

MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met on December 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, Lee Cartier, Maintenance and Township Engineer, Ryan Goodman. Guest: Owen Kuhnly, John Chrun, Angel Permaloff.

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

Kevin **motioned** to approve the agenda for the meeting with the following additions: under New Business—c. Owen Kuhnly and under Old Business—e. Sign Program. Dennis seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Dennis **motioned** to approve the November 14, 2017, minutes as presented. John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Citizen/Public Comment:

None.

New Business:

- a. Quinlan Avenue-Contractor's Pay Request for Payment No. 6th and Final—John **motioned** approve payment to Dresel Contracting in the amount of \$43,279.80 for Payment No. 6th and Final for the work performed. Kevin seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.
- b. John Chrun, Franconia Resident, stated he wrote a letter to the County Board requesting a Solar Moratorium. He explained that he is not anti-solar. The current Solar Ordinance is vague. He requested in his letter the need for a minimum of 8 feet screening with two rows of staggered trees, the need for open spaces to keep a countryside landscape, and to prevent saturation of solar fields. John Chrun and neighbor, Angel Permaloff, requested the Franconia Township Board to write a letter of support for a Solar Moratorium to the County Board. Angel requested the letter of support be sent to Chisago County Zoning Department in time for the Chisago County Planning Commission meeting January 4, 2018. Dennis **motioned** to write a letter to support a proposal to place a moratorium on Solar Farms in Chisago County. John seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.
- c. Owen Kuhnly, Franconia Resident, asked about signs and if a No Through Trucks sign could be placed on 260th Street. Owen was informed that Franconia Township will be receiving signs from the Sign Program hopefully in the spring.
- d. Dennis drafted a Driveway Application and Permit form. Dennis **motioned** to use this Driveway Application and Permit form instead of the County's. John seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

- a. Tom Parenteau-Road Vacation—Tom was not in attendance. Item moved to next month.
- b. Pat Myers-Part-time Hours—Pat was not in attendance. Item moved to next month.

- c. Lindstrom Fire Contract—Shafer/Franconia Fire Department is going to provide fire services the 8 ½ sections that Lindstrom previously covered. Dennis **motioned** to approve Shafer/Franconia Fire Department provide fire services to the 8 ½ sections in Franconia Township that Lindstrom previously provided fire services. Kevin seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.
- d. Jake Braking Ordinance—The ordinance will go into effect after it is published.
- e. Sign Program—There was discussion regarding the Sign Program.

Maintenance Report:

Lee stated the brush mowing is finished. He has been grading, plowing and sanding. Lee informed the Board that a new guard rail is needed on the Franconia Hill and on Lawrence Creek Road.

Engineer's Report:

Ryan informed the Board that the seal coating for the Township's paved roads is scheduled to start in 2018. He explained that the seal coating could be pushed back to 2019 if need be.

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).
- Dennis **motioned** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Kevin seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.
- Dennis **motioned** to approve the payroll with checks #12406, 12437-12438 and claims #310-313, 328-331. Kevin seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk's Report:

- John **motioned** approve the Clerk's Claims 0001217, 12440-12452, ph001217. Dennis seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Franconia Township, regular meeting, January 9, 2017, 7pm

John **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Kevin seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna
Franconia Township Clerk

Dennis Gustafson
Franconia Township Chair