

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – February 8, 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:

George DeGidio

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

Approval of Previous Minutes:

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

Board Member Reports:

Engineering Report:

Jake Guzik discussed a 5year road project plan. He presented a Township map with color coded areas outlining projects and timelines. Seal coating will be started in set areas, and then catch up other areas working up to the \$3000,000.00 budget. Bituminous

bidding went up, and frost boils need to be anticipated as well. The Project Plan will be presented at the annual meeting unless the Board requested any changes. The plan presented was a conservative estimate. Owen Kuhnly requested Lee Cartier take some time to review the plan before the annual meeting.

Maintenance Report:

Lee reported he has completed snow and ice removal, cleared a brush pile out of a ditch, caught up on equipment maintenance on cold days, and pushed back the snow. He had talked to a resident about a culvert and reviewed with the county. Plowing has been going good, Gary has been doing fine. Using the pickup over the bridge has been working well. There is a road off of Quarry that has a turn around. Lee would like to have the bank on that turn around moved to the other side of the road if possible. It was requested Jake Guzik take a look at it if the bank can be moved for better access to clear the road. Lee said he would talk to the land owner also. Also Lee would like to finish up repairs to Franconia Trail if possible. There are spots on the end of Franconia Trail he would like to see repaired, and get some quotes if possible for that and a couple of roads for gravel overlay. Lee had talked to Jake Guzik about the guardrail going down to Franconia. The last estimate that was received was for steel railings, but Lee would like to get an estimate for a cable guardrail.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1601 through #1620 for a total of \$11,243.89 and payroll checks #13480 through #13483 for a total of \$4,502.53. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, payroll, and claims, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Karen reported that the Treasurer and Clerk had a meeting in a week to balance the books.

Karen submitted resolution 2022-02-08 Shafer Resolution for the \$83,200 gambling funds.

Township Clerk:

Angela Dahlstrom discussed an email received for payment request for Norton security software. It was determined it was a spam email.

There was just one driveway application and permit submitted for review

A request from Chisago County was received to verify the new addresses on the list received for the Township portion E911 address prior to the signs being ordered. The Board did review and determined the addresses to be correct, so the payment request form was signed and will be returned.

Angela Dahlstrom had been to the CCATO meeting on the last Wednesday of January 2022, and submitted to the board the handouts and information from the meeting.

Chisago County Planning Commission had notified Franconia Township of a County Ordinance Public Hearing for March 3, 2022.

Citizens Forum

New Business:

Old Business:

MIDCO had sent an email requesting an update on the Boards review of their requested resolution. It was requested a return email be sent requesting MIDCO come to the March 16, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Heimdahl had returned an invoice pertaining to the Book Grant. Owen Kuhnly will call and review with Mr. Heimdahl.

Owen Kuhnly had received an estimate for the new Town Hall of 1.3 million. He believed there would be an estimate(s) at the yearly meeting of 1.5-2 million, and that would not include the Fire Hall. Dennis Gustafson did say there would be a Joint Powers meeting the next week, but the Fire Hall would most likely be reviewed at the meeting in August.

Upcoming Meetings

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

CCATO – February 23, 2022 7:00 p.m. Lent Town Hall

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

Elections- March 8, 2022 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting – March 16, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman

APPROVED March 10, 2022