

Franconia Township

Town Board of Supervisors Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2020. 7:00 P.M.

Franconia Town Hall 25156 St. Croix Trail. N. Shafer, MN 55074

Town Board Members Present

Dennis Gustafson - Chair

Owen Kuhnly - Vice Chair

Kevin Rochel - Supervisor

Starsha Froberg – Clerk

Karen Anderson - Treasurer

Lee Cartier - Maintenance

Jake Guzik – Engineer

Others Present

Angel Permaloff

Sonny Sparby

Ken Martens

Dan Omdahl

Call to Order:

Chairman Dennis Gustafson called the Franconia Township monthly Town Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:00PM, February 11, 2020.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda:

The agenda was revised to read “January 14, 2020” rather than December 10, 2020. Fire Department Fire Donation form was added. Gustafson Motioned to accept the changes to the printed agenda. Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Kevin Rochel made a motion to accept the minutes from Franconia Town Board of Supervisors Meeting on January 14, 2020 at 7pm. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Member Reports:

Engineer:

Owen Kuhnly motioned a request for bids to reconstruct a portion of 260th street. Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to request bids for crack sealing the blacktop portion of Quinlan Ave. Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer:

Karen Anderson presented the board with claim numbers to be submitted for approval; #1021 through #1041, and payroll checks for approval; #12971 through #12973. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, payroll and claims. Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Gustafson made a motion to transfer from checking, the balances of two funds, “Shafer equipment fund” and the “Shafer-Franconia Fire Fund” to the

Shafer/Franconia Fire Rescue savings account. Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Dennis Gustafson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020.02.11, Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Maintenance:

Lee reported needing to order new 5 ton road signage, Chairman Gustafson agreed with this purchase. Lee reported to the board an auto accident he was involved in with another individual travelling northbound on Highway 95 at the intersection of MN HWY 243 a motorist travelling south, taking a left to travel east on to MN 243, struck the Franconia Township plow truck operated by Lee Cartier.

Clerk Report:

Clerk Froberg presented a letter to the board from the Center City fire department. Chief Greene requested invitation to the next board meeting to give the 2019 annual fire report.
Clerk Froberg shared with the counsel a community desire for an update of the township website. No decision made at this time as more information needs to be gathered.

New Business

An amendment to a conditional use permit already in place at Bulltear Industries, owned and operated by Matt Crescenzo to expand workforce and workspace was approved by council not to exceed 8 employees.
Kevin Rochel made a motion to pay Karen Anderson a \$25 monthly cell stipend. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion, Dennis Gustafson called for a roll call vote. In a roll call vote (Yes – Owen, Kevin / No- Dennis). Motion passed.

Old Business:

Chairman Gustafson made a motion to grant Ken Martens permission to use copywritten material taken from the Franconia Township website for the book he is writing for Franconia Township with a grant awarded from the Minnesota Historical Society. Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Kevin Rochel made a motion to accept an invoice for \$2,000 from Ken Martens for partial payment and work completed to date. Dennis Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice Chair, Owen Kuhnly reminded residents of the upcoming Board of Audit Meeting February 29, 2020 at 9am.

A motion made by Dennis Gustafson to adjourn the February 11, 2020 Regular Town Board of Supervisors Meeting at 9:02 o'clock p.m. was seconded by Kevin Rochel. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Gustafson - Chairman

Starsha Froberg - Clerk