

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – May 11, 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:

Call to Order

Chairman Owen Kuhnly called the Employee review meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Employee Review:

The Board of Supervisors held an Employee review for Maintenance, Lee Cartier. The Board had no issues or complaints to report. The Board has been happy with the job performance. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to increase pay rate \$1.00 per hour with back pay to April 2021, and seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Employee review adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Call to Order

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda:

The Agenda was reviewed. In the heading, Wednesday was corrected to Tuesday. Also, Road Tour was added under Engineering Report, and Recycle Day was added under Maintenance. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the corrected agenda and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the April 13, 2021 the Town Board of Supervisors meeting minutes and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the Board of Equalization minutes and seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Board Member Reports:

Engineer – Jake Guzik:

Quotes were received for the 2021 Shouldering Project. Four quotes were received, with Knife River Corp. coming in with the lowest bid at \$47,900.00. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to accept bid, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion Carried.

There was discussion of the road repair budget. Other road repairs were discussed, and various estimates of cost. Seal coating 260th an 280th estimated \$110,000.00. Patch and repair Bloomington estimated \$25,000.00, and Lawrence Creek estimated \$80,000.00. Shouldering work estimated \$48,000.00. Seal coating Quinlan estimated \$51,329.00. Old Field Road lime rock estimated \$30,000.00. Franconia Trail estimate for gravel \$10,000.00; seal coating estimated \$15,000.00; and culvert 30" x 60' \$5000.00. Salaries estimated \$90,000.00. Repair of 150' of Quarry Rd off of Quinlan \$1000.00. Reserve funds estimated about \$5000.00.

The road tour was held at the end of April. Extra seal coating projects were discussed. Replacement of a couple of culverts were mentioned. There was road damage on Sierra, the responsible party needs to be contacted and arrangements for repair need to be made.

Maintenance Report:

Lee reported shoulder work in various areas has been done. An in slope repair was done. 268th had material hauled in and feathered out with the skidder. There were posts replaced on Olympic Trail. Address signs need to have locates, Lee will put them up. Holes on 240th and Bloom were filled in. Lee put temporary patch on 260th. Lee was waiting for a worker to come ad complete tree work on Franconia Trail.

The Ziegler CAT quote was reviewed, pertaining to trading in the grader. The Board was not interested in trading in the grader. A warranty was discussed and it was decided a 5-year warranty was wanted. Lee Cartier will set up inspection and warranty. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to obtain a 5-year premier warranty, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Recycle Day was discussed. It is set for Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. A 20-yard dumpster is needed. Lee did say he would have that brought in and get signs out. Owen will contact Evergreen for a price list. Angela Dahlstrom will be present to take slips and funds.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1392 through #1412 for a total of \$41,499.09, and payroll checks #13313 through #13315 for a total of \$4,010.37. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, claims and payroll. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Township Clerk:

Angela Dahlstrom verified all driveway permits were reviewed.

Three separate permits for a one-day liquor license were submitted by Franconia Sculpture Park for events to be held on July 10, 2021; August 14, 2021; and September 25, 2021. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the permits, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Citizens Forum

New Business

Karen Anderson received an email from MN Management & Budget with a list of Cities and Counties that can start using cares funds. Karen will forward the email.

East Central Regional Development Commission Board is looking for a person to represent the County. They are looking for one representative from each City/Township so they can pick one person from those representatives to represent Chisago County. No information has been provided on how often they will meet, where they will meet, or any reimbursement. At this time no further information has been received.

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