

**Franconia Township, Minnesota**  
**Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – September 22, 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:**

Dmitry Tomasevich-MN DOT  
Adam Josephson-MN DOT  
George DeGidio  
Fuller Cowles  
Connie Cowles

**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. A correction to the Upcoming Meetings, Regular Board Meeting was noted, it should be October 18, not October 11. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the agenda with the correction, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

August 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 reported there had been an incident with a forklift falling off a truck onto one of the double chip seal roads. He recommended just watching for damage. October payments will be due for closing out the double chip seal project. The guardrail still needs to be straightened leading down to the landing.

### **Maintenance Report:**

Lee reported he got in grading, got ditch work done at the end of Quinlan and Hwy 8, and a 5-ton limit sign posted to reduce trucks running through. He did say he planned to do some tree cutting over the next week in the ditches. Lee recommended Franconia Trail again be considered for double chip seal. He said he could possibly get quotes. 285<sup>th</sup> Development wants blacktop. That may be something the Board wants to look at. The Board did say they would have to go out and assess it. Lee asked if anyone had checked into removing the guardrail on Lawrence Creek? The Board did say he would have to check with Jake, and if Jake does not have the answer, he will have to check with Attorneys Couri and Ruppe. Lee said he would call Gary to help him trim ditches. He also said he found someone to haul away the shed, so it saves the Township from paying for a dumpster. Otherwise it would have had to be tore down to repair the pipe.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1765 through #1780 for a total of \$22,754.08 and payroll checks #13648 through #13651 for a total of \$5,981.65. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, payroll, and claims seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

The bank needed signatures updated, their form was signed, and Karen will return it. Karen is getting information on CD's from Midwest One Investor Sean. The Board may need to have a resolution to approve. The CD would not have a penalty if it is cashed in early, it would just lose interest accrued. The Board may also want to think about putting the Shafer Franconia Fire Department funds into a CD. A motion to put ARPA funds into a 9-month CD was made by Owen Kuhnly, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion Carried.

### **Township Clerk:**

A Conditional Use Permit was presented by Charles Fuller and Constance Cowles. They are requesting to amend the existing CUP, adding commercial recreational area and rural retail tourism to allow them to rent out the guest building. They want to rent space

as an Air B&B, however, Chisago does not allow 2 rental units. Fuller was told he would have to make it a resort. With the amendment they want to approve Phase 1, to rent 2 units, and Phase 2 have a seasonal Barn and do wedding events. Owen asked how often the state inspects the facility. Fuller did say annually. Fuller did say the rentals would be quiet short term rentals, typically couples who come somewhere between Thursday through Sunday. The Board did approve the Conditional Use Permit.

### **Citizens Forum**

#### **New Business:**

Dmitry Tomasevich and Adam Josephson with MN DOT were present to update the Township on the Highway 243 Osceola Bridge and Hwy 95 Roundabout project. At this time MN DOT is looking at the needs of the project, concepts being considered, and evaluating options. With the roundabout they will need a corporate consent agreement. As things progress MN DOT will keep the Township updated.

#### **Old Business:**

The Board did get an update from Jeffrey. He sent submittal to the Grant Board. He did say he was close to being done, he is waiting to hear back from the Grant Committee.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

CCATO – September 28, 2022 7:00 p.m. Sunrise Town Hall  
Regular Board Meeting – October 18, 2022 7:00 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk

  
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Owen Kuhnly, Chairman

