

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Regular Meeting - Tuesday July 9, 2019
Franconia Town Hall

Board Members Present

Dennis Gustafson - Chair
Owen Kuhnly - Vice Chair
Kevin Rochel - Maintenance Supervisor
Shirley Gustafson - Clerk
Karen Anderson - Treasurer
Lee Cartier - Township Maintenance
Jake Guzik - Township Engineer
Starsha Froberg – Deputy Clerk

Others Present:

Angel Phillips Permaloff
Daniel Omdahl
Kathy Ungerecht
Wade Vitalis
Brian Hawkas

Call to Order

Chairman Dennis Gustafson called the Regular Franconia Township board meeting to order at 7:03PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda:

Community resident Angel Phillips Permaloff asked to make a change to the agenda by moving her FTCC update into “New Business”. The motion was made by Dennis Gustafson to make the agenda change and seconded by Kevin Rochel, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Owen Kuhnly to approve the May meeting minutes was seconded by Kevin Rochel, motion carried. Motion made by Kevin Rochel to approve the June meeting minutes was seconded by Owen Kuhnly, motion carried.

New Business:

FTCC Report:

Angel Phillips Permaloff presented the board members with a first draft of a postcard that was designed to be mailed to each resident informing them of the upcoming online survey to take through CTC to gauge community interest in the future installation of, direct to home fiber optic internet, phone and cable services. Angel proceeded to present the Levy and SSD information provided to her from Chris Mickleson from Ehlers.

Dan Omdahl added that the deadline for CTC to apply for the Border to Border Broadband grant is September 9th. CTC would like to write and submit grant on behalf of Franconia Township.

Lawrence Creek Road:

Update; MNDOT completed the project, however the project needs ditches to be dug to divert water runoff safely. Lee Cartier is to assess the situation. Owen Kuhnly and Kevin Rochel agreed with Dennis Gustafson's request to apply for a permit to dig the ditches.

Noise Ordinance:

The Township supervisors have been receiving complaints of noise from trucks engine breaking or, "jake-breaking" and discussed the need for signs to help enforce the noise ordinance. Dennis Gustafson will be in communication with MNDOT to help determine the safest placement for these signs.

Address signs:

Every home residence should have a blue reflective address sign installed at the entrance of their property from the street. If there are any residents who do not have one, they are to contact the Township to have one installed.

Gravel:

Supervisor Dennis Gustafson made clear the requirements to obtain tickets from each load of gravel hauled. Lee Cartier will work with subcontractors to get a ticket for each load, weight and location for gravel to be used.

Driveway Permit:

Lee Cartier presented the board with a driveway permit, the motion to approve was made by Dennis Gustafson and seconded by Owen Kuhnly, motion carried.

Old Business:

Salary Review:

Dennis Gustafson asked for the board to add to the discussion on Lee Cartier's wages. No decision has been made at this time other than to revisit Lee Cartier's wage review at the next board meeting.

Engineer Report:

Township engineer, Jake Guzik presented the supervisors with contracts from Bolton & Menk and a request to sign them for road repairs to begin. The 2019 bituminous patching for portions of; Quinlan, 280th, 260th, Snow Goose and Franconia Trail will be repaired. Mr.Guzik mentioned road work would begin in 1 to 2 weeks.

Maintenance Report:

Lee Cartier reported that grading has been continuous throughout the season. Spring Mowing is complete. Culverts have been flushed out to allow proper drainage. Lee shared his concerns about tree stumps in the Right of Way on Franconia trail to be removed for safety. Also asked the board to give approval for XCEL to repair and pay for damage on 280th and Quarry Court.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented the board with claim numbers 000619; #396; #403 thru #406; ph00719; 12825 through 12837 for a total of \$52,670.27. Payroll checks #12838; #12839; #12840; #12841; #12842; #12843 and #12844. Dennis Gustafson made the motion to approve the Treasurers report and payroll. Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Report:

A written resignation from Shirley Gustafson was presented to the board. Owen Kuhnly made a motion to accept Shirley Gustafson’s resignation effective July 9, 2019. Kevin Rochel seconded the motion.

Dennis Gustafson abstained from voting, motion carried.

Kevin Rochel made a motion to appoint Starsha Froberg as the Appointed Township Clerk to serve until elections in March 2020. Dennis Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointed Clerk’s wage was tabled until the next month’s town board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Chairman Dennis Gustafson shared that at the CCATO meeting on June 26th 2019 each township present took turns sharing current projects. His experience at the legal seminar was a “valuable day, full of education”. During the Minnesota Association of Townships summer short course Mr. Gustafson collected the educational information from all the presentations, even those he was unable to attend.

Motion by Dennis Gustafson to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM (July 9th 2019).Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Gustafson - Chairman

Starsha Froberg - Clerk