

MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The 156th Annual Meeting of the Town of Franconia was held March 11, 2014, at the Franconia Town Hall. The following board members were present: Supervisors: Verner Greene Jr., Jim Birkholz, and Dennis Gustafson; 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, Shirley Gustafson, and Jerry Vitalis. A total of 98 votes were cast. The votes were counted and checked and verified as follows: Town Supervisor (3 year term): Kevin Rochel: 55, Kenneth Novack: 43. Kevin Rochel was declared the winner. Town Clerk (2 year term): Melissa Glenna: 85, Becky Cardenas: 1 (write-in). Melissa Glenna 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 12, 2013, Annual Meeting minutes were read by Clerk, Melissa Glenna. A motion was made, seconded and the 2013 minutes were approved unanimously.

The hours for the 2015 elections will be 10am to 8pm with the Annual Meeting at 8:15 pm on March 10, 2015. 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.

A motion was made to limit speaking time to 3 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Ron Elfstrom from Shafer/Franconia Fire Department stated that the pancake breakfast will be April 27, 2014, from 7am-1pm. The Fire Department responded to 100 calls of which 80 were 1st responder calls and 20 were fire calls. 51 of the 80 first responder calls and 6 of the 20 fire calls were in Franconia Township. They now have a rescue boat and are able to respond within 6 minutes on the river. Ron stated that the Fire Department is in need of daytime volunteers.

Contract Requests:

- Debbie Prudhomme from Family Pathways spoke to the citizens informing them that Family Pathways is in their 36th year. They provide many programs including 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. This past winter there was an increase in demand for their services as there was an increase in heating costs. Family Pathways is requesting any amount the electors choose to give.
- The Clerk read a letter from The Refuge Network which offers domestic violence support spoke to the citizens. 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 \$1000 for support.
- The Clerk read a letter that the Seven County Senior Federation sent requesting assistance for their program. They are requesting \$500 or any amount that the electors choose to give.

A motion was made for \$750 to contract with nonprofit organizations for health, social, and recreational services per Minn. Stat. 365.10, subd. 14, at the board's discretion. The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously.

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

Deputy Treasurer, David Johnson distributed the 2013 financial report. A motion was made and seconded and the 2013 Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

A motion was made to set the Levy for 2015 as follows:

General Fund	\$64,500
Road and Bridge	\$300,000
Blacktopping Fund	\$150,000
Equipment Fund	\$40,000
Fire Fund	<u>\$60,000</u>
	\$614,500

The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. The Deputy Treasurer informed the electors that the 260th Bond was paid off in 2013. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer, Karen Anderson, entered the meeting at 8:53pm.

Supervisor, Dennis Gustafson motioned to purchase land for a new maintenance building. There was a second to the motion. There was discussion about the need for a new maintenance

building. Dennis stated that there is a need for a bigger maintenance building and more land as the township has equipment that is rusting from being exposed to the elements. The motion was amended to approve the purchase of land in the township no more than \$40,282 with money in the interest fund. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Township Engineer, Ryan Goodman, spoke to the electors about the township's 3-year Seal Coat Project as well as graveling projects. He also stated that he is working with the County Engineer to repair the Franconia Bridge that was built in the 1920's and rebuilt in 1963. He also wrote a letter to the state to keep Lawrence Creek Road open to Highway 8 as the state was considering closing it. Ryan informed the electors that he works with other communities to coordinate cheaper road projects for our township.

Moderator, Dave Johnson, thanked Vern Greene for being a township supervisor for 6 years.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:14p.m. The motion was seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna

Franconia Township Clerk

APPROVED