

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – August 16, 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:

Peter Storlie (SP Farms)
George DeGidio
Chuck Fitzer

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, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

July 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 Contractor's Pay Request No. 1 & Final in the amount of \$21,475.31 to Peterson Excavating Inc. for the Quiet Valley Road Double Chip Seal

Project. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Fahrner Asphalt Sealers will complete the final finishes for the 2022 Seal Coat Project Friday, or if it is raining, will finish the next week.

Jake discussed the turn around on Quarry Road, and possibly making the turnaround radius bigger. The Board may want to consider making it a cul-de-sac. As it is, it is not idea for snowplowing, the snow needs to go somewhere. It would be nicer for plowing, as well as for the residents.

Maintenance Report:

Lee reported he got in grading between the rain, and did get brush mowing done in the easements. Lee did say he cannot normally get in the slope to do repair work, but because it has been dry he was able to get that done as well. For North Quinlan he hauled in material, seeded, and got fabric down. He talked to a resident at the end of Quinlan and Hwy 8 about the resident's concern of the increase in dump trucks going through. There was discussion about putting up a 5-ton load limit by Hwy 8 to reduce trucks rolling through. Lee did say he had a sign and post that he can put in. A resident emailed with concerns about the condition of 285th. It was acknowledged that the gravel is not the best on 285th. The rocks are like marbles. It is not the worst, but not the best for the high amount of traffic on that road. In 2017 there was a count and the results determined about 250 cars a day. Another count may be taken. There was discussion about a double chip seal someday. Also dust control can also potentially be put down next year. If a chip seal is wanted, Lee may be able to get a count on how much material was needed. Franconia Trail has two sections that may want to be reviewed for a double chip seal, as well as drainage needing to be finished, culverts taken care of and brush pushed back. Lee pushed the brush back for the most part, but the east end needs some tree trimming. Lee can take a look at that brush/tree work this fall. Lee has been trying to get up to Quail Ridge to do brush work and tree clean up there. Midco did present insurance coverage for the work they will be doing.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1740 through #1764 for a total of \$118,668.26 and payroll checks #13607 through #13621 for a total of \$5,751.83. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, payroll, and claims seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Karen did reach out to Auditor Michael Pofahl and he did respond and send a contract for doing the audit. The cost will be \$5995 for the audit. Mr. Pofahl did not talk to Ehlers

about the continuing disclosure report. A motion to approve Mike Profal for the outside audit was made by Owen Kuhnly seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Karen did say MidWestOne has not gotten back to her on the interest rate for a CD. She did say she would look into other recommendations for interest rates. She will review the ARPA funds for a CD, and she will also move the book grant funds into a separate account. Karen and Angela did get together and review the books and balanced through the month of July.

Township Clerk:

Permits were submitted to the Board for review.

A Right of Way application was reviewed and signed by Lee for Xcel Energy at 260th St. A one-day liquor license resolution was submitted for approval for OMNI Brewing Co at the Franconia Sculpture Park to be held on October 15, 2022. The Board reviewed and did approve the resolution.

Citizens Forum

New Business:

Peter Storlie with SP Farms was present to verify if the Board would approve a preliminary Plat for SP Farms. It was determined a variance permit was not needed as they had enough property, so now SP Farms was requesting to approve a plat. The entrance off of Olympic will be used as a home will be built there for a relative. The long term goal for the property is agricultural. A barn will be put in on the 80+ acres. They are planning hay for now, and eventually cows. They have discussed the plans with the neighbors. The Board did approve the preliminary plat.

The September Board meeting will be moved to September 22, 2022 at 7:00pm, as the Annual Meeting continuation was set for September 20, 2022 at 7:00pm. A notice will need to be sent to the paper and posted on both boards.

The Building Committee decided on dimensions and interior layout. Owen is getting dimensions out to contractors, to get plans for the building itself, and then at a later date will plan out the maintenance shed. Owen is hoping to get plans back prior to the annual meeting. There will be no decisions to vote on at the annual meeting for the building but the purpose is to just let residents know where the status of the building is at. The property has been surveyed at 9 acres, and the 4 corners have been surveyed. The Board is waiting to hear if the drive will be on Redwing or Pleasant Valley. There is potential to sell some of the land once the building and location is decided. Owen will

keep in touch with the building committee as things come up. At the annual meeting, the annual levy will be determined.

Karen did bring up possibly doing a National Night Out annually. She said just something for the Board to think about.

Old Business:

Upcoming Meetings

CCATO – August 31, 2022 7:00 p.m. Franconia Town Hall

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

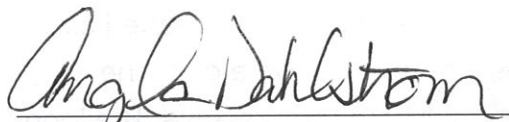
Regular Board Meeting – September 22, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman