

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – April 13, 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:

Travis Greene (CCFD)
Monique Wallis
V.J. Polkus – Ziegler CAT
Sam West – WEST&CO

Call to Order

Chairman Owen Kuhnly called the monthly Franconia Township board meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Board Member Reports:

Engineer – Jake Guzik:

Lawrence Creek Road repairs were discussed. Quotes were received from R.E. Peterson, Inc., Dresel Contracting Inc., Peterson Excavating, and New Look Contracting. R.E. Peterson came in with the low bid for \$79,157.50 Dennis Gustafson motioned to accept bid, and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion Carried

2021 seal coating project bids were also discussed. Quotes were received from Pearson Bros, Inc., Allied Blacktop, Co., and Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. Shoulder work would be needed for Quinlan. It was not believed shoulder work would be included in these bids, so separate bids for shoulder work will be needed. Pearson Bros had the low bid. It was discussed to add additional roads for seal coating with the low bid. It was decided additional roads for bids could be reviewed at May Board Meeting. Lee also requested an additional week for road restrictions to be in place. A motion to approve Quinlan bid was made by Dennis Gustafson, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report:

Security System review- the system has been upgraded through the current carrier, and a sensor added.

Franconia Trail needs to be rebuilt almost to 95. It needs to be raised, leveled off, and fabric placed. Talked about double chip sealed. Estimated \$50,000 for a two-mile stretch. Franconia Trail will be added to the Road Tour.

Ogren Trail has had quad axle dump trucks noted to be traveling down that road, causing some disrepair. Contact with truck company, they will haul in gravel for repair, and Lee will grade it out.

There was discussion of various roads needing consideration for repair. North Quinlan has a couple of soft spots. Franconia Trail needs a guard rail, and dust control and gravel down to the landing. Old Field Road which is owned with Chisago needs gravel/lime rock. Quail Ridge off of 260th a resident has requested paving. They resident was recommended to talk to neighbors and to attend a Board Meeting.

Review of selling the Spring Tooth Cultivator to the City of Shafer. MAT did say the Township may sell the spring tooth cultivator to the city of Shafer without following the Municipal Contract Law. Minn. Stat. 471.64. if selling to the City.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1361 through #1391 for a total of \$19,427.56, and payroll checks #13268 through #13272 and 13251 for a total of \$6,747.20.

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, claims and payroll. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Franconia Township website domain name is up for renewal. A one-year renewal is \$42.99 was approved to be paid.

Township Clerk:

Angela Dahlstrom verified all driveway permits were reviewed.

Board of Equalization is set for April 29, 2021 at 1:30 pm. Verified all Board Members need to be in attendance. It was confirmed Owen Kuhnly's training was current for the requirements set by the Board of Appeals and Equalization.

Citizens Forum**New Business**

The annual Road Tour was set for April 30, 2021 at 9:00 am

Travis Greene, the Center City Fire Chief was present to give the annual report. There were 139 runs in 2020. Franconia had 4 runs, Hazelden had 62 runs. Training hours were down. The Assistant Fire Chief moved to North Branch. Center City was down to 17 Fire Fighters, and are looking for volunteers. The contract with Franconia was extended to 2022.

Sam West, WEST&CO, came in and presented a Preliminary Website Redesign Estimate. He did provide hand outs and did a presentation on screen outlining what he has to offer and pricing estimates. Contact information for further questions was also provided.

Jester Concepts submitted a request for review of their liquor license. They are catering a wedding at Franconia Sculpture Park. Jester Concepts appears to have a current license and the Board did not have any objections to the event.

V.J.Polkus, with Ziegler CAT did present a quote to the Board for the Caterpillar Model:140 Motor Grader. The quote did include trade in value/repurchase prices for both 5 and 7 years, as well as extended warranty options.

Old Business:

Monique Wallis, with Bloom Lake Barn was in attendance to discuss sign placement for events being held at Bloom Lake Barn for the year. She had mentioned putting signs on Hwy 8 at Quinlan and Red Wing. The signs will be put out every weekend, and taken back in. The State has said NO signs on Hwy 8 for permanent posting. Scheduled events start May 1, 2021 at Bloom Lake Barn.

Upcoming Meetings

CCATO- April 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Board of Appeal and Equalization – April 29, 2021 1:30 p.m.

Franconia Township Board meeting – May 11, 2021 7:00 pm


Employee Review- Closed Meeting-May 11, 2021 6:30 pm (prior to the 7:00 Board Meeting)

Adjournment

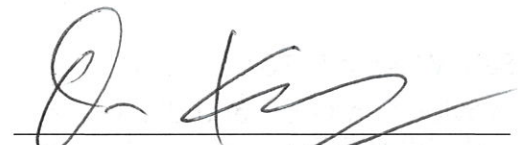
A motion to adjourn the April Regular Board Meeting was made by Sonny Sparby and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:27 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman