

## MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met on October 10, 2017, at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors: Kevin Rochel, Dennis Gustafson, and John Bruno, Missy Glenna, Clerk, Karen Anderson, Treasurer, and Lee Cartier, Maintenance. Absent: Township Engineer, Ryan Goodman. Guests: Dan Vogel, City of Shafer Mayor; John Olinger, City of Lindstrom Administrator; Kevin Stenson, City of Lindstrom Council Member; Keith Carlson City of Lindstrom Mayor; Denise Martin, Chisago County Press; and Elise Hiljis.

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

John **motioned** to approve the agenda for the meeting with additions under Old Business b. Lawrence Creek Road & Hwy 8 Intersection – Jake Braking. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Dennis **motioned** to approve the September 12, 2017, minutes as presented. John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Dennis **motioned** to approve the Special Meeting September 20, 2017, minutes as presented. John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

### **New Business:**

#### **b. Lindstrom Fire Contract**

John Olinger, City of Lindstrom Administrator, spoke to the Franconia Township Board explaining the partnership that the Lindstrom Fire Department and Franconia Township has had for many years. He noted the close proximity that the Lindstrom Fire Department has to quickly respond to the 8 ½ sections of Franconia Township. They have state of the art equipment with well led, dedicated staff. They also have a good day commitment.

Chair Gustafson inquired about the 76% increase in the contract and that the Franconia Township Board has already locked in the levy for 2018. Olinger noted that a meeting was set up in early 2017 and Gustafson did not attend. Olinger explained the ten year contract from 2001-2011 had gradual increases that every City and Township uses. But, in 2007 Gene Greene and John Jackson came to the City of Lindstrom saying that they would pay \$1100 per section with no increases, take it or leave it. In 2007, the Lindstrom City Council approved Franconia's request. From 2007-2017 Franconia Township has not paid for any inflation increases for ten years. Olinger explained further that the contract that they are now using Chisago Lake Township Board created.

Chair Gustafson commented the Shafer/Franconia Fire Department charges for fire protection services not paying for the fire hall and equipment. Olinger explained this is similar to

maintaining a road where citizens pay for the maintenance of the road so that they can drive on the road. Lindstrom charges depreciation, buys with cash, and earns interest on their money. Gustafson noted Franconia has paid cash also. He also commented that the Franconia Board has not made a decision yet.

Gustafson asked, “Will a mutual aid agreement be honored if there is no fire contract?” Olinger explained Lindstrom’s Attorney informed them they have no legal obligation to show up at all. Lindstrom Council Member Kevin Stenson noted that mutual aid goes both ways. Lindstrom Mayor Keith Carlson commented if Franconia is not paying we can’t tell our fire department not to go there. Olinger stated our guys would respond but it’s not neighborly. Gustafson explained we are looking at all options and what is the best service for the dollar—possibly contracting with Scandia. Lindstrom Mayor Carlson stated the 8 ½ sections in Franconia that Lindstrom has historically responded the fastest.

#### **a. Township Hall Rental**

Elise Hiljus asked to rent the Township Hall for February 6, 2018, from 6pm-9pm for the Republican Caucus. Dennis **motioned** to approve Franconia Township Hall Rental February 6, 2018, from 6pm-9pm in the amount of \$50. John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

#### **c. Pat Myers-Hours**

Pat was not at the meeting so this agenda item will be moved to next month.

#### **d. Tax Forfeited Property PID 04.00237.00**

The Township is not interested in purchasing this tax forfeited property that is along Hwy 243. The clerk will contact Chisago County Zoning department to see what the next step is.

#### **Old Business:**

- a.** Double Chip Seal on 280<sup>th</sup> has extra material on the road and is creating a wash board effect. There have been complaints about this. Dennis **motioned** to rent a sweeper for 280<sup>th</sup> Street and Quarry Road for \$500 or less. John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
- b.** Lawrence Creek Road & Hwy 8 Intersection—Ryan came up with an intersection improvement for increased safety and vision. Dennis will forward to MN DOT and wait for reply.

#### **Maintenance Report:**

Lee informed the Board that Quinlan Avenue South between Panola Drive and 260<sup>th</sup> Street has no binder and he is pushing rocks when grading it. About 5 years ago recycled material was placed on it. With that material, it makes it hard to maintain. He noted there are 163 cars per day on that section. Lee suggested next year milling the road or putting class 5 down.

Lee noted brush in the ditches and mowing that needs to be done. Lee suggested hiring out for this or renting a skidder with a mulcher. Dennis **motioned** to hire out for mowing/brushing not to exceed \$7,000. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

### **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. John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
- Dennis **motioned** to approve the payroll with checks #12390-12393, 12401-12402 and claims #299-304. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
- Dennis **motioned** to approve Resolution 2017-10-10 accepting the \$10,000 donation from the Shafer/Franconia Fire Department. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

### **Clerk's Report:**

- John **motioned** approve the Clerk's Claims 001017, 12407-12424, ph1017. Kevin seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
- 7 building permits were received.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- CCATO Meeting October 25, 2017, North Branch Senior Center, 7pm
- Franconia Township, regular meeting, November 14, 2017, 7pm

Dennis **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm. John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna  
Franconia Township Clerk

Dennis Gustafson  
Franconia Township Chair