

# **Franconia Township**

**Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – Wednesday August 12, 2020**

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

## **Town Board Members Present**

Owen Kuhnly - Chair  
Dennis Gustafson - Vice Chair  
Sonny Sparby - Supervisor  
Starsha Froberg – Clerk  
Karen Anderson - Treasurer  
Lee Cartier - Maintenance  
Jake Guzik - Engineer

## **Residents Present:**

Dan Omdahl      Angel Permaloff      Don Johansen

## **Call to Order:**

Chairman Kuhnly called the Franconia Township monthly Town Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:00PM August 12<sup>th</sup> 2020.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **Approve Agenda:**

Supervisor Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of The Bloom Lake Barn and Panola Gardens CUP, Fire Department Retirement Fund, Clerk review date. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Sonny Sparby made a motion to accept the minutes from Franconia Town Board of Supervisors Meeting on July 14, 2020 at 7pm, Dennis Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Engineer Report:**

Jake Guzik presented to the board an update on paving 260<sup>th</sup>. He presented to the board pay requests for gravel repair on Olympic Trail.

**Treasurer:**

Karen Anderson presented to the board with claim numbers #1169 through #1193 and payroll checks #13082 through #13085 to be submitted for approval.

Sonny Sparby made a motion to accept the treasurers report and claims. Dennis Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to accept the payroll. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Maintenance:**

Township Maintenance reported

**Clerk:**

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to proceed with the Resolution partnering with CTC for a broadband grant application, after the board receives the resolution from the township lawyer to be signed by Township chairman Kuhnly and submitted by clerk Froberg. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New Business**

The University of Minnesota extensions programs have partnered with 4-H and asked to use the Town Hall for meetings. Chairman Kuhnly agreed to the use given each child signed a waver and the 4-H group signed a liability waver for the hall rental.

Covid-19 Grant. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to apply for the CARES act funding. Sonny Sparby Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Township supervisors discussed the placement of a sign by the DNR at the Franconia Landing.

Township supervisors discussed a possible future raise of the Shafer Franconia Fire Department retirement fund. Further discussion and decisions will be voted at a Shafer Franconia Fire Department Joint Powers meeting.

Review for Clerk Froberg scheduled September 8, at 6:30 pm.

**Old Business:**

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to award Treasurer Karen Anderson a 4% raise retroactive to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Concerned residents near the Bloom Lake Barn establishment. Don Johansen came before the board to suggest closing the road due to traffic concerns on Quinlan and 260<sup>th</sup>. Dennis Gustafson spoke for the SFFD and shared they were not interested in closing the road. Chairman Kuhnly will speak to the business owners as well as placing signage on Pleasant Valley road and Quinlan that reads "local traffic only".

Franconia Township will seek dust control on 259<sup>th</sup> next spring for guests entering and leaving the Panola Valley gardens.

Resident Dan Omdahl came before the board asking to be placed on the agenda for the September meeting to speak about updating the Township website.

A motion made by Dennis Gustafson to adjourn the August 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 Regular Town Board of Supervisors Meeting at 8:46 o'clock p.m. was seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Owen Kuhnly - Chairman

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Starsha Froberg - Clerk