

**Franconia Township, Special Meeting
Tuesday August 13, 2019 4 O'clock P.M.
Chisago Lakes Township, Town Hall
12400 316th St. Lindström, MN 55045**

Town Board Members Present

Dennis Gustafson - Chair
Owen Kuhnly - Vice Chair
Kevin Rochel - Maintenance Supervisor
Starsha Froberg – Clerk

Others Present:

Bob Ruppe – Attorney Couri & Ruppe P.L.L.P.
Sherry Stirling – Chair Chisago Lakes Township
Jeanette Peterson – Jeanette Peterson, Clerk Chisago Lakes Township
Wayne Houle – Board Chisago Lakes Township
Nancy Hoffman – Chisago County HRA-EDA
Joe Buttweiler – Consolidated Telephone Company
Angel Phillips Permaloff
Wade Vitalis
Brian Hawkas

Call to Order

Chairman Dennis Gustafson called the Special Franconia Township meeting to due to quorum at 4 o'clock PM.

New Business

Township attorney, Bob Ruppe from Couri & Ruppe P.L.L.P. lead the meeting discussion regarding township financing options in regards to the cost of installing fiber optic cable to each of the residents in Franconia Township. Options discussed in detail were Special assessment 429, SSD and tax abatement (levy). Bob Ruppe explained why special assessment 429 and SSD would not be advised solutions for Franconia Township and the funding needs for the broadband project. SSD is not an option due to the area size of the subordinate service district that would benefit from fiber optic instillation. Bob Ruppe advised to the Franconia Town Board members that Tax Abatement was the recommended option for the township to use to re-pay a future loan needed to partially fund a township wide fiber optic instillation project with the assistance from CTC and a grant from the state of Minnesota (DEED).

Adjourn

Chairman Dennis Gustafson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm on August 13th 2019. Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Gustafson - Chairman

Starsha Froberg - Clerk