

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – March 17, 2021
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
Jake Guzik – Engineer

Residents Present:

Chris Zimmerman
Ashlyn Anderson
Patrick Anderson
Lesli Anderson
Dylan Anderson

Call to Order

Chairman Owen Kuhnly called the monthly Franconia Township board meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda:

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

Reorganization of the Board

Clerk, Angela Dahlstrom swore in newly elected officer, Owen Kuhnly, for a three-year term on the Franconia Town Board of Supervisors.

Sonny Sparby nominated Owen Kuhnly to be Chairman on the Franconia Town Board of Supervisors. Dennis Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Owen Kuhnly nominated Dennis Gustafson to be Vice-Chair on the Franconia Town Board of Supervisors. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Franconia Town Board of Supervisors will hold a monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, at the Franconia Town Hall 25156 St. Croix Trail North, Shafer MN 55074, unless otherwise posted.

The Chisago County Press is designated the official Township Newspaper.

The designated posting boards are located on the north side of the intersections of Redwing Avenue and Franconia Trail, as well as the board located on the north side of the Franconia Town Hall building as the Official Township posting boards.

Owen Kuhnly made a motion to set the Chairman compensation to \$150, plus meeting compensation, so it is the same compensation for all Board Members, starting April 1, 2021. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duties will continue as set in 2020 Reorganization with Dennis Gustafson and Owen Kuhnly to serve on the Joint Powers Board with the City of Shafer. Sonny Sparby to continue as Township Maintenance Supervisor with a \$5,000 emergency spending limit for Township related emergencies. Owen Kuhnly will Supervise the Township Clerk and Supervisor.

Designated banks will remain as is, a savings account at Security State Bank of Marine as well as 2 savings and one checking account at Midwest One bank. The designated signers on the account are Chair Owen Kuhnly, Vice Chair Dennis Gustafson, Treasurer Karen Anderson, and Clerk Angela Dahlstrom.

Approved regular meetings will continue as set in 2020 to include;

Board Meetings – CCATO – Joint Powers/Shafer Fire Department – Minnesota Association of Townships – District Trainings – Legal Trainings and reviews – MAT Spring and Summer short courses and MAT annual meeting – CTAS Training-Board of Equalization meeting-State Highway meeting-MNDOT meetings- County Board meetings

Other meetings will need to be board approved.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Approval of Board of Canvas:

Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021 Board of Canvas minutes, and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Board Member Reports:

Engineer – Jake Guzik:

New Concept plans for future Franconia Town Hall were presented. Review of plans show building on higher ground. Discussion of Town Hall and Maintenance building being separated or together, codes, firewalls, septic, blacktop and broadband were mentioned as factors.

Lawrence Creek Road repairs were discussed. There will be up to 18" of gravel added to the low spot to help water drain, with fabric under the 18" of gravel. As road repairs are performed, care will be taken to try to preserve Oaks, and will review with MNDOT for right of way. There is an estimate of \$85,000 - \$95,000 in repair. Other repairs mentioned was seal coat for Quinlan, with estimates of \$85,000 which will include shouldering. Also 260th needs shouldering as well. Review of the culvert options were discussed pertaining to the replacement of the bridge at the end of Cornelian Blvd.

Maintenance Report:

Security System review, current company not completing adequate repair, Lee will look into cost of provider fixing the system correctly, and if they cannot, a new company will be looked into.

Lee requested an Equipment purchase of a leveling bar, as Franconia Township had been borrowing one for some time. The leveling bar is needed to level off the ditches and reseeding, often used with skidder. It was determined the best option would be with Olson's. Dennis Gustafson made the motion for approval, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion approved.

Road report given; Road restrictions start March 1st. The tree trimming work needs to be done by the end of March due to bat requirements. 280th off of Chisago Lake Blvd. have bad areas, Olympic has one bad area, and one by 260th. Review Olympic and Quinlan for repair after frost goes out. Also potential repair for Bloom Lake and 285th. There are new break away posts, new resident signs, and new square posts for signs. No Jake break signs requested for Hwy 8.

Dennis Gustafson discussed the MNDOT report, and culvert work on 95. Anticipated detours on 97, but no detours anticipated through Franconia. Mention of future bridge replacement for 243 in 2025.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1338 through #1360 for a total of \$9,037.55, and payroll checks #13242 through #13251 for a total of \$5,767.58. A final claim was added claim #1361 to Hydraulic Consulting for \$138.29. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, claims and payroll. Dennis Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Policy 2021-01, Electronic Payment Approval Policy was presented to the Board for approval, allowing the Town Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to pay PERA, IRS, Minnesota Department of Revenue, PEIP, Waste Management, East Central Electric, Frontier Communications, Midwest One Credit Cards, Midwest One Safety Deposit Box and others as directed by the Board of Supervisors. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the policy, and it was seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion approved.

Township Clerk:

Angela Dahlstrom verified all driveway permits were reviewed. Also a Conditional Use Permit was presented and approved by the Board.

Policy 2021-03-13, Snow Removal Policy was presented to the Board for approval. The Policy was reviewed and approved by all Board Members.

Minnesota Association of Townships spring training courses were presented for review.

Citizens Forum

New Business

285th Street review- The Anderson Family was present with concerns of speed and safety on 285th. There was a discussion on the best options to address how to combat the high speeds and careless driving on 285th. The decided course of action will be for the residents to call the Chisago County Sheriff's Office and request increased patrol in the area, and advisory signs to be posted with lower speeds around the curves on 285th.

Old Field Avenue- Christopher Zimmerman was present to discuss the poor condition and washboards on Old Field Avenue. He requested an assessment for improvement on Old Field Avenue. There was discussion on various options and it was determined to add Old Field Road to the Road Tour.

Old Business:

Upcoming Meetings

CCATO- March 31, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Franconia Township Board meeting – April 13, 2021 7:00 pm

Board of Equalization – April 29, 2021 1:30 pm

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the March Regular Board Meeting was made by Sonny Sparby and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:46 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman