



FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP 163rd ANNUAL MEETING

8:30p.m. Tuesday March 9, 2021

Franconia Town Hall

25156 St. Croix Trail N. Shafer, MN 55074

Residents Present:

Sonny Sparby, Chuck Fitzer, Dennis Gustafson, Karen Linde, Brian Linde, Ron Elfstrom, Jim Birkholz, Lee Cartier, Jacob Guzik, Owen Kuhnly, Lisa Kroells, Karey Kroells, Angel Permaloff, Neil Stignani

ZOOM Participants;

Kevin Rochel, C. Fuller, Jerry E. Murray, Thomas Thordson, Judy Erickson

(Connection issues with zoom participants. Microphone issues and connections lost)

Call to Order;

Clerk Angela Dahlstrom called the Annual Franconia Township meeting to order at 8:40pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nominations were requested for a moderator.

Jim Birkholz was nominated to be the moderator. A motion to approve was made by Sonny Sparby, seconded by Angel Permaloff. Motion approved.

Brian Linde made a motion to approve the agenda and seconded by Chuck Fitzer. Motion carried.

Minutes from the 162nd annual meeting were read aloud by township clerk, Angela Dahlstrom. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Chuck Fitzer, and seconded by Brian Linde. Motion approved.

The hours and date were set for the 2022 Township Election. There was discussion to change the poll opening to 10:00am instead of 8:00am, however, it was decided to keep the hours as they stand. The March 2022 Township Election was set to be from 7:00am to 8:00pm March 8, 2022. Angel Permaloff made the motion, seconded by Sonny Sparby. All in favor. Motion approved.

The hours and date were set for the 2022 annual meeting and location. It was decided the annual meeting will be set for 8:30pm at the Franconia Town Hall, 25156 St. Croix Trail

N. Shafer, MN 550740. Chuck Fitzer made the motion, seconded by Angel Permaloff. All in favor. Motion carried.

The designated posting places and official newspaper were set. The posting places will be the board at the Town Hall and the board at Redwing. The official newspaper the Chisago County Press. Angel Permaloff made a motion to have the Board email residents of Franconia all notices as well. Brian Linde seconded that motion. Chuck Fitzer opposed. There was discussion on how this would work, and it was determined there may be legal ramifications to this action. Also, the township is meeting the legal requirements of posting with the two boards and the newspaper. The township also posts on the Franconia Township Website. withdrew the motion with the agreement she would like it added to the March 17, 2021 agenda. It was set that the two boards and the Chisago County Press would be the set notice posting locations. Motion made by Sonny Sparby, seconded by Chuck Fitzer.

Ron Elfstrom with the Shafer Franconia Fire Department did report there were 153 calls this year, with 50 calls being from Franconia. That is down 5 runs from the previous year. There were 9 fires, 13 auto accidents, and 28 First Responder Calls. Right now there are 19 volunteers that make up the Shafer Franconia Fire Department, they are in need of volunteers.

Jake Guzik, Franconia Township Engineer working for Bolton & Menk, presented the road and engineering report. He did state there were repairs to 260th including a full subsection, sand, classified, and seal coating. The Township is looking to do work this year on Quinlan and Lawrence Creek Road. Jake did report that he had concept layouts available to review for the Future Town Hall location.

Clerk updates for 2020 were presented by Angela Dahlstrom. There was some discussion on the Lindstrom expansion. The residents also discussed broadband. The State grant did not go through. It was mentioned Windstream was looking to cover the Franconia area. Windstream has reported it could take up to six years to get coverage in the Franconia area, however, they anticipate it closer to three years. Residents want the Board to continue to push for funding for Broadband. Jim Birkholz asked if a motion was being made. Angel Permaloff made the motion, seconded by Neil Stignani. All in favor. Motion approved.

The annual Treasurers report was given by Karen Anderson. The report included the requested beginning and ending balances that residents requested from the previous year. A motion to accept the 2020 Treasurers report was made by Chuck Fitzer, seconded by Neil Stignani. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Residents reviewed donation requests. There was discussion for and against donations. Karen Linde made a motion for no donations. Brian Linde seconded. Motion carried. One nay, the rest in favor.

The 2022 Levy proposal was presented with a 0% increase. Residents discussed if an increase was needed. There was a recommendation that the 2021 annual meeting not be adjourned at this time, but instead at a later date to see if the spring requires any major repairs and a levy proposal can be reviewed at that time. Neil Stignani motioned to approve levy now, seconded by Chuck Fitzer, all in favor 2, 8 opposed, motion denied for levy approval now. A recommended date to set the Annual Meeting continuation was set for August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. A motion to continue the meeting at that date was made by Angel Permaloff, seconded by Brian Linde. All in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Election Results

66 total votes

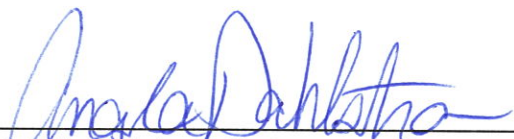
66 votes cast for Owen Kuhnly elected to serve as Supervisor

No write-in's

Meeting was not adjourned at this time. Meeting is recessed to August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk

2021 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 SIGN-IN

Print Name Legibly	Print Name Legibly <i>Zoom</i>
sonny Sparby	Neil Stignani
Chuck Fitzel	Kevin Rochel
Dennis Gustafson	C Fuller
Karen Linde	Jerry E Murray
Brian Linke	Thomas Thordson
Ron Elfstrom	Judy Erickson
Jim Birkholz	
LEE CARTIER	
Jacob Guzik	
Owen Kuhnly	
Lisa Kroells	
Karey Kroells	
ANGEL PERMALOFF	
Neil Stignani	

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