

JUNE 11TH, 2019

MINUTES;

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

CHISAGO COUNTY

The town board of Franconia met on June 11th, 2019 with the following present; Dennis Gustafson, chair. Owen Kuhnly, vice chair; Kevin Rochel, supervisor; Shirley Gustafson, clerk; Karen Anderson, Treasure; Jake Guik, Engineer; Angel Permaloff, Kathy Lingerocht, Starsha Froberg, Matt Crescndo, Dan Omdahl, Ron Carlson, Elizabeth West, Stephaine Hawkoos, Bret Peterson.

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

Additional items added to the agenda include, Minnesota historical society request for a state Id number, the hiring of an attorney to attend this meeting. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to accept the agenda, Kevin Rochel second, motion approved.

Minutes of the last meeting was presented, Owen Kuhnly questioned the reasoned for Dennis's resignation. Owen Kuhnly would not except the minutes until verified. Dennis Gustafson offer to play back the recording after this meeting is concluded. The minutes of the special meeting was presented and a motion by Kevin Rochel to accept these minutes, Owen Kuhnly second, motion passed.

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July 9, 2019

New business, Franconia Sculpture liquor license. A request was made to acquire a temporary liquor license for the Sculpture park. Dennis Gustafson made the motion to accept the temporary liquor license for the park, Owen Kuhnly seconded, motion passed.

Review of Karen Anderson and Lee Cartier. These reviews are normally reviewed in the spring was explained. Kevin Rochel recommended a four-present raise for Karen and also to allow Lee to drive to township pickup back and forth to home. Dennis Gustafson stated that its against state law to allow personel to drive public truck to home. Kevin Rochel made a motion to award a four percent raise to Karen Anderson, Owen Kuhnly second. Motion passed. Discussion

followed on pay scales for other township maintenance employees. Discussion was made to postpone this decision until the next meeting.

Angel Permaloff deferred to Dan Omdahl to report on a meeting held in North Branch about Broadband. The meeting represented by a lot of townships, Fish Lake, Sunrise, Franconia and Chisago Lake. Discussion was held on progress on applications for a broad band grant from the state. Various options were discussed on how to levy the residents to obtain fiber optics. It was reported that it would require a 1.8 mil grant. A survey was being made to send out to the residents of Franconia.

Mike Zerk made a request to have his second driveway removed as he does not want it and the public is using it. Discussion followed, and the decision was made that he could remove the driveway at his own expense. Dennis Gustafson made the motion to deny, Kevin Rochel second. Motion passed. He lives at the corner of Quinlan and 280th.

Minnesota Historical society has made a request for our state ID number. It pertains to an application for a grant through the historical society to write a book on Franconia. The ID number will be forwarded to the Historical Society.

Discussion on a call from an attorney to attend the meeting tonight. Karen Anderson informed the board that she called the attorney to attend the meeting for the review of Karen Anderson and Lee Cartier. It was discussed that for an attorney to represent employees that the board would have had to approve prior to the meeting.

Joint Powers meeting was reported on. An agreement needed to get signed. Dennis Gustafson said that he had made a motion to give some leeway to allow to the fire department some leeway to purchase small items with out city and township approval. Signing of the agreement will be delayed until further notice.

Discussion was held on updating our web site so that residents could access the web site via I pads. Offers from residents to develop a new web site was discussed. Owen Kuhnly recommended that we talk about our current web site people to hear their recommendations.

Jake Guzik, reported on the bid openings. Low bidder on 2019 patching was R.E. Peterson inc. at \$264,150,00. The second bid was for Franconia Trail and

285th street. Low bidder was R. E. Peterson inc at \$314,816.00. Total for both projects came in at \$578,966.00. Dennis Gustafson made the motion to accept both bids. Kevin Rochel second the motion. Motion Passed.

Lee Cartier reported on maintenance. Grading and hauled recycle to areas which are not being repaired this year. Lee requested for purchasing class five to apply to township roads. Discussion was held on repair on 280th due to construction of the gas line. Various projects were discussed to gravel to get us over the year. Dennis Gustafson made the motion to purchase gravel up to \$10,000.00 not to exceed, Kevin Rochel second, motion passed. Lee reported there are three culverts that need flushing out. Cost to flush culvers would cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. Dennis Gustafson made the motion to proceed with the flushing of culverts. Owen Kuhnly seconded, Motion passed. Discussion on a non-existing culver on Franconia trail was discussed, it was reported that Jake Guzik was taking care of that problems. Lee Cartier accused Dennis Gustafson of disrespecting him. He claims Dennis Gustafson made a comment that he comprised the bidding. He threatens to file a harassment suit against Dennis Gustafson. Dennis Gustafson made the comment that he never brought up his name and offered to produce an email conferring that he had referred to the bidding process.

Treasures report. Karen Anderson gave the treasures report. Claims submitted for approval are 397 thru 402; 000519; ph00619; #12804 thru 12821. Total amount of claims \$24,085.32. Payroll check # 128222, #12823, #12824. Owen Kuhnly made the motion to approve the treasures report. Kevin Rochel seconded, motion passed.

Clerks report, Shirley Gustafson reported that she is going to appoint a deputy clerk. She would appoint Starsha Froberg. A certificate of appointment was presented and Starsha Froberg took the oath of office after the meeting was adjourned. Owen Kuhnly made a motion to compensate Starsha for attending training and meetings. Kevin Rochel seconded, motion passed.

Discussion on the furnace, the discussion was that the company repaired the furnace but recommended additional work was needed. The board decided to postpone the decision on repairs for a future date.

Committee reports. Dennis Gustafson reported on the armor radio meeting in Wyoming. A group of government entries and police departments, and city representatives met to discuss the new contract with the Chisago County commissioners and the individual entries for the year 2020 and after that. Dennis Gustafson reported also on a discussion from the CATTO meeting on assessing residents for blacktopping township roads. There were no written rules on this. Recycle day report was we took in \$1,057.00 in recycle and \$280.00 on the dumpster.

Motion by Kevin Rochel to adjourn, second By Owen Kuhnly. 9:00pm Motion passed

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Dennis Gustafson, Chairman

Dennis Gustafson

APPROVED