

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – June 8, 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 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 May 11, 2021 the Town Board of Supervisors meeting minutes and seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Board Member Reports:

Engineer – Jake Guzik:

Road repair projects-No projects have been started at this time, but are estimated to be underway by the end of the month July.

Quotes were received for the 260th & 280th St. seal coat project. Three quotes were received, with Pearson Bros, Inc. coming in with the lowest bid at \$79,867.00. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to accept bid, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion Carried.

Review of culvert replacements in a couple of areas including Franconia Trail and Lawrence Creek Trail were discussed. It was estimated cost with labor for 15" culvert is \$25 per foot and a 36" culvert is \$75 per foot. Franconia Trail is estimated to be \$2500 for culvert replacement.

The bridge in Franconia down Cornelius is being reviewed for repair. Funding has not been approved yet. Bolton & Menk will be projected to design the bridge and oversee the project. The full design and construction for 2022 has been sent to Joe Triplett with Chisago County Highway Department.

Maintenance Report:

Lee reported Ditches have been mowed. The ditches are getting dry due to lack of rain. Grading and dust control have been postponed. If it rains Lee is willing to come in on the weekend to do some of the grading and dust control as needed.

The damage on Sierra due caused by Graphic Homes was reviewed. Owen called homeowner and left a message. Homeowners have not returned call. Owen will try to reach out again.

A Ziegler CAT representative was out to take specs for the warranty on the grader. Lee has not received the information back from Ziegler CAT as of yet for the warranty.

Recycle Day was held Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. A 20-yard dumpster was brought in. \$195 was received from County Residents who brought in non-recyclable residents that utilized the dumpster. Those funds will be put toward the cost of the dumpster.

There was discussion about a hard surface policy needing to be put into place. Information will be gathered for the next meeting.

The DNR reached out to Franconia Township about the boat landing. There have been parking issues at the landing, and the DNR would like to take measures to control parking. The DNR will keep the Township informed of the project. The Board discussed concerns of parking overflowing into the residential area. If the parking overflows, there may be a need to get an Ordinance put into place regarding no parking on Township roads.

Lee would like to get the road going to the boat landing graveled. The length of road to be graveled would be from the Bridge to the boat landing. The residents along that stretch will be contacted to see if they would like to have that stretch treated with chloride/dust control at their expense. The gravel was estimated to be about \$5000.00. Bids will be obtained and reviewed for lowest bid. Owen Kuhnly made a motion to proceed with the work to the lowest bidder. Sonny Sparby seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1413 through #1435 for a total of \$16,303.83, and payroll checks #13330 through #13334 for a total of \$4,361.03. Check #13331 was voided due to printing error. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, claims and payroll. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karen said that Chisago County had stated the County overpaid the Township for gravel. Also the County is requiring the Township to submit information to get set up for direct deposit.

Township Clerk:

Angela Dahlstrom verified all driveway permits were reviewed. A right-of-way application was received from Kyle Hauge with Xcel Energy. The application was approved by the board pending the \$75.00 application fee.

An updated Right-of-Way policy was reviewed. A couple of minor changes were requested including a typo and change to submit the application to Maintenance Engineer. With those changes Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the updated policy. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A donation request was received from the Chisago County Senior/Community Center. It was mentioned that at the Franconia Township Annual Meeting, the community voted to deny payment to donation requests. Based on that, Dennis Gustafson made a motion to deny any donation requests. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

That brought up discussion of the CCATO meeting. Since the closing of the Senior Center due to Covid restrictions, each Township has taken a turn hosting meetings. Franconia Township will host the CCATO meeting at the end of August. Amenities will need to be discussed. It was decided to add CCATO August meeting accommodation needs to the July agenda.

Citizens Forum

New Business

An ordinance for engine braking and an ordinance for no through trucks was discussed. Further information and requirements will be compiled to complete ordinances.

Old Business:

Upcoming Meetings

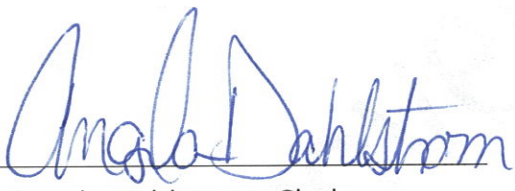
CCATO- June 30, 2021 at Sunrise Township 7:00 pm
Franconia Township Board meeting – July 13, 2021 7:00 pm
Joint Powers – June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman