

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – June 21, 2022
Franconia Town Hall, 25156 St. Croix Trail N Shafer, MN 55074

Town Board Members Present

Owen Kuhnly – Chair
Sonny Sparby – Vice-Chair
Doug Wallis – Supervisor
Jake Guzik – Engineer
Lee Cartier - Maintenance
Karen Anderson - Treasurer
Angela Dahlstrom– Clerk

Residents Present:

George DeGidio	Mark Dellwo	Kathy Dellwo	Kyle Moorhead
Dan Eagad	Chuck Fitzer	Christopher DuBose	

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 Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

May Minutes 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 presented the quote results for Quiet Valley Road double chip seal project. Three quotes were received for gravel preparation; Peterson Excavating, Inc. \$19,917.50, Dresel Contracting, Inc. \$28,116.00, and RE Peterson, Inc. \$29,200.00. Two quotes were received for double chip seal work; Fahrner Asphalt Sealers \$40,916.45, and Allied Inc.

\$55,512.50. Owen Kuhnly made a motion to award the gravel preparation work to Peterson Excavating, Inc. and the double chip seal work to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion Carried.

The seal coat work was completed except for sweeping. A first payment request will be submitted at the July meeting.

Quarry Road was discussed, about possible stripping with seal coat, and what to do with the turnaround.

For Quiet Valley Road, the assessment process would be open to the public to speak. A notice of work to come would be sent in the mail. The upcoming work is believed to begin in July and should be completed by August, or September if there is bad weather. A Resolution adopting the assessment was presented for approval. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report:

Lee reported patches were completed by Bluhm Construction. Snow Goose has a couple of spots that need to be taken care of. Lee plans to get to them in about a week. Lee did get spot graveling in. RE Peterson has been hauling class 5. North Quinlan between Co. 26 and Hwy 8 is shot, and should be looked at for upcoming repair. Lee has been mowing ditches and grading. Residents on the North end of Quinlan wanted dust control put down. Lee did let residents know that if they called Lee and let him know before dust control was to be put down, he would come out and prepare the road, but Lee was never contacted prior to application. Unity Avenue had a new driveway put in, and there were 2 culverts done on Franconia Trail due to drainage issues. Gas cost for mowing has risen significantly, about \$120 a day for mowing. A request was made to review if the guardrail on Lawrence Creek could possibly be removed. It was believed by code it had to remain in place.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1684 through #1708 for a total of \$41,815.78 and payroll checks #13573 through #13575 for a total of \$5,722.41. Karen did also say an extra claim went through, 1709 in the amount of \$2650.00 to Above all Tree Care after the report was run. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, payroll, and claims including the additional claim of 1709, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Karen did say she had been called into the office at MidWestOne, to be shown the interest rates on CDs. She did request that get put on the Agenda for July.

The Treasurer and Clerk did meet and balanced books through March and plan to meet again in July.

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. Karen did not get ahold of Mike, but will contact him about the contract and audit for next year.

Township Clerk:

Permits were submitted to the Board for review.

Reviewed if the Board members signed up for the Couri and Ruppe Legal Seminar. Doug Wallis did request he be signed up for the September meeting as well.

Two Resolutions were presented to accept Election Judges. One for the August 9, 2022 Election, and one for the November 9, 2022 Election. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve both resolutions, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Recycle day was held June 4, 2022. AAA was the recycle company that was present. Franconia Township also had a dumpster on site for residents. AAA recycling funds received in at the end of the day were \$1555, and Franconia Township funds received in were \$65.

Citizens Forum

New Business:

Kyle Moorhead with Hometown Fiber gave a presentation about bringing Broadband to Franconia Township, and what Hometown Fiber had to offer. Hometown is working with Chisago County, mapping out the County and Township with what is currently present for broadband, and what Hometown Fiber would like to bring. Kyle talked about how and why Hometown Fiber came about, the difference between what they bring to communities compared to other broadband providers, their view for the future, and Grant programs. Currently companies putting in fiber have splitters that multiple lines split off of to bring broadband to homes. The more the line splits, the greater the chance for problems. Hometown Fiber is looking to the future to dig fiber in once, have a point to point connection, and use lasers to add connections. Hometown would hold the fiber, and would contract out to other companies. The County has asked Hometown Fiber to put together cost and recurring revenue projections, grant eligibility scores, and financing options. Upon receiving that information, the Townships can determine if they would like to move forward.

Old Business:

Upcoming Meetings

CCATO – June 29, 2022 7:00 p.m. Chisago Town Hall

Regular Board Meeting – July 19, 2022 7:00 p.m.

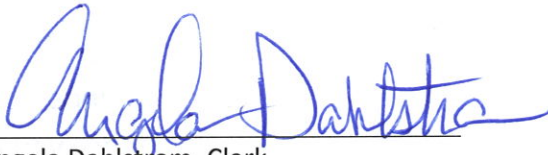
Joint Powers – September 12, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman