

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – January 17, 2023
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 (not present)
Lee Cartier - Maintenance
Karen Anderson - Treasurer
Angela Dahlstrom– Clerk

Residents Present:

Robert A. Randall
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:

December minutes were reviewed. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Board Member Reports:

Engineering Report:

Maintenance Report: Lee reported that plowing and sanding have kept him busy. He inquired on the status of postcards he requested be sent out to residents to remind them it is unlawful to plow snow into or across the road. Labels will be picked up on

January 18th, and Owen Kuhnly will be mailing them out. The roads have not been too bad until after the rain. The rain has caused the gravel roads to be icy. Lee went out and scraped and pushed the snow back. A couple of spots did get a bit of turf tore up, he will patch those spots in the spring. There were 80 tons of salt allocated for the year, but Lee did get another 25 tons ordered to take the Township through the year. The driveway on Que that did not have a permit, Sonny said he could not read the phone number off of the permit, so he will drive out there.

Treasurer Report:

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1847 through #1870 for a total of \$164,876.65 and payroll checks #13716 through #13722 for a total of \$8,169.94. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, payroll, and claims seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Karen recommended moving \$150,000 from Road and Bridge funds and \$150,000 from Town Hall funds to savings. Owen Kuhnly made a motion to approve moving funds, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

An employee review was set for Karen on February 21, 2023 at 6:30pm.

There was a review of Money Market Account. One account was closed and another was opened.

Karen completed the Indebtedness report for the Auditor's Office.

The 2023 Special Assessment was reviewed and sent to the Auditor.

Township Clerk:

Permits were submitted to the Board for review.

Chisago Lakes Mutual Insurance Company/RAM Mutual sent an outline of the insurance policy and amounts of coverage for the Board to Review. The Board will have Lee review items as well for accurate amounts of coverage for Maintenance and Equipment.

Clerk and Treasurer training for January 24th was full, so Karen will try to sign up for the February 7, 2023 meeting.

A Truck Ordinance, Mailbox Policy, and Garbage Placement Policy was presented to the board. Owen did recommend that in the permits section of the Truck Policy, removing "application available on the website", and instead to call the Maintenance Supervisor. Also it was requested the application to waive seasonal load limit be put on the website, making sure the application notes "application not valid unless signed and dated by the Maintenance Supervisor". A motion was made to approve all, with the correction to the Truck Ordinance, by Doug Wallis, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion Carried.

Citizens Forum

New Business:

Robert A. Randall presented a preliminary plat. The request is to replat Outlot A Carlson Lake to Lots 1 & 2 Block 1 Carlson Lake Overlook. Lot 1 would be about 8.5 acres and Lot 2 would be about 2.4 acres. The property does go out into the lake. The preliminary plat will be presented at the planning commission meeting February 2nd. Doug did review and recommend Robert find out from the county how the shoreline is classified. Owen questioned about the original designated open lot. The Board did approve the preliminary plat on the condition the open area designated from the original builder is figured out on the County level.

Owen Kuhnly has been working on getting site plans for the New Town Hall. He talked to Gregory Contracting, they will put something together for an estimate.

Lee did ask about Semi Trucks parking in residential neighborhoods. Owen did say there is a county ordinance in reference to Semi Truck parking, so if need be, the county could be contacted if there was a concern.

Old Business:

Owen Kuhnly is still working with Jeffrey Williams on completion of the Historical Book for Franconia Township.

Upcoming Meetings

Joint Powers – January 23, 2023 7:00 p.m.

CCATO – January 25, 2023 7:00 p.m. Lent Township

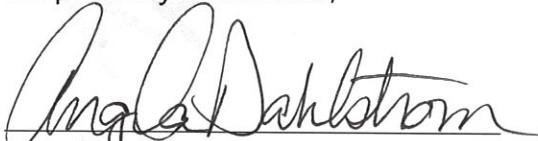
Regular Board Meeting – February 21, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Dahlstrom, Clerk



Owen Kuhnly, Chairman

