

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Special Meeting – October 4, 2023
Franconia Town Hall, 25156 St. Croix Trail N, Shafer, MN 55074

Town Board Members Present

Owen Kuhnly – Chair
Sony Sparby – Vice Chair
Doug Wallis – Supervisor
Karen Anderson – Treasurer
Chuck Fitzer – Clerk (Absent)

Call to Order

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was waived.

Approve Agenda

No agenda was presented to the Board. Sonny made a motion to approve the agenda on the posting and seconded by Owen. (Attached)

Chisago County ARPA Grant

Chisago County approved the \$200,000.00 Hometown Internet project. Owen wanted the Board to be aware that the State makes the final decision regarding the ARPA funds. If it doesn't meet the ARPA standards they could reject the funding and Franconia Township would have pay the County back the \$200,000.00. Chase informed Owen that the chances are that won't happen. The County has signed off on the grant. Owen made a motion to go ahead with signing the ARPA Broadband Grant Program with the County and seconded by Sonny. Motion carried.

Owen will get papers back to the County. The funds will be deposited right away into our checking account. (Attached 5 pages)

Hometown Internet Letter of Understanding (Attached)

Sonny made a motion to accept and sign the Hometown Internet Letter of Understanding and seconded by Doug. Motion carried.

Owen and Sam Ashkar will sign the letter of understanding.

Hometown Internet submitted to the Board the residential and Commercial pricing. The pricing will not change for 3 years. (attached)


Commissioner Marlys Dunne is trying to expand more of the satellite internet versus fiber.

Board will review literature and the pros and cons of moving election to November. No action taken.

Motion made by Owen to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Doug. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Karen Anderson, Treasurer


Owen Kuhnly, Board Chairman

Approved 10.10.2023