

MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The 159th Annual Meeting of the Town of Franconia was held March 14, 2017, at the Franconia Town Hall. The following board members were present: Supervisors: Dennis Gustafson, Kevin Rochel and John Bruno; David Johnson, Deputy Treasurer; and Melissa Glenna, Clerk.

The polls were declared open at 10:00am by Clerk, Melissa Glenna and closed at 8:00pm. Election Judges: Mary Kowarsch, LuElla Greene, Darlene Sparby, Gloria Peterson, Elise Hiljis, Lisa Sontag, Carol Hawkinson, and Sheri Chrun with alternates including Shirley Gustafson, Lisa Sontag and Melissa Glenna. A total of 28 votes were cast. The votes were counted and checked and verified as follows: Town Supervisor (3 year term): Kevin Rochel: 26 votes; Paul Dennison 2 votes. Kevin Rochel 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 8, 2016, Annual Meeting minutes were read by Clerk, Melissa Glenna. A motion was made, seconded and the 2016 minutes were approved unanimously.

The Board of Audit Report was read by Clerk, Melissa Glenna. A motion was made, seconded, and the 2016 Board of Audit Report was approved unanimously.

The hours for the 2018 elections will be 10am to 8pm with the Annual Meeting at 8:15 pm on March 13, 2018. 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 2016 he provided.

Engineer, Ryan Goodman, stated that the bids for the Quinlan Avenue Road Reconstruction will be opened April 4, 2017. Ryan explained that Quinlan Avenue will be a 9 ton standard road from 280th to 260th Streets with slopes improved; cross culverts replaced, and will also include signing and striping.

Deputy Treasurer, Dave Johnson distributed the 2016 financial report. A motion was made and seconded and the 2016 Treasurer's Report was passed. There was a question regarding the blacktopping fund which the board clarified.

A motion was made to set the Levy for 2018 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 2018 Levy is a 0% increase. The motion was approved unanimously.

Contract Requests:

- Laurie Damon from Family Pathways spoke to the citizens informing them that Family Pathways is in their 39th 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. They also are needing volunteers for the food shelf.
- 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. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made for \$2,500 to contract with Meals on Wheels. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously

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Ron Elfstrom from Shafer/Franconia Fire Department stated that the pancake breakfast will be April 23, 2017, from 7am-12pm. The Fire Department responded to 102 calls of which 75 were medical 1st responder calls, 13 were fire calls, and 14 were accident 1st responder calls. 23 of the 75 medical first responder calls, 5 of the 13 fire calls, and 7 of the 14 accident calls were in Franconia Township. He stated a washer extractor was purchased. Ron also informed the residents the Fire Department is in need of daytime help and that they meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

A motion was made to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 9:12pm. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna

Franconia Township Clerk