

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – January 11, 2022
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 (absent)
Lee Cartier - Maintenance
Karen Anderson - Treasurer
Angela Dahlstrom– Clerk

Residents Present:

Jennifer Lutz

Call to Order

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Previous Minutes:

December Minutes were reviewed. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the December Town Board of Supervisors meeting minutes and seconded by Dennis Gustafson. Motion carried.

Board Member Reports:

Engineering Report:

Maintenance Report:

Lee reported the last few days had been too cold for the salt to work so he had been out sanding the roads, however with the warmer day, he was finally able to get out and salt the roads. Gary has been out the last couple of snowfalls, and things have been going good. Lee and Gary have worked out which areas to work, and Gary has gotten more comfortable with the job. A resident had stopped by the shop and had questions about paving to the boat landing. Lee did recommend he contact the Board. Owen did get a message and did return call, but has not been able to make contact as of yet. Jake does have an application in to get that section asphalted, however, if need be that application can be canceled. The residents will be the determining factor if that section of road gets asphalt or not. One resident's mailbox did get damaged by the plow, that was not caused by the snow so that mailbox did get replaced. One resident requested snow be moved back further, however the neighbor had put up stakes along the road in the right of way. Lee did review, it was a dead end road, and said it was not an issue.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1577 through #1600 for a total of \$154,702.39 and payroll checks #13457 through #13463 for a total of \$7,784.19. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, payroll, and claims, seconded by Dennis Gustafson. Motion carried.

Township Clerk:

Angela Dahlstrom submitted permits for review. The Board did review with Lee, there is a home going up on 260th, no driveway permit has been received yet. The Board did request to make sure a driveway permit does get in.

A request was received from Chisago County to review the Chisago County website information for Franconia Township and make sure all information was correct. Karen requested an address correction.

The Board and Lee did review our Insurance Coverage, and all assets included. Lee did say in the MATIT insurance, the 2015 Berti Mower and the JD6300 Tractor & Loader need to be removed and forks for skid, plow for pickup, grapple for skid, and a leveling bar for skid need to be added.

The regular Board meeting for March and November will need to be changed due to elections landing on the second Tuesday in both March and November. The March Board of Supervisors monthly meeting will be changed to March 16, 2022. The November Board of Supervisors monthly meeting will be changed to November 10, 2022.

The minimum wage has increased to \$10.33, so the Election Judge pay rate was reviewed as it is currently set at \$10.00. The Board did review and agreed a pay increase would be needed. It was decided Election Judge pay rate would be set at \$11.00, and the Head Election Judge pay rate would be set at \$15.00. Owen Kuhnly made a motion to approve the Election Judge pay increase, Dennis Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

A Resolution Appointing Election Judges was submitted for the March 8, 2022 election. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the resolution, Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Xcel Energy did send notice the rates will be increasing.

Citizens Forum

New Business:

Jennifer Lutz with Wild Rivers Conservancy (fka St. Croix River Association) requested a one-day liquor license. Jennifer did have all of the paperwork from Chisago County Auditor's Office put together for review. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the resolution, Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business:

MIDCO is requesting a signed franchise agreement for them to provide the services in Franconia. The Board will hold off making a decision for a month or two to see what Hometown Optic and other providers are going to present.

Mr. Heimdahl had mentioned at last meeting he was going to submit an invoice before the January 11, 2022 meeting to the Clerk, Angela Dahlstrom, however no invoice was received.

Upcoming Meetings

CCATO – January 26, 2022 7:00 p.m. Chisago County Correctional Facility

Regular Board Meeting – February 8, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Joint Powers – February 14, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Budget and Audit Meeting – February 26, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman

Approved February 8, 2022