

## Annual Meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Minutes:

Franconia Township

Chisago County

State of Minnesota

The 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Town of Franconia was held March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Franconia Town Hall. The following board members were present; Supervisors; Dennis Gustafson, Kevin Rochel, and Owen Kuhnly. Deputy Treasure David Johnson, and Shirley Gustafson, Clerk.

The polls were declared open at 10:00am by head Judge Mary Kowarsch and closed at 8:00pm by Shirley Gustafson, clerk. Election judges were; Cassie Dennison, LuElla Greene, Gloria Peterson, Cathryne Rochael, Carol Hawkinson. The votes were counted and checked and verified as follows; Town supervisor ( Three Year Term) Dennis Gustafson 35, write in's Adam Wallace 1, Dave Smith 1, blank 1. Total ballots; 38. Dennis Gustafson declared the winner. The board opened the board of canvas at 9:30 and certified the election. Kevin Rochel motions to certify the ballots and election, Owen Kuhnly seconds, Motion Passed.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk, Shirley Gustafson and the Pledge of allegiance was said. The clerk open the floor for nominations for a moderator for the evening. David Johnson nominated Jim Birkholz, After a voice vote, Jim Birkholz was declared the moderator for the meeting.

The agenda was called for approval or modifications. A request to move ahead Nancy Hoffman to present her broadband presentation as she had another commitment. Motion to approve the agenda as modified was made and seconded, motion passed.

Nancy Hoffman from the Chisago County HRA-EDA presented the possibility of obtaining fiber optics with in Franconia Township.

The March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes were read by Shirley Gustafson, Clerk. A motion was made and second to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.

The board of Audit Report was read by Clerk, Shirley Gustafson, A Motion to accept, seconded and the 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.

The road report was discussed with Chairman Dennis Gustafson giving a brief review of the report.

The Treasures Report was read by David Johnson for 2018. A Motion was made, seconded to accept. Motion passes.

Requests for Donations to Charitable organizations was discussed, Motion was made to deny all requests for charitable donations, Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Angel Permalloff spoke on the citizens committee. Topics as solar, broad band were discussed.

A motion to limit the board of supervisors to spend up to \$25,000.00 for the purchase of land was made, seconded, The motion failed on a voice vote.

The 2020 levy was presented with zero increase. A motion to accept the 2020 levy was made and seconded, Motion Passed.

Motion to designate the Franconia Town hall for the 2020 election, and the Date to be March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion was seconded and motion Passed

Ron Elfstrom reported on the Shafer/Franconia fire Department. More help is needed.

Ryan Goodman, Township engineer reported on various road project the township is looking to repair this summer. Also an update on Highway 8 and highway 35 in the Forest Lake area. He reported the entrance to Lawrence Creek road would get realigned this summer.