

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

MINUTES; APRIL 9TH, 2019

The town board of Franconia met on April 9th, 2019 with the following present: Dennis Gustafson, chair. Owen Kuhnly vice chair, Kevin Rochel Supervisor. Shirley Gustafson, clerk, Karen Anderson, treasure, Lee Cartier, Maintenance, Jake Guzik, engineer. Wade Vitalis, Percy Ungerecht, Kathy Ungerecht, Brandan Martanye, Deborah Martanye, Brian Hawkoos, Pat Jacobson, Al Jacobson, Matt Crescenzo, Daniel Omdahl. Chris Thoma, Wane Lhilpela, Starsha Froberg, Karen Linde, Brian Linde, Angel Permaloff, Tony Randall.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Gustafson at 7:00pm The pledge of allegiance was said.

Motion to accept the agenda as stated by Kevin Rochel, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Kevin Rochel, seconded by Owen Kuhnly, Motion passed.

Chairman Dennis Gustafson informed the public that a book is in the process of developing through Mr. Fitzie Heimdahl and he is looking for approval to proceed with a history writer by the name of Ken Martens from Houlton, Wisconsin. The board reviewed his history and verbally excepted him to write the book. Mr Heimdahl will proceed with applying for a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society to write the book.

Nancy Hoffman introduced Joe Buttweiler, from Consolidated Telephone Company. Mr. Buttweiler presented comments on broad band and how their company provides fiber Optics to residual areas of the state. He explained their company would do a study to determine the cost to install fiber optics with the Franconia Township. This would be the first step in determining if the cost of fiber optics could be presented to the residents with in Franconia Township.

The board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit for Matt Crescenzo. Discussion on why he was asking for an additional building addition rather than build in an industrial park. The permit would be in violation of county ordinances. The board felt that he should have the opportunity to build with in Franconia Township. The vote resulted as follows. Dennis Gustafson voted yes, Kevin Rochel voted Yes, Owen Kuhnly voted Yes, motion to approve the CUP was approved at the township level.

Jake Guzik, township engineer presented his cost estimates on road repairs as did Chairman Dennis Gustafson. Discussion followed on various options on repair on Snowgoose Trail. Final

discussion resulted in Jake Guzik, Perry Ungerecht, Lee Cartier, Dennis Gustafson would meet the following day at 1:00pm to look at options pertaining to Snowgoose trail. Jake Guzik estimates for repair the roads were \$192,000.00 approx. Dennis Gustafson estimates were 172,000.00 aprox. These figures were for removing bad soil installing new base and fabric and new black top. Throughout the township black top roads on frost boils. Jake Guzik was given the go ahead to develop quotes with various options to go out to contractors to repair the roads.

Lee Cartier, Maintenance presented his report on township roads and frost boils. Roads are still too soft to grade and we have to determine costs to repair frost boil damage. Short discussion on hiring part time help. Discussion resulted in not enough finances to allow at this time.

Karen Anderson presented the treasures report. Claims submitted for approval were 386-390; 000319; ph00419; #12766 thru 12780. Payroll checks #12781- \$617.71; #12782-\$718.95; #12783-\$1,108.20; #12784-\$637.21; #12785-\$701.62; #12786-\$2,197.71. Dennis Gustafson made to accept the treasure's report, Kevin Rochel seconded the motion, motion passed.

Shirley Gustafson presented to clerk's report, various mailing was reviewed. Discussion on providing security to the townhall building followed. Shirley responded to some one wanting a map of the township. Permits reviewed.

Lawrence Creek entrance to high way 8 was discussed, and the board was informed the project would be done this month at a cost to the MinDot.

Committee reports were reviewed, Dennis Gustafson and Shirley Gustafson attended the spring course in St Cloud, very informative., County commissioners meeting and the Chisago County Township officers meeting were discussed. Topic on both meeting was on the subject of the Armor Radio contract with the county, negotiations were to continue on that.

Upcoming meetings were discussed; FTCC meeting on Thursday April 11th, 2019. CCATO on the April 24th, 2019. Board of Appeal on April 25th, 2019. And the Law Review on April 18th, 2019.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Gustafson at 9:15PM, seconded by Kevin Rochel, Motion passed.

Shirley Gustafson, Clerk.

Dennis Gustafson, Chairman
