

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – June 11, 2024
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
Cristina Mlejnek – Engineer
Lee Cartier – Maintenance
Karen Anderson – Treasurer
Chuck Fitzer – Clerk

Residents Present

Lindsay Schumacher
Charles Schumacher
Roscoe Benoy

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 as presented, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the May 14, 2024, Franconia Township Board of Supervisors monthly meeting were reviewed. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Minutes from the June 1, 2024, Franconia Township Board of Supervisors special meeting were reviewed. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

New Business

Panola Drive Property Subdivision Questions – After discussion with property owners Lindsay Schumacher and Charles Schumacher related to subdivision of the subject property, the board recommended the Schumachers go back to Chisago County to get their issues resolved.

Windstream Permit Request – 18893 Shamrock Lane – after discussion, Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the permit request for 18893 Shamrock Lane, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Windstream Permit Request – 15589 244th Street – after discussion, Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the permit request for 15589 244th Street, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Engineering Report - Cristina Mlejnek

Updates and Reports:

18616 Franconia Trail Culvert – Cristina Mlejnek said the surveyor is looking into it.

Future Town Hall Site – the second access was discussed. The township will get it approved as soon as possible.

259th and Oakman – Lee Cartier has reached out to the Chisago Lake Township official in charge of roads about splitting the cost of this and has not received a response. The township will hold off further discussion of this until a response is received.

Quarry Road – the board decided to table discussion of this issue until the next meeting

2023 Gravel Maintenance – Cristina Mlejnek said this project has been closed out

291st Street – Estimate for Turnaround – After discussion, it was proposed that this is something the township should do. Lee Cartier will give Cristina Mlejnek the contact information she needs to get estimates.

Quiet Valley Road Double Chip Seal – Lee Cartier is handling this. There is currently no timeframe for completion. Cristina will follow up with the contractor.

Maintenance Report – Lee Cartier

Lee Cartier reported that dust control has been applied, looks fine, and he said we should use the same company again next year. Lee Cartier has a map of the footages where dust control was applied and will use it to split out the bill among residents. Lee Cartier reported that, in between rainstorms, he has been mowing ditches, had a sign repaired, and picked some windblown trees off of roads. Lee Cartier said he would take a look at the culvert on Franconia Trail to see if it is still plugged somewhat.

Recycling Day Recap – Lee Cartier reported that Recycling Day was successful. The dumpster was picked up on June 4, 2024.

Clerk Updates – Chuck Fitzer

Permits – Chuck Fitzer sent the monthly building permit report to the town board members after he received it.

Election Preparation – Chuck Fitzer reported that election judge training registration for the August 2024 primary and the November 2024 general election will soon be underway.

Treasurer Updates – Karen Anderson

Reports and Claims - Karen Anderson reported that the checking account is balanced. Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claims #2257 through #2282 for a total of \$126,630.72 and payroll

