

**Franconia Township, Minnesota**  
**Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – February 21, 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 (not present)  
Karen Anderson - Treasurer  
Angela Dahlstrom– Clerk

**Residents Present:**

Starsha Froberg  
Matt Hardy  
Chuck Fitzer

**Call to Order**

Chairman Owen Kuhnly called the monthly Franconia Township board meeting to order at 7:02 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:**

January minutes were reviewed. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

**Board Member Reports:**

**Engineering Report:**

Jake was not present at this meeting.

### **Maintenance Report:**

Lee was not present, as he was preparing for the impending snow storm. He did submit a road report of what has been done. He reported plowing roads, salt and sanding icy areas multiple times in the past week, shop work, putting down trap rock on gravel roads multiple times, and pushing back drifts.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claim #1871 through #1895 for a total of \$14,868.30 and payroll checks #13755 through #13759 for a total of \$6,206.16.

Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, payroll, and claims seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

The Treasurer and Clerk met and balanced books through January 2023.

There was an employee review for the Treasurer, and a 3% raise was suggested. Owen Kuhnly made a motion to approve the raise, seconded by Doug Wallis.

Karen will take over the Clerk position for a 3-month probation period, at \$600 a month.

Angela Dahlstrom agreed to be a backup clerk if needed at \$100 a meeting.

### **Township Clerk:**

Permits were submitted to the Board for review.

### **Citizens Forum**

#### **New Business:**

Center City Fire Department/Travis Green had requested to be put on the March 21, 2023 agenda. Owen will reach out to Travis to see if he can come to the annual meeting March 14, 2023 to see if he can give a report.

Owen Kuhnly has been working on getting site plans for the New Town Hall. He talked to Gregory Contracting, they put together a rough estimate of \$30,000 for a site plan.

Bolton and Menk were <sup>less</sup> comparable with their estimate. The site plan needs to be completed before serious bids can be obtained. The Board did determine that as the bids were comparable to go with Bolton and Menk for \$30,000 to complete an

engineered site plan. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve Bolton and Menk, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Starsha Froberg was present to discuss speed limits on the local roads, and getting them reduced. The Board did explain the process that MN DOT would have to do a study on the road, and survey the traffic. It is an expensive process to get the study done, and

often times nothing changes. On the County roads, residents have to call the Sheriff's department to discuss their concerns with speeding.

**Old Business:**

Owen Kuhnly did get the budget submitted to the Book Grant site. Jeffrey is done with his part, and sent in his reports. The book is a geographical history of the Township.

**Upcoming Meetings**

CCATO – February 22, 2023 7:00 p.m. Lent Township

Joint Powers – February 27, 2023 7:00 pm

Audit Budget- March 4, 2023 9:00 am

Elections – March 14, 2023 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Annual Meeting- March 14, 2023 8:30 pm

Board of Canvas- Following Annual Meeting

Regular Board Meeting – March 21, 2023 7:00 pm

**Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Karen Anderson, Clerk

  
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Owen Kuhnly, Chairman