

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting - Tuesday September 8, 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:

Gary Lindblad Don Quigley Kent Lindblad

Call to Order

Chairman Owen Kuhnly called the monthly Franconia Township board meeting to order at 7:01PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda:

Chairman Kuhnly made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of "Bloom Lake Barn" under new business. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

A motion was made by Dennis Gustafson to approve the August 12, 2020 regular board meeting minutes with the correction of the date under "Call to Order" be changed from August 18 to August 12, 2020. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented the board with claim numbers to be submitted for approval are #1194 through #1217 and payroll checks #13120 through #13130.

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to withhold mileage claim for Clerk Froberg, seconded by Owen Kuhnly the motion carried.

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the claims less Clerk Froberg's mileage claim, Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Engineer – Jake Guzik:

Chairman Kuhnly made a motion to withhold \$2,000 from the first and final payment for the Olympic Trail repairs including the cost of a culvert, due to lack of dust control during the project. Dennis Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report :

Lee Cartier reported the lime rock maintenance for 255th and Panola is expected to be within the next few weeks.

Cartier is seeking to repair parts of Quinlan between 260th and Panola to stabilize the road.

Lee Cartier discussed the need to clear a beaver dam on Quinlan to allow for more effective drainage. Township supervisors will contact the MN DNR as well as the Township engineer to gain more information on this issue before any decisions are made.

Frontier Ag & Turf notified the Township the new tractor will be delivered within the next two weeks.

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the removal of stumps on Quentin Trail given the project will cost the township \$1,000 or less to remove them. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Township Clerk:

Starsha Froberg shared with the board the financial books are balanced as of 08/31/2020.

Citizens Forum

Residents in attendance had an open discussion with Township Supervisors to gain more information on the Broadband Initiative in Franconia Township.

New Business

Bloom Lake Barn:

Credit Cards for Board Members:

Discussion between members regarding getting a credit card to use for Township purchases.

Chairman Dennis Gustafson made a motion for Treasurer Karen Anderson to apply for a line of credit and cards for both Karen Anderson and Starsha Froberg. Supervisor, Kevin Rochel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Revisit Levy Discussion:

Dennis Gustafson discussed if the Township would have an opportunity to raise the levy for 2020 that was set. Chairman Gustafson is inquiring the viability of this option to reaccumulate funds spent on extensive road repairs paid for during the first half of the year.

Chairman Dennis Gustafson mentioning a future policy regarding the adjournment of the annual meeting. Recessing the annual meeting held in March of each year to re-adjourn in fall.

Annual Meeting November 22-23, 2019:

Board members discussed the event and made recommendations on who should be in attendance.

Meeting Reports:

Joint Powers:

Board members shared a brief synopsis on the topic of discussion at the Joint Powers Meeting on September 9, 2019. Conversation surrounding the board to put in an offer for a piece of land in the city of Shafer to build a new Fire Department for the Franconia/Shافر Fire Department.

Chairman Gustafson also shared there will be no forward movement on the ARMER radio grant application at this time.

A motion made by Dennis Gustafson to adjourn the September Regular Board Meeting was seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Owen Kuhnly - Chairman

Starsha Froberg - Clerk