

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Special Meeting – July 20, 2023
Franconia Town Hall, 25156 St. Croix Trail N, Shafer, MN 55074

Town Board Members Present

Owen Kuhnly – Chair

Doug Wallis – Supervisor

Lee Cartier – Absent

Sonny Sparby – Vice Chair

Jake Guzik – Engineer

Chuck Fitzer – Deputy Clerk

Residents Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Owen Kuhnly called the Special Franconia Township board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda

Sonny made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Owen. Motion carried.

New Business

Gravel Road Contracts and Culverts – Sonny asked if the culverts on Franconia Trail were part of the bid. Jake replied no, stating that Lee had wanted to do it later, and asked us to reach out to the contractor to get a quote. Owen commented that if we are going to replace the culverts, now is the time to do it. He had assumed they were included in the road bid.

Sonny stated that two residential culverts need to be done and that the resident on the north side of the road is against even working on the road. Owen stated that someone needs to talk to the two residents. Either they will have to take care of installing the culverts or the Township will have to charge them for installing the culverts.

The supervisors and Jake discussed the \$27,000 bid from Winberg. Jake pointed out that \$15,000 of the bid was for installing the four culverts, and that it was less than \$10,000 to install the two road culverts. The other \$12,000 is for digging on Quinlan so the banks weren't steep in-slope. Owen asked Jake, if he thought Quinlan had a steep in-slope issue. Jake asked Owen, if people had been driving in the ditch? Owen said no. Owen asked Jake, if in his professional opinion, the current slope on Quinlan is fine. Jake answered yes. Therefore, it was determined that there was no need to address the Quinlan steep in-slope issue at this time.

Owen made a motion to go with Winberg to install the two road culverts and remove the existing road culverts for an amount not to exceed \$10,000, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried. Owen noted that Lee already has the culverts that will be installed. Lee and Jim can install the residential culverts later.

Owen asked Jake, if he would talk with Winberg about the culvert issue, and Jake agreed.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Fitzer, Deputy Clerk

Owen Kuhnly, Chairman

Approved