

MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The 158th Annual Meeting of the Town of Franconia was held March 8, 2016, at the Franconia Town Hall. The following board members were present: Supervisors: Dennis Gustafson, Kevin Rochel and John Bruno; David Johnson, Deputy Treasurer; Melissa Glenna, Clerk, and 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 (Hartley) Nelson, LuElla Greene, Darlene Sparby, Shanette Maloney, Carol Hawkinson, and Caroline Greene with alternates including Elise Hiljis, Lisa Sontag, Carol Vitalis, and Cheryl Slattengren. A total of 39 votes were cast. The votes were counted and checked and verified as follows: Town Supervisor (3 year term): Dennis Gustafson: 37 votes. Dennis Gustafson was declared the winner. Clerk (2 year term): Melissa Glenna 39 votes. 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 10, 2015, Annual Meeting minutes were read by Clerk, Melissa Glenna. A motion was made, seconded and the 2015 minutes were approved unanimously.

The hours for the 2017 elections will be 10am to 8pm with the Annual Meeting at 8:15 pm on March 14, 2017. 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.

Dennis Gustafson read the Road Report for 2015.

Engineer, Ryan Goodman, explained seal coating is placed on the paved roads every three years to fill cracks and to keep the pavement in good condition. He stated that the bids for the replacement of the Franconia Bridge will go out for bid at 1:00pm March 9, 2016. Ryan also notified residents that the MNDOT has a website with information about the Tern Avenue paved detour route that will connect Hwy 8 with County Road 37 and go into Taylors Falls.

Treasurer, Karen Anderson distributed the 2015 financial report. A motion was made and seconded and the 2015 Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

A motion was made to set the Levy for 2017 as follows:

General Fund	\$60,000
Road and Bridge	\$315,000

Blacktopping Fund	\$150,000
Equipment Fund	\$30,000
Blacktop Maint. Fund	\$20,000
Fire Equip Replace Fund	\$30,000
Fire Fund	<u>\$65,000</u>
Total	\$670,000

The motion was seconded. The 2017 levy increase of 4.7% is for the Shafer/Franconia Fire and Rescue Equipment Replacement Fund and Fire Hall Building Fund. There was discussion regarding the Fire Fund, fire trucks and equipment replacement and the fire hall. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Contract Requests:

- Laurie Damon from Family Pathways spoke to the citizens informing them that Family Pathways is in their 38th 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. They provide 22,000 lbs of food to 200 families per month in the Chisago Lakes area. 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 for health, social, and recreational services per Minn. Stat. 365.10, subd. 14. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

A motion was made to give \$2500 to Family Pathways. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. With a show of hands vote: 10 in favor, 17 opposed. Motion failed.

A motion was made to limit contracts to \$2500. The motion was seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Ron Elfstrom from Shafer/Franconia Fire Department stated that the pancake breakfast will be April 2, 2016, from 7am-10am. The Fire Department responded to 100 calls of which 74 were medical 1st responder calls, 19 were fire calls, and 7 were accident 1st responder calls. 26 of the 74 medical first responder calls, 10 of the 19 fire calls, and 6 of the 7 accident calls were in Franconia Township. He also stated one of the fire trucks is rusting out and has mechanical issues.

Lloyd Vetter states the Library Commission appreciates the contribution.

A motion was made to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 10:05pm. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna
 Franconia Township Clerk

APPROVED MINUTES