

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – May 17, 2022
Franconia Town Hall, 25156 St. Croix Trail N Shafer, MN 55074

Town Board Members Present

Owen Kuhnly – Chair
Sonny Sparby – Vice-Chair (not present)
Doug Wallis – Supervisor
Jake Guzik – Engineer
Lee Cartier - Maintenance
Karen Anderson - Treasurer
Angela Dahlstrom– Clerk

Residents Present:

Sue Thompson	Warren Thompson	Kathleen D Dellwo
Mark Dellwo	Sarah Eagan	Donald C Eagan
John Zach	J. M. (printed name unclear)	Joshua Leonhardt
Brian Leonhardt	Cass Dennison	Paul Dennison
Wade Glenna	Chuck Fitzer	Jim Birkholz
Sarah Storlie	Peter Storlie	Chris DuBose

Call to Order

Chairman Owen Kuhnly called the Quiet Valley Improvement Hearing to order at 6:15pm

Engineering Report for Quiet Valley

Jake Guzik handed out a Feasibility Report for Quiet Valley Road Double Chip Seal. He discussed the double chip seal project for Quiet Valley. Improvement would include 2 layers of trap rock and oil, similar to an asphalted road. The end of the road will be actual asphalt to accommodate for snow removal equipment. Inquiries about culverts, assessments, weight limits, access to homes during construction, longevity of road, and tax levys were addressed. If the Quiet Valley Improvement is approved, there will be a second meeting for assessment. The assessment meeting will cover the costs and payment options.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Quiet Valley Improvement Meeting was made by Doug Wallis and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Call to Order

Chairman Owen Kuhnly called the monthly Franconia Township board meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed, Owen Kuhnly made a motion to approve the agenda and seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

April Minutes were reviewed. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

The Minutes for the April 28th Board of Equalization Meeting were reviewed. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Board Member Reports:

Engineering Report:

Jake Guzik went over the 2022 Seal Coat Project. Three quotes were received May 10, 2022. Fahrner Asphalt Sealers gave the lowest bid for the project. Doug Wallis made a motion to award the project to Fahrner Asphalt, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion Carried.

Jake received two quotes for a guardrail replacement on Franconia Trail. H & R Construction Co. gave the lowest bid for the project. Doug Wallis made a motion to award the project to H & R Construction, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion Carried.

Jake presented a Resolution ordering improvement and preparation plans for Quiet Valley Rd. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report:

Lee reported he has been getting ahead of grading. There had been significant storm damage in the Township. Lee requested a spot on the property for a brush pile. Lee did say he put out the Recycle Day Signs this week, and he will get a dumpster. He also mentioned that the Board may want to consider a double chip seal on Franconia Trail from Redwing for about a mile to the 18470 address due to drainage issues, and potentially the stretch on 285th after the new houses are built. Jake did agree Franconia Trail may be a good candidate for a double chip seal.

The Board did recommend if Lee was out doing cleanup in the Township, he have Gary go with him.

Lee had an employee review, and there was a recommendation for a \$1.00 raise, and \$400.00 toward insurance. Owen Kuhnly made a motion to approve the raise and insurance, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1662 through #1683 for a total of \$14,128.16 and payroll checks #13541 through #13543 for a total of \$4,372.68. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, payroll, and claims, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

The Treasurer and Clerk did meet and balanced books through March.

The Board requested Karen Reach out to Auditor Michael Pofahl to see if he contacted Ehlers Public Finance Advisors about the Master Arbitrage Services Contract from Ehlers Public Finance Advisors.

Township Clerk:

Permits were submitted to the Board for review.

A Variance application was presented by property owners Sarah Storlie and Peter Storlie to approve the variance of the required 300' along a public road. The ordinance currently requires a subdivision to have 300' along a public road. The Board reviewed the application and discussed options. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

A Conditional Use Permit was presented by Jim Birkholz and Judy Erickson. The request was to amend the Conditional Use permit to expand events and sales not currently in the permit, including sales of hard cider, possibly extending hours and times open. The Board did review and discuss permit. Dough Wallis made a motion to approve the Permit, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Karen Anderson did say MATIT Consolidated Coverage Renewal was taken care of.

Citizens Forum

Chuck Fitzer asked about status for the new Town Hall. He asked if there would be potential of a budget increase, and if a committee is going to be assembled. The Board did say at this time; they are working on getting the land surveyed to determine how many acres will be needed. Once they know how much land will be needed, then they can move forward.

New Business:

Joshua and Brian Leonhardt with Dayspring Hills were present to discuss 285th, and if the Township will adopt the road. There are 16 lots left, and they wanted to know if there were any plans to improve the road. The Board did say there were improvements made to that road a few years ago. The Board said that looking forward, if the residents wanted the road paved, the Board would discuss residents covering part, and the Township could cover part. There was discussion on what that would entail. The remaining houses should be completed over the next few years.

There was a call from a resident on Panola inquiring about dust control treatment. Lee did say residents can get together with neighbors to discuss dust control. The Township had only done treatment prior, as there had been lime rock put down, otherwise residents take care of it.

The updated Center City Fire Protection Contract was submitted for signatures. The Board did review and sign. Angela Dahlstrom will get a signed contract to Center City Fire Department.

Chris DuBose discussed the Broadband Critical Infrastructure Report for Chisago County. The funds the County received to help Cities and Townships within the County to receive Broadband. He did recommend to at least have Hometown Fiber come in and do a presentation to the Board for services provided.

Notice for Highway 95 road closure between Highway 8 and Highway 243 was received. The road is expected to be closed May 16-May 23, 2022.

Notice for a Township Legal Seminar was received for Township Officials.

A request for a donation/contract was received from Chisago County Senior Center. The Board did reiterate that the Township Residents at the annual meeting had voted to not use Township funds for donations, as each Resident is able to use their own discretion on if they would like to donate to organizations or not.

Recycle day is set for June 4, 2022 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. There will be a dumpster for the residents. Signs will be put out this week. Once forms are received from AAA, Angela will post to both boards and the website for residents.

Old Business:

Upcoming Meetings

Chisago County-Wide Broadband/ARPA Meeting- May 24, 2022 5:00 p.m.

CCATO – May 25, 2022 7:00 p.m. Shafer Town Hall

Joint Powers – June 13, 2022 7:00 p.m.

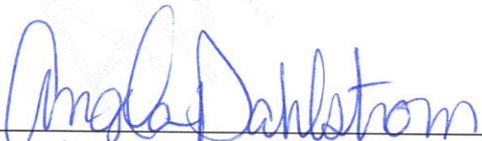
Regular Board Meeting – May 17, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the May Regular Board Meeting was made by Doug Wallis and seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman

