

MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met on September 12, 2017, at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors: Kevin Rochel, Dennis Gustafson, and John Bruno, Missy Glenna, Clerk, Karen Anderson, Treasurer, Township Engineer, Ryan Goodman, and Lee Cartier, Maintenance. Guest: Quintin Letourneau and Don Johansen.

Dennis **motioned** to open the meeting at 7:00p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Dennis **motioned** to approve the agenda for the meeting with additions under New Business of c. Joint Powers-Fire Truck, d. Solar. John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Kevin **motioned** to approve the August 8, 2017, minutes as presented. John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Dennis **motioned** to approve the Clerk's Claims 00917, 12394-12400, ph917. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Citizen/Public Comment:

A resident on Quinlan Avenue North by Bloom Lake Road complained that road is very bad like a washboard and that the road hasn't been graded in 5 ½ weeks. The board explained that it is a swampy area by Jake's Lake--which is difficult to maintain with higher rainfall, also that traffic has increased on the road since the paving of Quinlan Avenue and from Bloom Lake Barn guests. Maintenance was directed to take a count of traffic and to grade the road. The board will keep this on their radar.

New Business:

- a. Quintin Letourneau, owner of Letourneau Electric, is considering building a shop on 260th Street west of Quinlan Avenue. He requested the board's approval of driving his two 7 ton trucks with tandem axels on 260th Street. Dennis **motioned** to allow Quintin's business trucks to be driven on 260th Street provided Quintin uses alternate routes in the spring by going south or east so as to not drive on 260th west in the spring. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Engineer, Ryan Goodman, noted that driving 40 mph or less will also help keep the roadway in good condition.
- b. Dennis **motioned** to approve payment No. 5 in the amount of \$69,929.73 to Dresel Contracting for the 2017 Quinlan Avenue Street Improvement Project. This amount includes withholding 2.5% for retainage. John seconded the motion; Motion passed 3-0.
- c. Dennis **motioned** to authorize the Shafer/Franconia Fire Joint Powers Board to purchase a fire truck up to \$600,000. Kevin seconded the motion; Motion passed 3-0. Dennis **motioned** to authorize to transfer up to \$15,000 from the General Fund for the purchase of the fire truck if needed. John seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.
- d. Discussion regarding the need for guidelines/ordinance for Solar construction in the Township. Dennis will contact the county for more information.

Old Business:

- a. Double Chip Seal on 280th will be placed tomorrow.

- b. Discussion regarding possibly utilizing Shafer/Franconia Fire Department for 8 ½ sections that Lindstrom Fire Department currently services. Lindstrom Fire Contract will be up December 31 of this year. Discussion regarding Mutual Aid Agreements with nearby cities.
- c. Lawrence Creek Road & Hwy 8 residents petitioned for noise control/jake braking. MN DOT suggested passing a Noise Ordinance and getting a commitment from the Sheriff's Department to enforce. Dennis **motioned** to pass a Noise Ordinance to eliminate jake braking by Lawrence Creek Road & Hwy 8 & the Roundabout. Kevin seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

Maintenance Report:

Lee stated the mowing is finished. He also stated he has been spot graveling 259th, Quintin Trail and Roe Ave. Lee explained there are 32 culverts that need replacing. The last meeting August 8, Lee requested qualified, part-time help to assist him in cutting trees. There was discussion regarding obtaining an on-call maintenance person from October through April help Lee. Karen suggested possibly doing what Sunrise Township does where there is a cap on the amount for part-time maintenance for the year such as \$15,000. Lee will contact Pat Myers to see if he is interested. If Pat is not interested the Clerk will place an ad for the position.

Township Engineer, Ryan Goodman:

Ryan stated there is a minor punch list this week that needs to be completed for Quinlan Avenue.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer provided a Cash Control Statement, a Current Investments Statement, a Receipts Register, a Disbursements Register, and a Statement of Orders Issued (Schedule 9).
- John **motioned** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Dennis seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
- Dennis **motioned** to approve the payroll with checks #12387-12389 and claims #296-298. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Clerk's Report:

- 10 building permits were received.
- The Clerk asked if more than one board supervisor will be attending the State Capitol Tour if so, it will need to be posted. Dennis will attend the tour. Kevin and John will not, so no posting is needed.

Upcoming Meetings:

- CCATO Meeting September 27, 2017, North Branch Senior Center, 7pm
- Franconia Township, regular meeting, October 10, 2017, 7pm

John **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. Dennis seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna

Franconia Township Clerk

Dennis Gustafson

Franconia Township Chair