

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – December 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
Angela Dahlstrom– Clerk
Karen Anderson - Treasurer
Lee Cartier - Maintenance

Absent:

Jake Guzik

Call to Order

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

Approve Agenda:

Vice-Chair Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Vice-Chair Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes and seconded by Chairman Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Board Member Reports:

Engineer – Jake Guzik: No report

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented the board with claim numbers to be submitted for approval #1272 through #1293 for a total amount of \$55,181.78 and payroll checks #13202 through #13205. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the claims and payroll and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Treasurer Anderson also requested the chair approve credit cards for the Clerk and Treasurer. It was determined just one credit card held by the Treasurer was needed. Chairman Kuhnly made a motion to approve the credit card for the Treasurer and seconded by Vice-Chair Gustafson. Motion approved.

Maintenance Report :

Lee Cartier reported both road maintenance and grating have been going well with the weather being nice.

It was mentioned that shoulder work would need to be done. Possible lime rock or other materials reviewed for shoulder work. Lime rock would need to be treated with Chloride every year or two and may tend to get slippery in wet conditions. It was decided to review this issue in the spring.

Security System quotes were received from 3 companies. One company depends on cell service, so would not work for Franconia Township. Two other companies said they may be able to tie into the internet through monitors or if needed, may possibly be able to tie into the phone line. Lee will meet with both companies over the next two weeks. It was also recommended to review Franconia Townships Internet provider.

Discussion of items at the shop that needed review included an old trailer in disrepair that needed to be hauled away and old culverts that may be able to be sold.

Township Clerk:

Angela Dahlstrom requested review of township clerk email requests and how the board would like emails distributed. It was determined that the township emails would be forwarded to the board, treasurer and maintenance for review and assessment.

Angela reported that the Notice of Filing for March elections had been submitted to the Chisago County Press, Auditor and has been posted both on the website and at the Town Hall.

Presented building permits from the County to the Board for review.

Citizens Forum

No citizens were present at meeting.

New Business

Chairman Owen Kuhnly received notice Franconia Township needs a preparedness plan for the Township, especially if Lee Cartier needed to be quarantined or out for an extended period of time. Options for snowplowing included: Chisago County possibly would supply a driver for the Franconia Township truck; Dressel's maybe able to supply a man, but they are already backup for another place; RE Peterson may have a backup or possibly Neil Hall may be able to be a backup. Options were going to be looked into.

Broadband was reviewed, if the ordinance passes, Franconia Township may lose tax revenue. There was a survey sent to residents in the mail. A speed test was performed. There is a grant for broadband, but results will not be known until the end of January. It was suggested residents be questioned if broadband was wanted for the township or if broadband was opposed.

Franconia Township insurance coverage with both Chisago Lakes Mutual Insurance and MATIT insurance were reviewed. Angela Dahlstrom received declaration pages, coverage details and quotes were gathered. MATIT provided Franconia Township a quote for coverage on the buildings and equipment that is currently covered by Chisago Lakes Mutual Insurance. The information was provided to the board and will be reviewed.

Chairman Kuhnly discussed current urban development issues. The City of Lindstrom was looking to annex land from Franconia Township. Possible parameters of land to be annexed were examined and what that would include for lakes, businesses and roads. Statute guidelines and ordinances were referenced for review. The effects that annexation would have on Franconia Township Residents, potential scenarios and what outcome that would look like for Franconia Township were evaluated. It was determined more information would need to be gathered at this time.

Old Business:

Board member meeting attendance was reviewed.

Website - Was postponed for review to January 2021 township meeting.


Upcoming Meetings


CCATO meeting will be held January 27, 2021 location to be determined.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk


Owen Kuhnly, Chairman