

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Special Meeting – October 26, 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
Jake Guzik-Engineer
Karen Anderson-Treasurer
Angela Dahlstrom– Clerk

Residents Present:

Brian Linde

Call to Order

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

New Business

This meeting was called to review building concepts for the new Town Hall. Dennis Gustafson brought in a draft of a building layout. He did talk about the information he gathered about some of the allowable expenses the funding would cover including maintenance of existing structures, potential improvements or additions to existing buildings, potential to possibly build, sewer and septic expenses, air quality improvements, sanitation supplies, etc. He mentioned many of the essentials the building would need including electrical, windows, mound system, occupancy rate, heating requirements, doors, vestibule, sidewalk, parking lot, lighting, sound system, kitchen, etc. Jake recommended getting with an architecture firm to get a basis of all the requirements. Jake said start with the size and layout of the building. Brian Linde asked if the Board would be looking into renting out the Town Hall for events? He mentioned when he helped design a building, when they got into the kitchen aspect, and requirements for kitchen, the costs involved got expensive really quick. The Board discussed where to locate the building on the property. Jake had diagrams of the layout of the property, with the high and low elevation. There was discussion of where to locate the driveway, what would be allowable in relation to Pleasant Valley, 280th, and Redwing. The driveway would also have to be worked

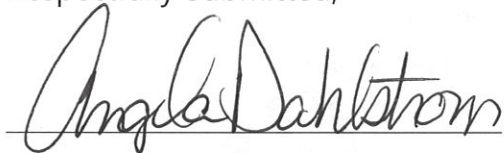
around the retention pond and tile that goes over the retention pond. Also, if part of the land is to be sold, the Township would want to make sure that part of the land is not land locked. There was review if the new Town Hall and Maintenance building would want to be built as one building or separate buildings. It was determined that decision would depend on costs pertaining to building requirements, insurance, fire codes, if it would require a separate septic system, and accessibility. Jake did say that there were three architecture companies he typically worked with, and he can get cost estimates of what they would charge to do the engineering. Owen talked about a budgetary number on the building and working with a contracting company. He said a construction company would be able to get more of a detailed cost on doors, overhangs, windows, and various building materials per item. An Architect firm will be able to determine how to best lay out a building, while a contractor will build the building as we tell them. A structural engineer will be required. Owen did talk with Sherman and Walters, both said around 1.5 million for both structures, just throwing a figure out. The Township would need to get a general layout and reach out to different companies to get a ball park figure of what the cost would be estimated to be. The Board did agree to start with a rough draft at 60' wide x 102' long, for both the town hall and maintenance, whether connected or not, to get an idea of costs for building.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Special Board Meeting was made by Sonny Sparby and seconded by Dennis Gustafson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman