2014 minutes were approved unanimously.

The hours for the 2016 elections will be 10am to 8pm with the Annual Meeting at 8:15 pm on March 8, 2016. 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. The website will also be a posting place; however cannot be an official posting place.

Ron Elfstrom from Shafer/Franconia Fire Department stated that the pancake breakfast will be September 19, 2015, from 7am-10am during Shafer Days. There will also be a dance that night. The Fire Department responded to 103 calls of which 75 were medical 1st responder calls, 18 were fire calls, and 10 were accident 1st responder calls. 31 of the 75 medical first responder calls and 7 of the 18 fire calls and 8 of the 10 accident calls were in Franconia Township. The fire department had to buy extrication equipment this year as well.

Contract Requests:

- Noah Shepard from Family Pathways spoke to the citizens informing them that Family Pathways is in their 37th year. They provide many programs including 9 food shelves, holiday meals, Monday night meals, Mentoring, Food for Kids back pack programs at Taylors Falls Elementary and social respite for older adult companionship. Family Pathways is requesting any amount the electors choose to give.
- The Clerk read a letter that the Seven County Senior Federation sent requesting assistance for their program. They are requesting any amount that the electors choose to give.

A motion was made for \$2,500 to contract with the Chisago Lakes Library. The motion was seconded. There was discussion.

The motion was amended for up to \$10,000 including the Chisago Lakes Library of \$2,500 to contract with nonprofit organizations for health, social, and recreational services per Minn. Stat. 365.10, subd. 14. The motion was seconded and was passed with a voice vote.

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

Deputy Treasurer, David Johnson distributed the 2014 financial report. A motion was made and seconded and the 2014 Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

A motion was made to set the Levy for 2016 as follows:

General Fund	\$70,000
Road and Bridge	\$315,000
Blacktopping Fund	\$150,000
Equipment Fund	\$40,000
Fire Fund	<u>\$65,000</u>
	\$640,000

The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. The motion was approved unanimously.

Township Engineer, Ryan Goodman, spoke to the electors about the township's 3-year Seal Coat Project that was finished this year that will need to start again in 2018 to preserve the Township's paved roads. He also stated that he is working with the County Engineer to replace the Franconia Bridge that was built in the 1920's and rebuilt in 1963. Ryan informed the electors that he works with other communities to coordinate cheaper road projects for our township.

Moderator, Dave Johnson, thanked Jim Birkholz for being a township supervisor for 4 ½ years.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:12p.m. The motion was seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna
Franconia Township Clerk