

Franconia Township Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2017

State of Minnesota

Chisago County

The Franconia Township Board meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman, Dennis Gustafson. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated. Those in attendance were: Dennis Gustafson, Chairman, Kevin Rochel and John Bruno Board Members; Karen Anderson, Treasure. Absent: Clerk, Melissa Glenna. Others in attendance – Jim Marxer and Travis Greene, Center City Fire Department and Mark Wolcott from the City of Center Council Member.

Motion made to accept the agenda by John and seconded by Kevin. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Dennis to accept the January minutes and seconded by Kevin. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Dennis to accept the audit minutes and seconded by John. Motion Carried.

Center City Fire Department attended the meeting to review their fire report with the Board. Copies were distributed to the Board Members along with a financial report. The Fire Department was asking for an increase in their yearly protection contract of \$5000 for maintenance and \$2500 for their truck fund. There was some discrepancy in what had been paid to the fire department. It look like they were over paid. Mark stated they will check their records with the Clerk and Franconia will do the same. The Board was not in favor of the increase cost to Franconia Township. The Fire Department will come back to another meeting to discuss further.

Motion made by John to accept the Treasure report and Seconded by Dennis. Motion Carried.

The Treasurer brought to the attention of the Board the late fees they are receiving from Frontier Telephone Company because of the date of the meeting makes it late every month. It was suggested to set it up as an autopay so it will not be late. Motion made by John to set up the autopay for Frontier Communication and Seconded by Dennis. Motion Carried.

Claims presented for payment were claim 00217, 12252 through 12270. Motion made by Dennis to accept the claims and to change the code for Holmstrom and Board Water and Soil Resources to Function Code 204 instead of 201. Motion Seconded by John with the corrections. Motion Carried.

Ryan spoke about the Quinlan project. Stated if the bids are too high that Franconia is not committed to the project. Motion made by Dennis to approve the Quinlan Avenue plans and specifications and authorize advertising for bids. Motion Seconded by John. Motion Carried.

Ryan stated to hold the Holmstrom and Board Water and Soil Resources checks until we get a signed application.

Discussed the Rooster sign. The sign is a private sign and is missing. Rooster Trail sign is now in the sign replacement program, so it will be replaced.

Board discussed that we will have to bond for 1.25 million for the Quinlan project. Dennis met with Bruce Kimmel from Ehlers. It was recommended to go with a bond for \$140,000 per year for 10 years or less.

Lee stated the roads were in good shape, except 240th has a bad spot. He is meeting with Scandia Maintenance personnel to see what the problem may be. Stated that Snowgoose has issues.

Lee has a list of roads that need Class 5 overlay. Approximately (3) three miles of road. They are: Primrose Lane (1/4 mile); 255th (1/4 mile); Spruce Avenue (1/4 mile); Quiet Valley (1/4 mile) Que; 272nd and Quail Ridge Trail. State need to rebuild the following roads: Pheasant Run; Quinlan Lane and Lawrence Creek to raise it up from 95.

Board was informed that we need to make sure we have a practice in place to get 2 quotes for projects before proceeding. Stated to have Ryan handle them and to make sure we have their insurance and a W-9 on file.

Lee stated it helped about an 85% reduction issue by sending out the postcards for the snow removal policy. He suggested having some of the postcards at the Annual meeting.

Culvert trailer – The church in St Croix Falls would like to purchase the trailer. Lee stated it needs lights to make it road useable. The Board consensus was to keep the trailer.

Dennis and Lee discussed the time clock and timesheet issue. They want it to be a 24 hour clock. Lee will be paid off a quarterly hour on 15 minute increments. Dennis will email timesheets to Board weekly. Discussed maintenance hours and help.

Next Board has been changed to Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Dennis to adjourn the meeting and Seconded by John. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Karen Anderson, Treasurer